

## **Spunch 3 – Alderley Edge 27/12/22 - Final Details, MapRun & Safety Notice - PLEASE READ**

### **Event Centre & Opening Times**

Parking, toilets, cafe, registration, start and finish are all at the Alderley Edge National Trust car park SK10 4UB

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Registration open from 0945 to 1045

Cafe open from 1000 to 1600

### **Parking**

We have a bigger entry than expected!

The car park has about 120 spaces, but we are likely to be using almost half of them, and it is a bank holiday which could make it busy with the general public especially if the weather is nice.

**Please, please share transport wherever possible and arrive early - the car park is first come first served.**

The car park is a pay and display £4.50 for 3 hours or free for NT members if you scan your membership card.

Free roadside parking nearby is VERY limited. In the event that the car park is full when you arrive, or you want to park for free, try the eastern end of Finlow Hill Lane.

This is about a 10-15min walk from the NT car park. Please walk along Finlow Hill Lane and Bradford Lane rather than the busy B5087 which has no pedestrian pavement.

Please park safely, courteously and legally!

If the car park is full making you late for registration and start, dont panic - we will give you a late start.

### **Event Format**

The event is a 60 or 90 minute (you choose) score event using an enlarged extract of the OS Explorer Map.

There are 50+ control sites - visit as many as you can within your chosen time limit. Each control visit scores you 20 points. There is a 10 point penalty for each minute or part minute that you are late back.

There are no control markers at the control sites, and nor is there a control description sheet as all control sites are at (or very near to) a self-evident feature on the map.

MapRun will be used for start and finish timing, recording visits to control sites and results production.

In order to feature in the results you will need to use the MapRun6 app on your smartphone or MapRunG on your Garmin.

If you are using a Garmin, please also carry your mobile phone for safety reasons.

We are still learning about, and experimenting with MapRun capabilities and limitations, and at this event there are some controls in the woodland areas (we thought now was a good time of year to try it!) - the Satellite Punch (Spunch) tolerance has been set at a fairly generous 15m. **If however, you dont get a beep at a control site AND you know you are in the right place, then just continue your run and make an appeal after you have finished!** If it is clear from your track that you should be credited with the points for the missing beep control(s) then you will be!

You will be issued with a waterproof A4 map. A compass may be useful (but not mandatory) and a watch to ensure you stay within time limit. (You wont need a dibber, or pencil or any description sheet).

Trail shoes are recommended as there are some slippery paths, and please dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

### **Registration / Start Process**

Registration will be adjacent to the car park and will open from 0945 to 1045. Please arrive early - dont all leave it til the last minute!

Although the mass start is scheduled for 1100, due to the higher than expected entry, you will be able to start at your convenience from 1030. (This is to help spread the impact on start / finish officials). There will still be a mass start at around 1100 for those who prefer it.

- On arrival go to registration and pay for your entry. £4 senior £2 junior / student. Please bring cash in case card payments are slow or not possible.

- You can then proceed to Pete Ross in his hi-vis jacket at the Pre Start at any time from 1030. Pete will issue you with a map and get you started.

- If you prefer the atmosphere (chaos?!) of the mass start, simply lurk about until 1055ish before proceeding to pre start!

Please dont press "Go to Start" on your MapRun device until you are advised to do so at the pre start.

If your device doesnt beep at the start, dont panic, go back to pre start and we will try to help with any tech.

### **Safety**

- Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

- **There is a fast B road that bisects the area. This is out of bounds except at crossing points and on one short stretch. Please take great care on or near this and all other roads**

- Please respect and take care around other trail users, vehicles, horses, cyclists, walkers etc.

- There is one farmyard that you may pass through that requests you walk rather than run through it (about 100m). They have two friendly sheepdogs. It is marked on the map.

- Stick to the established footpaths and trails represented on the map. Please do not go off-piste and under no circumstances should you cross fences or walls other than at crossing points

- Please carry a mobile phone for safety

- Dress appropriate to the weather conditions

- **You must report to the finish at the end of your run so that we know you are back**

### **Using MapRun**

You will need to have the MapRun6 app on your smartphone (or MapRunG for Garmin users). Your phone or Garmin should "beep" at each checkpoint (if you are in the right place!)

Whilst you are at home, before you come to the event:

-Ensure you have the app loaded on your device and your user name details entered

-Ensure your device battery is well charged

-"Select Event" from the MapRun6 home screen on the app and download the **UK/Manchester/CSS/Alderley Edge 60 or 90 event**

- Also I recommend going to "Options and Settings" from the MapRun6 home screen, then browsing down to the "Check Notification Settings" in order to ensure you are going to get an audible Spunch beep!

If you are a new MapRun user please make it known at Registration - there will be help available on the day to get you going!

That's all for now

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