

Event:

Western Canadian Long Distance Championships

Date:

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Location:

Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest, North Klondike Highway

GPS: 60° 51.19'; 135° 12.28'

Schedule:

First Start is at 10:00

Course closure is 13:45

Start Interval:

The start interval is 3 minutes.

Location/Driving Instructions:

From downtown Whitehorse, drive up 'Two Mile Hill' then north on the Alaska Highway (towards Haines Junction, Fairbanks etc.), a total of approximately 14 kilometres. Turn right on the North Klondike Highway towards Dawson City. Drive 5.4 km. The Research Forest is on the left side, a few hundred metres before the Takhini Hot Springs Road.

Parking Information:

Parking is in the gravel parking lot at the research forest immediately off the highway. There will also be parking available along the main road of the research forest, beyond the main parking lot. The arena, including the interpretive centre (which we have the use of), toilets, and a fenced playground area, are in the immediate vicinity of the parking lot.

Nearby Services:

There is a gas station/convenience store at the intersection of the North Klondike Highway and the Takhini Hot Springs Road.

The Start:

The trail to the start starts from the south side of the main access road in the research forest. It is about 200 metres.

There will be water available at the start, but there are no toilet facilities. Toilets are located beside the interpretive centre.

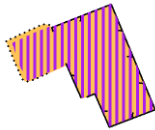
The distance from the Start line (where you pick up your map) to the Start Triangle as shown on the map is 60 metres, along a trail. It is a marked route. You must pass by the Start Triangle, but you do not need to punch in at it.

Out of Bounds:

As you walk to the start, the area to your right (west) is out of bounds. You may warm up in the area to your left (which is towards the highway). The forests on both sides of the main access road are also out of bounds. This 'out of bounds' applies only until you have started your course!

The Research Field in the north part of the map is out of bounds. Do not cross these fields. It is shown on your maps as dark yellow, with vertical purple lines printed on top. You may run along the extreme western and north western edges of the field in the uncultivated strip immediately adjacent to the forest.

Here is what it looks like on the map:



Map Details:

Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest; new area and map, produced 2015.

Scales: **Note we are using two different scales of the map.**

Courses 8, 9, and 10 use 1:15,000. This is age categories W17-20, W21E, W35-44, M17-20, M21E, and M35-44.

Courses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 use 1:10,000.

Contour interval = 5 metres

Base map: produced by P-O Derebrant

Fieldwork and OCAD cartography by Ludek Krticka and Radim Ondracek, 2014

Minor revisions by Ross Burnett, 2015

Special symbols:

Large debris/wood piles are shown with a green 'x' (IOF symbol #418; 'special vegetation feature'). These are very large and obvious. There are five on the map. Some are used as control sites.

There are various 'man-made' objects shown with a black 'x' (IOF symbol #540).

A few rather small, barrel-type fire circles are mapped with a black circle (IOF symbol #539).

Note that various interpretive signs and panels are NOT shown on the map.

Meet Officials:

Meet Director – Barbara Scheck

Course Planner – Ross Burnett

Controller – Erik Blake

Terrain/Forest Description:

The terrain is a mix of negative topography of varying complexity and low hills and ridges. There is a very good network of trails and survey cut lines.

The forest is primarily pine, with some areas of spruce and aspen and some natural open meadows. Much of the map will look fairly green as the mappers have been quite liberal with the use of the lightest green (IOF symbol #406 – forest: slow running). For the most part this is due to the density of the pine trees. But also, as a natural area, the ‘boundary’ between what might arguably be mapped as ‘white’ forest and what is a ‘true’ light green is often very difficult to map, so the mappers felt it was better to simply map the forest as light green rather than white. This is to say that much of what is mapped as light green is not really too unpleasant; in any case an orienteer should not make a route choice decision to avoid light green. However, areas of ‘medium’ green (forest: difficult to run) are best avoided as these areas are mostly even denser and usually with much deadfall. There are no rock or water features.

Maximum Time/Course Closure:

Course closure (that is – all participants return from the forest) is 13:45 for all runners.

Safety Bearing:

East. This will take you to North Klondike Highway.

Toilets:

Located beside the interpretive centre. There are no toilets at the start.

Awards:

Awards will be at the pot luck gathering on Saturday evening at Shipyards Park, in Whitehorse.

Other miscellaneous information:

Bears – There may be bears in any of the map areas where YOA meets are held. You must be “bear aware”. To reduce risk, use precautions set out in the booklet:

[*How you can stay safe in bear country.*](#)

Other (human) visitors to the Research Forest – we do not have exclusive use of the forest for our event; there may be people hiking, walking their dog, etc. Please respect their interest in enjoying this area too.

Thank you:

The Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest is operated by the Forest Management Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Yukon Government. Their assistance in helping us stage this event here is gratefully acknowledged.