

Planners / Mapper Notes

There are no official/purpose made Mountain Bike trails on Danefield. However, the area is very popular with local MTBers (including Tom Pidcock) Informal runs tend to appear and disappear on the ground quickly. School Easter holidays increased usage significantly and consequently after the wet winter with the ground cutting up easily the runs appear much more visible than usual. For consistency these relatively minor trails are not shown on the map.

This years storms have caused some damage in the area, thankfully this is mainly individual trees blown over rather than any extensive area of windblown.

Where the trees are very large and a significant impediment, greater than 4x 10m they have been shown as a short elongated area of light.

Our boulders may not appear as shiny rocks they often have moss, dead bracken, pine needles etc covering part. On slopes they can be of significantly different height from each side in such cases in the height column of description you may see eg 0.5/2.

There are many large crags in the area. It is not feasible to tape them. The courses are planned to avoid the largest crags / for you to be going uphill in their vicinity. However, you will encounter a lot of large rock features take care around them as there are sometimes holes /voids in these areas. In the larger boulder field areas the symbol can indicate significantly slower going/ potential for some clambering.

Where control circles and leg lines obscure key detail in the terrain they have been cut. For some shorter legs in the boulder fields for clarity they have been removed altogether. Some number placements against very large black background features compromise clarity, in some areas both these issues combine.

The undergrowth screens are to indicate general going and are not for accurate navigation. Likewise, the semi open /woodland boundaries on the steep slope at the East of the map are indicative and are not for accurate navigation

Pylons. These are marked with a black cross (special symbol) on the map. The overhead lines are not marked.

The nearby regional scout camp builds lots of deadwood hides in the area. For consistency none are mapped.

Because there is a high public access footfall more of the controls are gripped than you may normally expect at forest events. Please take care not to snag yourself on the gripples.

The roads are strictly out of bounds and any competitors on them will be automatically disqualified. Even if you are retiring do not venture onto these dangerous high speed routes.

Only maps for Courses with Elite competitors will be collected at finish (Courses 1,2,5 & 9) We ask all others to refrain from showing your map to competitors yet to start.