

Spring Navigation Challenge 2021 (April 1st – 30th)

General Information, Safety & Rules and other Gubbins etc.

Map: OL 24 White Peak map should be sufficient for most of the route. However just a few locations are on OL 1 so it might be an idea to carry both White and Dark Peak Maps. Use of phone mapping or printouts is fine and probably less bulky to carry. Note you may lose phone signal in places.

Location: Large parts of this route may go over exposed open moorland and potentially some very boggy ground. For your own safety, please carry full recommended FRA kit, mobile phone etc.

General Direction is into Cheshire from Taxal Layby. Distance is down to route choice but should be in the order of 17- 20 miles if completed in one go.

The official start is Taxal Layby. However, if you want to start anywhere else you can do so, but to complete you must visit Taxal Layby at least once on your route. If you do this, for the championships, please start and finish at one of the checkpoints which are along the way.

Please stick to Public rights of way, access land or well used established paths (which may not necessarily be rights of way). No climbing over gates/walls etc except at recognised crossing points/stiles.

For the club championship rankings, Complete the whole route in one go. If you are not bothered about how far up the tables, you go (just want a tick). Then you can break it up into sections if you wish.

Strava, Garmin etc. Please make your runs private until 6pm on the 30th April. That way they will still count to your monthly total miles but not be visible to others. However, to be included in the championships please send me the link to your trace or a gpx file or equivalent. (before the end of the month) Please send to:-

webmaster@goytvalleystriders.org.uk When we did the last challenge, it became apparent that those who did the optimal route were remarkably close in terms of distance, it came down to the accuracy of your watch etc. So, if your route is identical to someone else's and is within just a few metre or yard you will be given the same points. We think this is fairest way.

To prove you have visited the checkpoints there are some questions to answer. Please send a copy of your answer sheet to the email address above.

You can do this challenge in pairs, a group of mates or alone, but always subject to covid rules. Also, clockwise, or anticlockwise is fine your choice entirely. Please note there is a shaded list of questions on the answer sheet. These will have to be done in order to make sense. Last time the challenge was all about PNFS signs. This time whilst many locations are these signs there are a few other things to find along the way.

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