

Cross Cumbria Cyclists

present the Kirkby Stephen MBO 2026



A 3 hour mountain bike orienteering event for solo riders and teams of two

This event will be the second XCC event for many years. We will be using MapRun. There are no prizes, so just come along and enjoy the event / course or use it as training for longer events to come.

The idea is to score points by visiting as many checkpoints as possible in the time limit of 3 hours using an OS map.

Enter via BMBO Calendar. No day entry. Entries close Wednesday 27th May

Event Centre

[Pennine Park, Westgarth Rd, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4TF](#) [click for the location](#)

The event is mostly off road and will use lanes, bridleways, RUPP and quiet roads and old railway lines.

Riders should ride with caution and must give way to walkers and horse riders especially on old railway lines.

The start and finish are near the rugby club.

Park neatly at the rugby club.

You will need to ride through the streets of Kirkby Stephen at the start and finish, extra caution is required.

Map/Event Format

The event is designed to test your endurance, mountain bike handling and navigational skills. There will be about 30 controls placed in the area. Controls will be worth 10-50 points. Your aim is to collect as many points as possible and return to the finish within the 3 hours available. Penalty points will be deducted for late return.

The event map will be provided as part of the entry fee, pre-marked with control sites and out of bounds areas. The map will be a colour copy of part of OS Explorer scale of 1:25000.

On the event map controls will have a number. The first digit will indicate the control value. Any control number 10 to 19 will have value of 10 points, 20 to 29 will have value of 20 points, 30 to 39 will have value of 30 points, 40 to 49 will have value of 40 points, 50 to 59 will have value of 50 points. There will be approximately 33 controls to visit.

Entries

Please enter via BMBO Calendar by Wednesday 27th May. No late entries and no entry on the day.

Please check www.bmbo.org.uk for any last minute information.

It is a condition of the BMBO event insurance that all competitors must be members of BMBO You can join BMBO online as an Associate Member.

It is your responsibility to carry a basic first aid kit, repair kit and food and water for the event.

Rules and Equipment

1. Follow the cycling code at all times.
2. You should not do anything that you would regard as cheating if someone else did it. Pairs must remain in contact (50 metres) at all times and visit control points together.
3. **You must report to the finish even if you retire.**
4. Competitors must close all gates, pass or overtake walkers slowly and courteously, treat the rural community with due consideration, and aim to cause no damage to trails.
5. **Cycling helmets are compulsory and must be worn at all times.**
6. Other equipment required; a roadworthy mountain bike, basic first aid kit, compass, whistle, water/wind proofs, tool/puncture repair kit. Kit may be checked at the start (no kit, no start, no refund).
7. Note that competitors compete in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Take care on narrow country lanes, some very steep, and on the off-road trails, some of which are steep and rocky.

Checkpoints

Checkpoint sites will be marked on events map. The MapRun App will beep when you are the correct location for a control. It may take a few seconds to beep.

Before the event

1. Download the latest version of MapRun from either the Apple or Android store.
2. Setup your MapRun profile – this is quite simple. You can also connect a Garmin watch, Apple watch or cycle computer if you wish.
3. Check that the app notifications have permissions and are loud enough so you know when you've reached a control - options & settings, scroll to preferences, and look for alert sound.
4. On Thursday or Friday before the event, you need to download the course from the MapRun App.

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NB, don't download before the Thursday in case the final version has not been uploaded

5. The event name will appear on the MapRun home screen, but if you select “go to start” you will be asked for a PIN. This is normal, but you won't get the pin until you go to the start at the event. This will automatically be removed when you start.

At the event

1. Register at the rugby club and collect your control descriptions.
2. At the start you will get a printed, colour control map (A4) and the event PIN.
3. Press “go to start” on your phone/watch/computer – the START should trigger and your time limit for the event commences.
4. Every control should register/beep to confirm you have located it correctly.
5. When you get to the finish point, your course will be completed.

When you have finished:

1. Your course should upload to MapRun automatically and you can see everyone’s results on the app. If this doesn’t work correctly there are a couple of options to check.
2. If you are missing one or more controls that you know you visited, you may need to adjust the GPS tolerance using the “HITMO” function in MapRun – this allows you to extend the default GPS range (e.g. 30m).
3. If your MapRun course failed to record, but you have a track recorded, you can manually upload a track or Strava course.
4. If those options fail, please get in touch and we can sort out a manual score.

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Why MapRun?

Whether you’ve done XCC events before but not used MapRun or you’re a first-timer to our events, this guide will help you for your next event. You can find MapRun FAQ at <https://nymbo.org/maprun-faq/>

XCC has adopted MapRun because it saves a huge amount of planning effort in putting out SI controls the day before the event and collecting them afterwards. It also means we can be more rigorous about the routes riders take and ensure people stay on the correct course – that’s better for riders, the local community and for everyone’s safety.

