

Percy Pig April Table Top Rally

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This page will be regularly updated and will list corrections to my mistakes in the navigation as and when they are spotted and any clarifications as they are requested and anything else that I have forgotten – there will almost certainly be mistakes but hopefully nothing too catastrophic – the rules will evolve on the hoof – don't forget to pack that sense of humour – the rest of the document is fairly boring and only of interest to anyone wanting clarification of what the route check questions are referring to – the only updates to this file will be the version log (currently the first page) the rest of the file will not change

Version	Date	
<i>v</i> 5	02-May-20	Feedback
		Class positions will be determined on marks lost and any ties will be resolved by furthest cleanest / number of hints requested / optional tie break answer, if this does not resolve the tie then the tie will stand
		The distances shown at the bottom of the route card are for information only
v4	20-Apr-20	If you are using Edition D3 of the map – solar farms are not shown - thanks to John Boot for pointing this one out
v3	11-Apr-20	General observations from the hutch:
		Before submitting RC answers please re-read the questions
		The expected answer to the (optional) Tie Break question is to take all the spot height values passed through on the whole route (including link sections and section starts / finishes) and add them up i.e. if the whole route passed through spot heights 23, 24, 25 then the Tie Break answer to be submitted would be 72
		RC answers and comments, the idea was to have each RC answer to be just that with any comments entered into the Comments box, however, in some of the submissions comments have been included adjacent to the answer, in hindsight this makes more sense but it somewhat screws up the automated answering process, can I ask that moving onwards if a comment is to be included the answer is formatted with a, (comma) between the actual answer and any comments, the knock on from that is any answers requiring a list the individual elements of the list should be separated by a single space – obviously if there are no comments then the answer does not need to be ended with
		a comma – bit pedantic but it will make my life easier and the comments do help
v2	04-Apr-20	If your route takes you through GS1240 then please treat the road running from approx. 12030 40230 to 12530 40160 as a yellow (<4m wide) - thanks to Dave Hunt for pointing this one out
v1	01-Apr-20	Route cards published

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BLUE GRID LINE NUMBERS

will not be used in the Route Cards or Route Check Questions and Answers

ABBREVIATIONS:

Abbreviations that may be used in the Route Cards:

CRO coloured roads only for navigation and route CAR consider all roads for navigation but CRO for route WUW will use whites consider all roads for navigation and route

TL Turn Left TR Turn Right SO Straight On
LT Turn Left at T junction RT Turn Right at T junction
LX Turn Left at crossroads RX Turn Right at crossroads
SX Straight On at crossroads
ML Miss Left MR Miss Right

GR Grid Reference GS Grid Square SH Spot Height
O Pass Over a bridge U Pass Under a bridge or ETL
LC Level Crossing

PoW with Tower PoW with Spire PoW without Tower or Spire

Roads

G Green R Red O Orange Y wide yellow y narrow yellow W White

NTR No Through Roads are NOT included in the navigation My definition of an NTR is a road that does not 'go' e.g. the yellow at 048 422 is an NTR

Also, roads leading off the edge of the map will also be classed as NTR but be careful – for CRO navigation the yellow at 012 3511/4 is an NTR but for CAR and WUW navigation it does not become an NTR until 010 3491/4

MAP:

O.S. Landranger map 133

The latest revision will have a map legend 'Revised August 2018'

The navigation will also be checked against the two previous revisions with map legends 'Revised September 2013'
Edition D3 'Revised 2013'

The revision of the map is quite important as there are several irritating differences between the latest revision and the two previous ones



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CLASSES:

The route on each section will be different for each class

The route is continuous with each section either starting at the end of the previous section or after a short link section, as on all rallies, unless specifically stated, the same bit of road cannot be used more than once

Beginner: each section will start at the end of the previous section, section start and finish will be given, answers to route check questions will be a simple Yes or No

Novice: section start will be given, some section finishes will be given, no section will have hints available

Expert: section start will be given, some section finishes will be given, some sections will have hints available

PENALTIES:

Each event is made up of five sections and each section has 10 route check questions

The penalty for a wrong / missing route check is 1 mark

The penalty for a missing section is 10 marks

The penalty for requesting a Hint is 2 marks (see below)

HINTS:

On some sections, hints may be requested by E-mail, penalty is 2 marks per hint requested, some of the more challenging sections will have two hints on offer



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RESULTS:

Submission of answers and appearing in the results is up to you

My suggestion would be to have a go at the different classes and see which navigation you are happy with and then if you want to be classified in the results submit an Entry Form before the closing date

Answers can be submitted without having submitted an Entry Form

Solutions and results will be published on the website

You can only be classified in the results once and in the class selected on your Entry Form (reminder - no Entry Form then no Results classification)

Results will be classified by marks lost

There will be also be an optional tie breaker simply add up the total value of all SH passed through on the event (including link sections and SH at the start and end of sections) and submit an Answer Form selecting the Tie Break option the difference between the submitted total and the organisers total will be used



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ROUTE CHECKS

Use the Comments box on the Answer Form or E-mail <u>percy@sccon.co.uk</u> to 'discuss' questionable bits & pieces

If a section starts or ends on a feature included in the route check questions, then that feature should NOT be included in the route check answer e.g. if a section starts or ends at SH42 then 42 should NOT be included in any of the route check answers – however - if the route passes through another SH42 on that section then it is ONLY the 42 at the start or finish that should NOT be included in any of the route check answers

Where the route is defined by specific things (spot heights, map features etc) in the route card navigation then any specific thing not included in the route card navigation should be avoided

A grid line is only considered to be 'crossed' when the whole road (the black line on both sides) crosses the line questionable crossings can be 'discussed'

A spot height / milestone / milepost must have a visible black dot on the road to be counted, one or two of the spot height black dots are hidden by map features and theses have been clarified in the navigation or route check questions

A bridge must have at bridge symbol on at least one side of the road to count

Phone within nm

Count the number of Public phones within n metres – the location of the phone is at the end of the black line and the distance is measured from the location to the centre of the road – questionable ones may be 'discussed'

PoW with Tower / with Spire / without Tower or Spire within nm

Count the number of PoW within n metres – the location of the PoW is at the centre of the + and the distance is measured from the location to the centre of the road – questionable ones may be 'discussed'

NB if the routes loops round to pass the PoW a second time then it should only be counted once

LETTER

List the uppercase letters 'covering' the road NB the letter must break the black line on both sides of the road

Letter

List the uppercase and lowercase letters 'covering' the road NB each Letter must break the black line on both sides of the road

Green Circle

Count the number of Green Circles passed through NB the Green Circle must cover the full width of the road, DO NOT count ones that you can 'sneak' past

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Red Diamond

Count the number of Red Diamonds passed through

NB the Red Diamond must cover the full width of the road, DO NOT count ones that you can 'sneak'

past

Red Dot
Count the number of Red Dots passed through

Highest SH
The value of the highest spot height passed over

Lowest SH
The value of the lowest spot height passed over

nth SH
The value of the nth spot height passed over

Bridge
Count the number of bridges crossed over or passed under

Bridge Over
Count the number of bridges crossed over

Bridge Under Count the number of bridges crossed under

MS
Count the number of Milestones passed over

Tower within nm

Count the number of Wr Twr (Water Tower) within n metres – the location of the tower is at the centre of the o and the distance is measured from the location to the centre of the road – questionable ones may be 'discussed'

NB if the routes loops round to pass the tower a second time then it should only be counted once

Cemetery

Count the number of cemeteries adjacent (touching) the road

GLnn

Count the number of times the road crosses the GL number nn

?

Answers to route check questions ending with a ? will be a simple Yes or No



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RESOURCES:

If you do not have a paper copy of Map 133 then I can recommend Dash4lt currently priced at £6.29 with free delivery

Streetmap is an option

There will be a link on the Table Top page which will take you to the common start location of all three events and it will be possible to do the events using the Streetmap software

MapyX is an option
The software is free but the 'tiles' do have to be purchased
tiles are currently priced at 0.89 + VAT each
each tile covers 40x40 km

The downside is they must be purchased in bundles (9 tiles minimum if I remember correctly)
however a block of 16 tiles should be enough to cover East Anglia
There is an option available to purchase a discounted bundle covering the whole of Great Britain
OS 50k Landranger GB + OS 25k Explorer GB £132.50
OS 50k Landranger GB £42.50
OS 25k Explorer GB £110.00

There are links to Dash4lt and MapyX on the SCCoN website Home>Useful Links>Miscellaneous