

Control Descriptions

White, Yellow and Orange courses sometimes have written control descriptions. The other courses use pictorial descriptions.

Generally the written control descriptions refer to terms in common use. The pictorial control descriptions are defined on the International Orienteering Federation website, but the following pages will provide a brief summary.

These are just examples of what they might look like.

Written:

WHITE course SUNNY FOREST PARK
1.8km 30m climb

Start	Control Code	Track/path junction
1	201	Path junction
2	302	Path/track junction
3	303	Bridge
4	204	Track junction
5	205	Track/path junction
6	306	Path bend
7	400	Path junction
Follow tapes 50m to finish		
Courses close at 15:00		

Amount of climb or height gain on course

Length of course

Amount of height gain on course

Pictorial:

Cambus O May			
Green 1	4.5 km	130	
▷		↘	◁
1 221	⊙		
2 197		⊙	
3 207	⊙		
4 193	→	∧	
5 204	∧	~	
6 213	∧		
7 211	←	∧	
8 196	⊙		⊙
9 232	⊙		↘
10 233	←	⊙	⊙
11 195	∧		
12 200	↘	×	
⊙-----65 m----->⊙			

Control description

Control code

Control number

In pictorial descriptions, the symbols in different columns have different meanings. This column describes the feature; if there is more than one of that feature in the control circle, the column to its left will indicate which one the control is on. Columns further to the right give more information about the feature the control is on.

In this example, control number 10 will have the code 233, will be the west-most one in the control circle, and you will find it on the northwest side of a hill.