

# Braunton Burrows Map and Terrain Notes

1:10,000 A3 M/W 18-40

1:7,500 A3+ M/W 16+, M/W 45+ (& some M/W 18-40 Short courses)

2.5m contours based on 2020 lidar data

Mapped spring/summer 2021

There is a maze of tracks across the area: old & new, small & large, firm & sandy, mapped & unmapped.

Most mapped tracks have the surface broken by people or vehicles; some are grassy. New unmapped tracks form regularly as the army drives over the area. There are lots of unmapped old tracks that are becoming grassed over and vegetated.

Some tracks have made steep-sided sandy gullies on slopes; hard work to go up, some are impossible to cross!



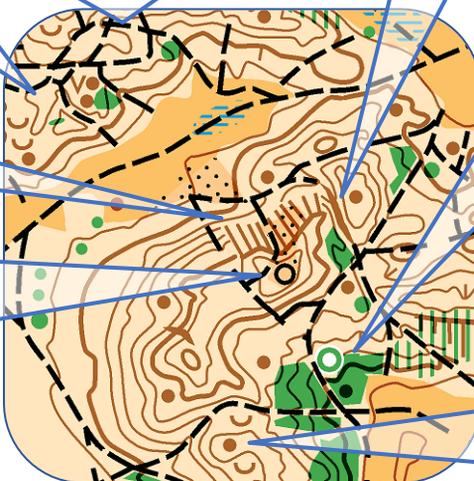
Many areas of rough open have much more vegetation than shown.

Contours very close together are replaced by the earth bank symbol.

○ Flagpoles from the days of live-firing are visible from a distance and can be used for re-location.

Old 1m high concrete fence posts are not mapped.

∨ Pits Steep-sided, often with vertical drops in some directions of 1-2m. Approach with care.



'Green' vegetation includes sea buckthorn, a tough and normally impenetrable woody shrub, often with brambles. Densest on north- and east-facing slopes. *Gaiters/extra leg protection strongly advised for all off-track courses.*

The map inevitably generalises the most complex areas, eg it isn't possible to map multiple knolls close together so the highest is mapped.

∪ Small Depressions At least 1m deep, often large enough to park two family cars in.

○ Depressions Sometimes able to park a battle tank.

● Knolls Up to 4m high, sometimes with vegetation on top making them look higher.

Longer courses: only cross fences via marked stiles and gates.



Many water features are currently dry but fill up quickly following rain. Seasonal marshes are mostly fast running with characteristic vegetation.



Map extracts not to scale



□ Concrete blockhouse shown as a small ruin. Some are not obvious from all four sides.

Vertical green stripes show lower vegetation including brambles; best avoided. *Don't rely on vegetation boundaries for fine navigation* and note that most seasonal vegetation including moderate bracken is unmapped.

British Long Distance Championships Weekend  
Braunton Burrows, near Barnstaple, Devon

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - British Long Distance Championships  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - National Middle Race

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