

Buck Wood Trail O

Solutions

Model control - B

Kites A and C are clearly not on the Wall Corner where the fence starts. The seat and the northern old gate post line up with Kite B which confirms the correct answer.

Control 1 - D

There are two boulders in view but the mapped tree stump shows that it is the western boulder that is in the centre of the control circle. The control description is for the northern side which is closest to the path. Remember you are actually looking south which can add to the confusion and lead to 180 degree error.

Control 2 – C

In Trail O “Between the Objects” means on the mid-point of a straight line drawn between the two objects and from viewing close by the seat this suggests an answer of B. However the arrow in Column H shows you should be viewing in a SW direction. By the time you have walked up main path to the Decision Point this kite is now showing as C.

Control 3 – B

From the Decision Point it is clear kites A, B and D are all on the Vegetation Boundary, as they do not move relative to the neighbouring trees as you move slightly along the path. In order to choose between them you have to retrace your steps back along to the path junction near the gate. From here a compass bearing or a sighting over the marked low boulder lines up with both B and C. Hence the answer is B. The Stop Line near Control 2 prevented a clear view from the south.

Control 4 – C

The control description is Between the Thicket and the Tree. Both B and C fit this but the Control Circle is centred on C. Kite A is between two of the taped trees and hence incorrect.

Control 5 – Z

This is a longer distance problem and in fact the correct kite position cannot be seen from the Decision Point and the Stop Line prevents closer examination. However the single kite A that can be seen on the path is about the same distance from the Stop Line as you have just walked from the path junction near Control 1. The mapped control circle is twice as far away thus leading to the answer Z. This can be confirmed by pacing and noting that the Control Description show that it is 120m from Control 5 to the Finish. The presence of the two Form Lines on the map also suggests that the correct kite position cannot actually be seen over the slight rise.

Future Tail O events

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Day 1 Fri April 14th (Brunel University) and Day 3 Sunday April 16th (Leechpool) More details at:

<http://www.thejk.org.uk/index.php?pg=313>

Threshfield

Two full Trail O courses with World Ranking status are being planned for Sat/Sun 3rd/4th June 2017 at Threshfield near Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales. Further details at:

<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/index.php?pg=event&event=71454>

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