

POSTENSPLAIN EVENT 1 DEC 2013

Long Courses Planner's Comments

Planning the technical courses at Postensplain was both enjoyable and also quite tricky at times with the central compound, the steep valleys and in certain areas, extremely difficult brambles.

The extensive summer growth which lasted until just a few weeks prior to the event also gave cause for concern and required some late changes to the courses to avoid the worst of the brambles. I also tried my hardest to ensure that everyone visited the best areas of the forest.

Judging from the many favourable comments on the day, I believe the majority of the competitors enjoyed the courses provided in this fine area of the Wyre forest.

I look forward to seeing you all again next time

Paul Basher
HOC

Junior Courses Planner's comments

Kerstin Mitchell
HOC

Controllers Comments

Paul found enough TD5 controls to keep you thinking on the course that required them. After a couple of legs everyone could begin to figure out the undergrowth density to help with route choice. The sudden late leaf fall resulted in some light green areas becoming clear, hopefully to your advantage. The same leaves caught us out, completely hiding a path on the Yellow Course, needing 15 minutes of hasty sweeping. With good combinations of long and short legs with multiple changes of direction, Postensplain proved a good test on a rain free day.

Mike Callow
WRE

Organiser's Comments

Despite my fears over parking on the forest track, all cars were able to get in thanks to significant car sharing - so thank you all who were able to do this - and careful parking. The event attracted 240 competitors with some 76 on the Green and 66 on the Blue. All but one competitor made it to download – this individual ran off the map and found a pub (lucky man!) – he kept us informed using his mobile phone!

My thanks to the HOC helper teams who made the event run smoothly and congratulations to the two planners for creating some excellent courses.

Rollo Rumford
HOC