

Maprun on Former Mollington Golf Course

General Location – between the Countess of Chester Hospital and Mollington village.

Parking – Countess of Chester Country Park car park off Countess Way, Chester. If full at weekends, website says it is OK to park in the hospital staff car park adjacent to the park's car park. Pay and Display for both, £1 for 2 hours.

Area – former golf course, plethora (!) of ponds, thickets, mounds, depressions, valleys, ridges etc, not a flat open golf course. Mixture of short grass and, at this time of year, heavier grass and light undergrowth. Courses avoid heavy undergrowth and a few controls have been re-positioned from springtime due to summer weed growth. Golf course tracks and paths exist together with informal paths through the grass created by general public use.

Courses:

1 – 5k, 2 – 5.9k, 3 – 2.9k, 4 – 3.3k. Course 3 and 4 are the first and second halves of course 2 which passes near to the S/F point. There are only about 3 common controls between courses 1 and 2. I would say that course 3 is more interesting than 4 but... (you can do both! - course 2).

Note - Control no 1 on courses 2 and 3 – south end of pond. If this doesn't register at the pond, head south for a few metres and it will.

Download from 'Select Events/Cheshire Folder in MapRunF (preferably on wifi). Enter the pin code when you arrive at the location.

Map etc – 1:10,000, 5m contours. Paths, tracks, man made point features and overhead cables not shown. This is a good area for practising keeping the map set and compass technique as it will be new to most people and there are many repeated features to tempt you off course. Obviously you can use the paths when you see them but you still have to keep in contact with the map.

Start/finish – on the west side of the bridge over the canal which forms the eastern boundary of the map. From the car park, head north up the tarmac path, passing through two gates. It then joins a track which carries on north then swings left and down to the canal bridge. Approx 1km.

Clothing – O shoes, O trousers if you don't like the feel of light vegetation caressing you, preferably not O-tops, no woodland.

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