

Eel and Stony Tarn (aka Peelplace Noddle), Eskdale

Date: Sunday 22nd June 2025

Summary: This is a fantastic area with some of the best orienteering in the Lake District. It has not been used for over 10 years and has a brand new map.

Usual range of Cumbrian Galoppen courses, Yellow to Brown including Very Short Green and Short Green.

Location:

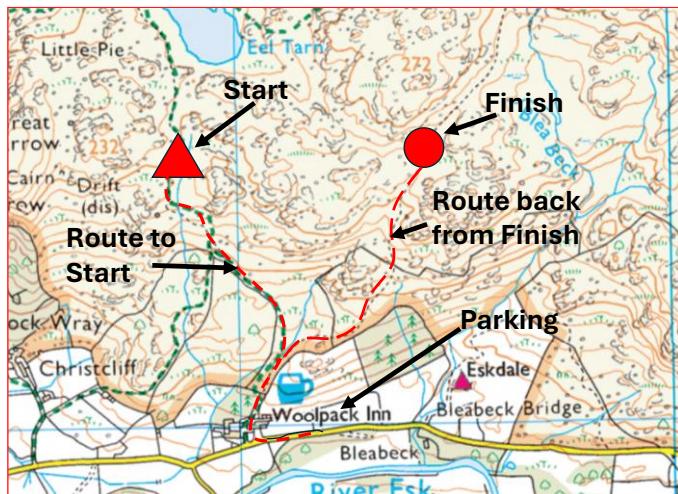
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Parking: Field just east of the Woolpack Inn, Eskdale. The recommended approach is from the west up the Eskdale Valley. Parking £3 per car, please have the right money. Cash only.

Start/Finish: The start is 1000m 130m climb from the car parking /assembly field. From the finish to car parking /assembly field it is 1000m downhill. Note, that the start and finish are not located near each other.



Dogs: Must be on leads, and close to your own car in parking area only please. No dogs on the competition area or routes to start/finish.

Entries https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=15771

For Yellow and Orange courses there will be entry on the day.

Control Descriptions: Loose in start lanes and on the maps.

Timing: Sportident – Controls will be SIAC Enabled. You will need to punch the Start and Finish.

Toilets: Lakes Loos in the parking field

Dibber Hire: Available by pre-order at no charge, £30 if not returned. To pre-order, leave the SI number blank during entry process, and then collect dibber from Enquiries/Download on the day.

Closing Date: Thursday 19th June 23:59

Courses: Normal range of Cumbrian Galloping courses ([Colour coded courses explained](#))

Yellow 1.8 km - 55m climb

Orange 2.0 km - 75m climb

Light Green 2.7km - 140m climb

Very Short Green 2.5km - 100m climb

Short Green 3.1km - 130m climb

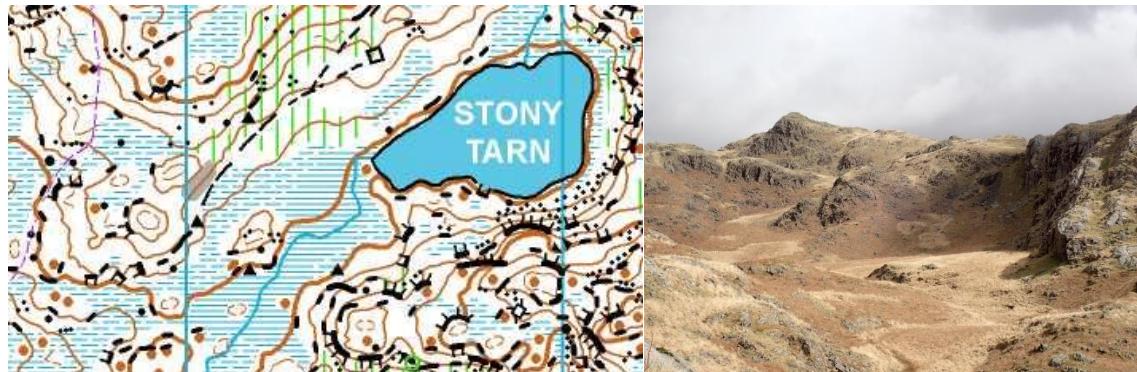
Green 3.9km - 200m climb

Blue 6.0km - 290m climb

Brown 8.3 km 450m climb

Safety: Whistles are compulsory. The area is high and exposed so waterproof tops (cagoules) may be compulsory depending on the weather (advised in the final details and/or by signage in the field)

Terrain:



This area was first mapped by Tony Pennick in 1982, based on a HMSL PG plot. It has only been used a few times since. The original map was called Eel Tarn and Stony Tarn. We've called this one Peelplace Noddle, after the complicated little hill between the tarns. The competition area has been remapped using LiDAR over winter and spring 2024 -2025 by Pete Nelson.

Outside the competition area, the map has been extended from a combination of LiDAR and the original survey, to help if you get really lost.

It is a very complex area, with abundant rock features. Treat 'uncrossable' crags with respect, or you might find yourself running down one of the 150 named rock climbs on the map. There are some hillsides that look like they are all rock, but contain few actual crags or continuous areas of bare rock. This rock is not generally shown.

Above the bracken line (shown with the green undergrowth screen), it is all very runnable. The bracken growth is early this year so some areas have become very slow growing over the last few weeks. There are no controls within deep bracken but there will be potential route choices through the bracken.

Symbols are ISOM 2027-2, except:

- White on the map is rough open land.
- All tree areas are shown in shades of green
- The green for single trees has been moved above the black colour, because significant trees on crags were disappearing.

Indistinct marsh is generally a bit tussocky, but boundaries may not be clear.

Crags are generally >3m and boulders >0.75m



Officials:

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