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## Dams to Darnley Country Park orienteering course

### Control sheet

### Dams to Darnley Country Park

Dams to Darnley sits in the greenspace between Barrhead, Darnley and Newton Mearns.

In the northern half of the country park the Brock Burn flows through Waulkmill Glen and Darnley Mill. Sitting in between Southpark Village and Parklands Meadow Darnley Mill is made up of a mosaic of habitats such as woodland and grassland. The area also contains Darnley Mill pond.

The Barrhead dams are the most striking feature within the southern half of the country park. The dams are made up of a series of interconnected Victorian reservoirs, covering about one sixth of the country park.

### Country park orienteering course

The country park orienteering course extends across Darnley Mill and the greenspace next to Parklands Meadow. The start and finish point for the course is just behind the World Buffet Restaurant on Corselet Road, off Nitshill Road, Darnley. The start and finish is marked by a triangle on the country park orienteering map that has been produced for the course.

The orienteering map is available free of charge from the country park website or by contacting the countryside ranger service. Contact details are on the back page of this control sheet.

## Control posts

Within the Darnley Mill and Parklands Meadow greenspace areas you will find 20 wooden posts known as control posts. These posts mark out the orienteering course. They are approximately 50cm high and have a distinctive red and white painted top. All of the posts are close to the path network. There is no control post at the start and finish point.



Control post

## Safety first!

Some of the paths can be slippery especially after rain. There are also areas of uneven ground, tree roots and muddy patches on your journey so please take care. Try to stick to the paths as much as possible to avoid the marshy areas.

The orienteering course route also goes close to the mill pond and Brock Burn, so take extra care near water.

A lot of people enjoy walking and cycling in the country park so please respect other users.

If you are in a group it is best to stick together.

\* You need to walk along a short section of Corselet Road, a quiet public road with no pavement, between posts 5 and 6. You also have to cross Corselet Road to find posts 11-20. Remember to **STOP, LOOK** and **LISTEN**.

## Start and finish at the picnic table in Darnley Mill

The description below gives you a little more help to find each post. Tick the boxes when you have found each post. Spend a couple of minutes looking at the orienteering map to familiarise yourself with the area's landmarks. This will help you to find your way around the course.

- 1) Woodland western edge
- 2) Woodland western edge
- 3) Bushes western edge
- 4) Clearing near large oak tree
- 5) Woodland north western edge
- 6) Bushes south eastern edge
- 7) Clearing on banking
- 8) Bushes eastern edge
- 9) Woodland western edge
- 10) Hazel trees eastern edge
- 11) Clearing behind shrub
- 12) Near boulder at side of path
- 13) Top of slope behind gorse
- 14) Hilltop on edge of scrub
- 15) Behind hawthorn at side of path
- 16) North western side of hedgerow
- 17) Scrub north of pond gate
- 18) Gorse west of path
- 19) Near pylon
- 20) Just off path on south side

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20

You can visit the control posts in any order you like.