

MTBO Final Details – Sunday 24th November 2018 Cannock Chase **version 1**

Badger and Great Horsenail Slade!

Car Park – Layby off Camp Road, Cannock Chase (opposite Ansons Bank Car Park) – Overflow carparking
Layby ½ mile to the north on the same road. Parking in Ansons Bank car park not recommended. See map extract below

OS X (Eastings)	397685
OS Y (Northings)	317116
Lat, Long	52.751654, -2.035737
Nat Grid	SJ976171 / SJ9768517116
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[Streetmap link](#)

Important: Please only ride on tracks marked on the event map. Cutting through is not allowed and doing so would endanger future permissions.

Many thanks to Inglewood Investments and Forest England for permissions.

Car parking, See map extract below. Space is tight please park close together.

Registration: from 10.00 to 11.00 am

Start from 10:30 to 11:30 am – Punching Start, 2-minute intervals per course. You are given your map at -1 min, punch SI and go on the long beep. – adjacent to car park.

Map: Orienteering map to ISMTBOM, 1:15000 A4 on waterproof paper

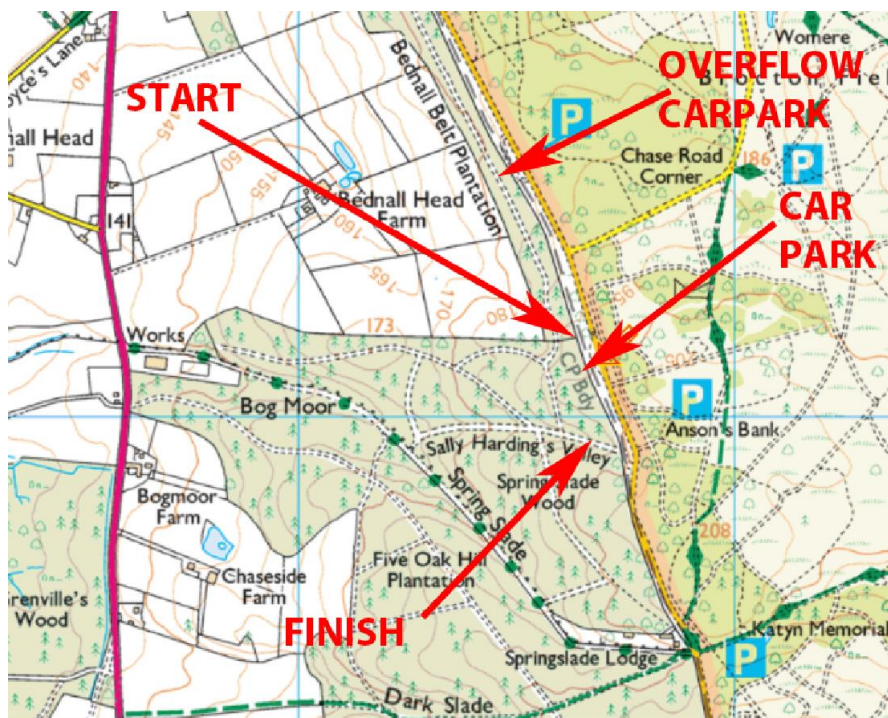
- There are many unmarked 'extraction lanes' see two example photos below. Please DO NOT ride on these
- Only significant fallen trees, forest gates and very steep drop offs are marked as a red bar across tracks. If there is an easy way round or a fallen tree is 'step-overable' they are not marked.
- Please take care if you climb any steep narrow singletracks, there could be local riders barrelling down the other way trying for a strava segment!
- Previous map – <https://www.walton.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#89> for north end

Punching – Sportident AIR contactless punching will be enabled (hire SIAC cards please contact Sportident UK direct) – note start and finish are 'punching'

Finish – Punching finish (not SI AIR) follow tapes back to car park

Safety – due to the nature of the area and the large and dense path network you WILL come across riders in the opposite direction. Please ride to the left. There will be other forest users including **horses (potentially in large groups)** and mountain bikes please be courteous and slow down or stop. Future permissions are at stake.

Toilets: Public Toilets are available at Birches Valley Forest Centre and Marquis Drive Visitors Centre both within 3 km of the car park. Please use these facilities. Please do not use the Café near to assembly.



First Aid

A first aid kit is available at download.

A&E

County Hospital in Stafford has an A&E unit, open from 0800-2200 daily: ST16 3SA – 8 miles distance. Please note that County Hospital can only offer a minor injuries service to children under the age of 16. Any children requiring non-minor-injury treatment must travel to Royal Stoke University Hospital (ST4 6QY – 26 miles distance) or Wolverhampton New Cross Hospital (WV10 0QP – 18 miles distance). Both of these hospitals have 24-hour A&E coverage.

Courses and Classes

Middle Format MTBO - Winning time 50-60 minutes

B & C courses are of a shorter length but of similar standard of difficulty, although the most steep climbs and descents and road crossings have been avoided on the C. The estimated winning times may be close to but not exceed the winning times of the A course when the age, gender or experience of the competitor is taken into account, depending on who attends.

D course will be a score format using many of the controls from the other courses to provide a suitable challenge for novices to MTBO.

Classes

A Course: Open M/W, M/W21, M40, M50, M20

B Course: W40, W50, M/W60, W20, M/W18

C Course: Juniors, Novice

D Course - Score (Non-competitive for the league)

Under 16s please contact the organiser – young riders may need to be shadowed due to insurance restrictions.

Distances and climb

To be confirmed

Prize Giving

A prize giving will be held as soon as possible – spot prizes will also be given for those in attendance!

The Forestry Commission has waved our access fee – therefore more money available for prizes 😊

Control collecting – volunteers to collect controls would be appreciated

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Examples of forest 'rides' NOT marked and should not be used.