

## Scottish Spring 2024 - Kintyre



Masterplan Adventure welcome you to Scottish Spring, a weekend of top quality orienteering based around Tarbert, Kintyre. Many thanks go FLS for permissions, John and Suse Coon for their help in preparations, Ross Lilley as controller for the SOL and to ECKO for their on-the-day help.

Sunday's event at Corranbuie is the first Scottish Orienteering League (SOL) race of the year, and there are new course/class combinations, primarily due to the equalising of winning times between men and women. Read about them [here](#). Hopefully you have entered the right course if you wish to count in the SOL! If not, get in touch at [masterplanadventure@gmail.com](mailto:masterplanadventure@gmail.com) and we can hopefully move you, subject to map availability.

### **Applicable to all events:**

**Timing:** SportIdent, SI Air enabled.

**Maps:** On waterproof paper.

**Descriptions:** On the map and loose, available in start lanes.

**Time Limit:** Course closing times will be published here and written on the maps. Controls will begin to be collected at this time. Searches will begin for missing competitors half an hour after.

**Co-ordinators:** Alasdair Pedley and Mairi Eades

**On-the-ground organisers:** Alasdair Pedley and Joe Sunley

**First Aid:** First aider and first aid kit will be at assembly. Travelling companions may be asked to take injured runners to hospital. Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Nearest Accident and Emergency Hospital: Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre, Blarbuie Rd, Lochgilphead, PA31 8JZ, 01546 462000.

Above left: Torinturk. Above right: Corranbuie (lower slopes)

If you have **pre-existing medical conditions**, please let the organiser know either in advance via email or on the day at enquiries.

Below left: Torinturk. Right: Corranbuie



## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March AM - Middle Distance - Torinturk**

**Planner:** Mairi Eades

Torinturk is a one-of-a-kind area, amazingly detailed with hundred of knolls, boulders and crags. The forest is predominantly light green, meaning the lower visibility makes the orienteering even more technical! There is very little undergrowth on the forest floor. There are some large flat areas and a few steeper slopes.

**Please read the arrangements for the Shuttle Bus carefully.** (If you are delayed so much that you will miss last start, just drive to assembly).

**Start times:** 10:00 - 13:00

**Parking:** Tarbert Holiday Park (at Corranbuie, same as Sunday). [Google Maps](#).

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Directions: From the North, go along the A83 until Corranbuie, then turn left into the holiday park (not the first left with the holiday cabins, marked west loch shores on Google Maps, but the one after, which will have O signs and marshals)

From the South, go up the A83 and turn right into the holiday park.

**If cycling**, it would be best to park in Tarbert village - less time cycling on the busy A83!

**Toilets: At the parking at the holiday park. None at Torinturk.**

**Shuttle Bus:** A shuttle bus will run between the parking at Tarbert Holiday Park, and Torinturk. It is about a 10-15min journey. 30min round trip. 30-seater bus.

First departure from the parking will be at 9:30. Subsequent departures estimated at 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, (13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:00)

Departures from Torinturk back to parking estimated at (9:45, 10:15, 10:45), 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 13:15, 13:45, 14:15, 14:45, 15:15.

\*In brackets are the journeys the bus will do but we expect no-one to be on. If people faff getting on/off these journey times may begin to slide later.

**“Assembly”:** At the end of the little gravel track that turns off the B8024 at What3Words: [///shrimps.tenure.brands](#) just north of Torinturk. [Google Maps](#). Assembly will consist of finish, download and not much else. We will have a dry place (probably the boot of our car i.e. download) to leave spare clothes and spare shoes (so you don't get the bus too muddy!)

**Bus drop-off** will either be adjacent to assembly or adjacent to the start, about 200m apart.

**Distance to start:** 200m, flat

Finish at assembly.

Course	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
Long	4.4	200	21
Medium	3.0	95	19
Short	2.2	75	13
Orange	1.4	45	13

**Long** has a double-sided map.

**Map:** 1:5,000 ISOM by Steve Smirthwaite 2022 for Coast & Islands. [Coast & Islands Map](#). Not LiDAR.

**Punching start.**

**Courses close:** 14:30.

**Safety:** Safety bearing is west until you hit the river or road. Whistles strongly recommended.

**Results:** We'll use the SportIdent App for both Saturday AM and PM events, so it's likely that the results will be in a different place online to the Sunday event. Links will go on the [Scottish Spring page](#) on the Masterplan Adventure website.

Many thanks to FLS for land access and to EUOC for collecting controls.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March PM - UltraSprints - Tarbert Castle**

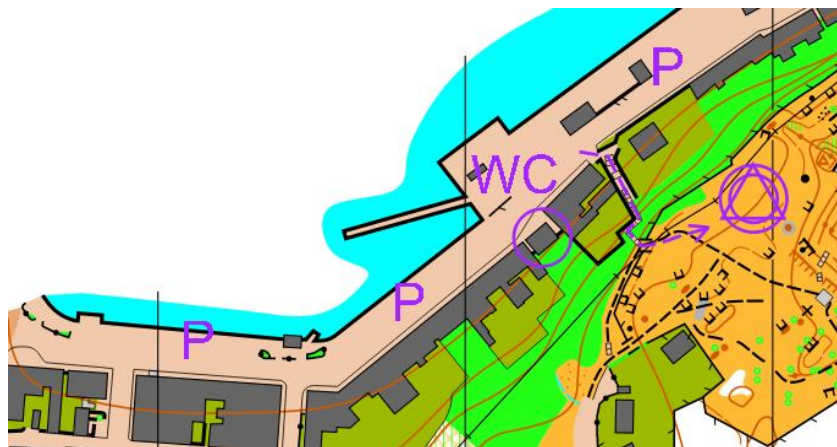
**Planner:** Mairi Eades

The Royal Castle of Tarbert dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and has much historical interest. [Read more here](#). It is now ruined and cared for by the Community. We are grateful to Tarbert Castle Trust for permission.

**Start times:** 17:30 - 18:30. Note sunset is 18:30.

**Parking:** DIY in Tarbert village. Suggestions: Along the seafront below Tarbert Castle.

**Toilets:** Public toilets in Tarbert. [Google Maps](#). Marked as WC on map below.



**Courses:** Run as many of the 3 loops as you like.

Loop	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
1	0.6	25	9
2	0.7	30	14
3	0.7	25	10

**Map:** 1:2,000 enlargement of the 1:4,000 ISSprOM map by Chris Smithard 2021 for Coast & Islands 2022 ([map](#)).

**Terrain:** Grassy, some steep slopes. "Forest" shoes recommended, rather than road shoes.

**Courses close:** 19:00. Note sunset is 18:30.

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March - SOL 1 - Corranbuie**

**Planner:** Alasdair Pedley

**Controller:** Ross Lilley (ECKO)

Corranbuie is proper Scottish orienteering at its best. The lower slopes are glorious oak woodland with very little undergrowth and complex contour shapes. The shorter courses stay in here exclusively. The upper slopes are coniferous forest, varying from mature and lightning fast, to middle-aged and lower visibility and speed. A maze of rides permeates the furthest area, all still on interesting contour shapes. The slopes can be quite steep, making the going tough and thus the course lengths on the shorter side. Significant thought has gone into keeping the Very Short Green, Short Green and Green away from the steepest and rockiest slopes - at least providing more gentle options on legs - it is up to you to choose those routes! All TD5 courses have very minimal path running.

**Start times:** 10:30 - 12:30. Allocated start times but still remember to punch the start unit.

**Start list** will be published on the website on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Common sense will be used to put local people later and those with further to travel home earlier. 2min gaps between those on the same course, 4mins if from the same club, as per the rules. If you want to change your start time, please email [masterplanadventure@gmail.com](mailto:masterplanadventure@gmail.com) asap.

**Parking:** Tarbert Holiday Park. [Google Maps](#). (same as Saturday AM)

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From the South, go up the A83 and turn right into the holiday park.

**Assembly:** At the holiday park, next to the Corranbuie Cafe. It will have a small indoor area (or two) which will house enquiries and download. **Toilets** too.

**Distance to start:** 400m, mostly flat. The route passes the finish and last control - watch out for sprinting runners!

**Courses:** These may be ever so slightly different to the ones published on pre-entries due to final controlling etc.

Course	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Scale
Black	8.7	350	27	1:10,000
Brown	7.3	270	23	1:10,000
Short Brown	6.1	210	22	1:10,000
Blue	4.8	190	18	1:10,000
Short Blue	3.9	150	15	1:10,000
Green	3.3	130	13	1:7,500
Short Green	2.5	95	11	1:7,500
Very Short Green	2.0	70	10	1:7,500
Light Green	2.8	140	12	1:7,500
Long Orange	3.6	145	15	1:7,500
Orange	2.3	80	11	1:7,500
Yellow	1.7	60	9	1:7,500
White	1.6	50	9	1:7,500

**White and Yellow** maps are collected at enquires. They also have textual control descriptions. All other courses have pictorial control descriptions. Smiley faces will be used on the first 2 legs of these courses to help with an indistinct path that is very indistinct.

**Long Orange** goes into a farm area. This will involve crossing some fences - all fences without purple overprint are crossable. One fence has purple overprint - please use the crossing point. Livestock may be present in some of the fields - if this is a concern please tell us at enquiries and we might be able to rush out and move them.

**Estimated winning time** on Black is 70mins. Other courses are roughly scaled from this using the tables/ratios.

**Map:** Jon Musgrave 2022 ISOM (for Coast & Islands - [map](#)). Not LiDAR. Extension and minor updates Alasdair Pedley Feb 2024. Bracken screen not shown - it is all dead. I would like to remind everyone that a double-dotted wall is not forbidden to cross, but it will be physically impossible to cross in most places for most competitors. Obvious gaps are marked as such on the map, but if you find other unmarked gaps you are free to use them. There is one such wall encountered on courses Green and above. Please report any damage.

**Safety:** Large crags, steep slopes. One larger river near the start of all courses marks the edge of the map and should not be crossed. Safety bearing is south or west - if in doubt, go downhill. Whistles strongly recommended. All courses, including junior courses, go near power lines.

**Courses close:** 14:30. Help collecting controls would be much appreciated! Get in touch.

**Results:** "Normal" SI download with laptops this time, rather than the app. Many thanks to Robin Strain. We should have live results up depending on internet connection. Links on the [website](#).

**Refreshments:** The Corranbuie Cafe will be open. **ScotJOS** will have a cake stall.

**Socialising:** There will be an area for juniors to socialise at assembly.

**Acknowledgements:** Many thanks to Tarbert Holiday Park for their support of the event and letting us use their facilities for assembly.



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