

Deeside Orienteering Club - City of Chester MapRun Event

You must adhere to the latest Government and British Orienteering Guidance which includes maintaining social distancing and respecting other users in urban areas. Slow down and give way to others where necessary to abide by these guidances.

This MapRun course is not an organised event or activity, so you are not covered by British Orienteering's insurance. You do the Challenge as an individual for personal training and you are responsible for both your own safety and the safety of others around you.

Date

The download link to your phone will be available from the DEE website events page from Monday 17 May 2021. You will need the MapRun6 app installed on your phone (not the earlier MapRunF app).

Parking

Here is a link to an interactive map of location and prices of Chester car parks.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/parking-and-permits/chester-car-parks.aspx>

Be aware that major roadworks are going on in the centre of Chester at present with a one way traffic system in operation around the city centre area.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/highways/major-road-schemes/transport-disruption-in-chester/clockwise-chester/clockwise-chester.aspx>

Courses

There are two courses:

Course A 3.1 km, 13 controls (actual running distance approximately 3.4km)

Course B 2.9 km, 12 controls (actual running distance approximately 4.5km).

There are no common control sites between the two courses and very little overlap of the areas visited.

To run both courses back-to-back, take both maps with you, run course A first and then navigate 500m from the finish to the start of Course B (see further information re start and finish locations below).

Safety

The courses have been planned so that you can enjoy the characteristic features of Chester city centre including the Walls and the Rows. You can run along the Walls and access and leave them via the mapped steps, ramps or crossing points. There are also routes through the walls other than roads – these are marked either by the bridge symbol or by the underpass symbol. **Please be courteous, slow down and give way to other users in these areas as the paths and passageways are narrow.**

The shops are now open so you are strongly recommended to do the courses on a week day and/or outside main shopping hours.

Both courses cross minor roads with low volumes of traffic. As stated above, you run the courses at your own risk; British Orienteering guidelines state that under 16s should not cross roads unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

Course A has one mandatory marked crossing point at a pelican crossing on a busy dual carriageway adjacent to a large roundabout. The crossing point is clearly marked on the map and the road around the crossing point is marked with the red hatched out of bounds symbol.

Course B has a route choice which could involve crossing the canal over one of the mapped small bridges adjacent to lock gates – see photo below.

Under no circumstances should you attempt to cross the canal on a lock gate.



Map

The map scale is 1:5000.

The map is drawn to ISSOM 2009 standard. If you are not familiar with urban orienteering maps, you should make sure that you know the symbols for uncrossable and out of bounds features. If not, you may find yourself on the wrong side of the city walls!

The map has not been updated since the last event (several years ago) and, like all urban maps, there have been lots of changes due to building works. You may, therefore, find that some areas of the map have been built on, some buildings on the map are no longer there and some buildings have been replaced by others (of different shapes and sizes). The path and road network is accurate - both courses have been checked and test run by two people taking different route choices for each leg.

All gates/crossing points marked on the map likely to be used as route choices were as mapped (ie open or passable) on the several visits made to the area.

Pictorial control descriptions are on the map.

Punching

The default punch tolerance has been set at 15m (as recommended by MapRun).

This is quite a large tolerance so on occasions you may get a bleep whilst being this distance from the control. On the other hand, there may be occasions when the GPS has not kept up with you, especially if you run quickly! Control circles turn from red to green on your phone once you have correctly punched.

On test running the courses, the planner's phone beeped well in advance of reaching the centre of the control circle at every control with one exception – control 5 on course A located on the city wall where there was a short delay.

Start & Finish Locations

Course A

Start: In Grosvenor Park.

Finish: In Leadworks Lane.

Course B

Start: Foregate Street – at the SW corner of the canopy outside Boots.

Finish: At the junction of Watergate Street and Linenhall Place.



Course B
start