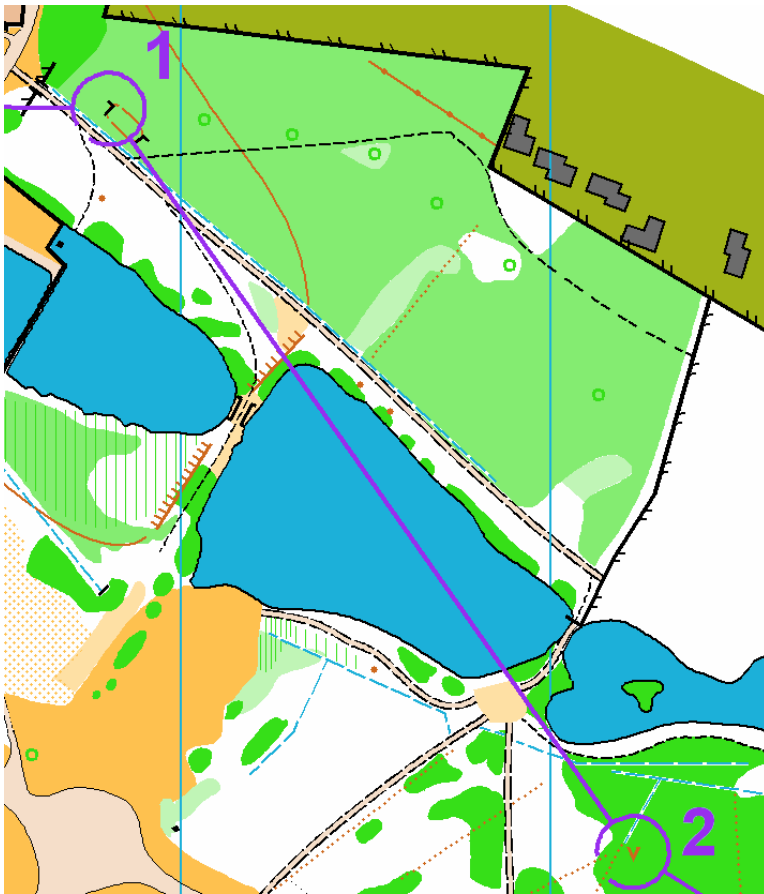


Planners Comments – Steve McKinley

I hope you enjoyed the hard work that is put into pulling a new map together for the first time, it was a bit daunting having volunteered to look over the area to keep finding the representative from Wellington College repeatedly saying, “oh yes that’s part of the college grounds, yes you can run there!” I also hope that since there were nearly 400 of you and only one of me you didn’t find too many short falls in the map.

So to the planning, I think for many of us we don’t often race through forests at 1:4000 so there was deliberate choice to keep pushing in and out of the woods and back into the fantastic grounds of the main college buildings. I think a number of you may have overrun occasionally.

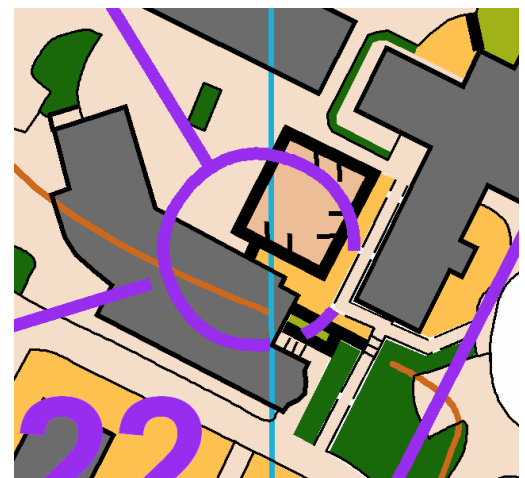
I had made a special note in the final details to advise parents and the “inexperienced” on white and yellow of the special symbols used in ISSOM, and prepared a few notes for the start lanes – I think my notes should have been addressed to ALL!



As competitors we have a duty to understand the rules, it was very disappointing to hear of competitors pushing through the padlocked gates having been caught out on their way to number 2. This is cheating others and yourself, so I praise those who turned around but pity those who felt it right to pass through the locked gate

I also heard of someone even jumping the 6 foot wall having found themselves on the wrong side.

I think if we want to make this type of orienteering work as a race we need competitors to be honest with themselves and their fellow racers.



Having said all that – thanks for you feedback, the good and the bad both help! – Cheers Steve