

ACT Classic Series: ACT League #10, Glendale

Course Setter's Notes:

Course	Length	Climb	# Controls	Map Scale	Map Flip
Hard 1	8.4 km	425 m	22	1:10,000	Yes
Hard 2	6.9 km	350 m	17	1:10,000	Yes
Hard 3	5.8 km	260 m	14	1:10,000	No
Hard 4	4.4 km	165 m	15	1:7,500	No
Hard 5	3.3 km	120 m	9	1:7,500	No
Moderate 1	4.4 km	165 m	15	1:7,500	No
Moderate 2	3.5 km	125 m	13	1:7,500	No
Easy	2.1 km	80 m	8	1:7,500	No
Very Easy	2.0 km	70 m	7	1:7,500	No

Directions: From Tharwa drive south on Boboyan Road for approximately 23km, then turn left into Brandy Flat Road (700m after the Glendale picnic area). Allow approximately 50 minutes from central Canberra.

Parking: Drive past the bushwalker's parking area and through the gate (WATCH OUT FOR RUNNERS ON THE ROAD) and park to the right of the road around the depot buildings. If there is no space left around the buildings, park on the right side of the road back down towards the gate. The distance from the parking to the arena is between 100 m and 500 m.

Starts: There is one start a short way up the Brandy Flat bushwalking track. The distance from the assembly to the Start is 800 m. From the map collection (punch start), it is about 100 m along the track to the start triangle, which will be marked with a flag (and no control unit).

Start between 10:00 and 12:00. Queuing starts.

Terrain: The area is typical of Namadgi terrain featuring areas of complex granite, a mix of open grassland and areas of forest with patches of dense vegetation. The elevation and cool climate support ecological communities including open montane grassland and *Eucalyptus sp.* woodland (subalpine woodlands and southern tableland dry sclerophyll). Running speed through the open montane grassland will be generally fast although slowed down as you try to maintain footing through the larger tussocks and areas disturbed by pigs (generally wetter/flatter areas). Running speed through the woodland will be determined by the density and mix of understory plants and amount of granite.

Marked Routes: Pink tapes will be used to mark the routes to the last control on the Easy and Very Easy courses. Pink tapes will also be used in places where the Brandy Flat bushwalking track is less distinct to assist the Easy and Very Easy orienteers.

Water: Limited water will be provided at points along the Brandy Flat fire trail. For the Hard 4, Hard 5, Moderate 1 and Moderate 2 these will be roughly halfway through the course. For the Hard 1, Hard 2 and Hard 3 these will be roughly one third and two third the way through the course.

Biosecurity: Namadgi National Park contains ecological communities that are vulnerable to introduced species and diseases. Please remove dirt from your gear before coming to the event then wash your shoes at the cleaning station at the start of courses.

Map: There has been some vegetation growth since the map was last updated. Since mapping, trees have grown taller in some of the clearings and *Acacia sp.* have grown to form small dense thickets in a handful of locations. The map shows understory species that are spiny such as *Bursaria sp.* using vertical green strips (407 – Vegetation, slow running, good visibility) – with a few exceptions these seem relatively unchanged since first mapping.

Since first mapped, some fences have been pulled down including many, but not all, of the metal posts. These sections are now mapped with spaces between fence sections (507 – Ruined fence).

Hazards: In addition to the normal hazards associated with running in the forest be aware that:

- There is a gate on the Easy and Very Easy courses that may be locked. Please advise children to walk around the gate and fence to continue their course along the fire trail. It is only a few meters to walk around the fence.
- There are creek crossings on all Moderate and Hard courses. When visited, the creek was around 1m wide and for those with firm footing, easily crossable. There are alternative crossing points at tracks and fire trails which are very safe.
- Parts of the Parks Depot including gravel piles are mapped as out of bounds. There are no fences around the area, but it should be obvious to avoid the area.
- There are pieces of broken fence such as barbed wire and metal stakes from a recently dismantled fence across a patch of grassland. These are in the proximity of the fence marked as ruined west of the creek.
- This is a remote wilderness area. Please make sure that you (and others) download so that we know that everyone has got back.

Safety Bearing: Find the major fire trail that runs the length of the map. For the Easy and Very Easy courses, that means west to the fire trail and north-west along the fire trail. For other courses, if you can't find the fire trail (you are very lost), head north-west to Boboyan Road and do not cross the Gudgenby River, which is about 10 meters wide.

Course Closure: Courses close at 2pm. You must report to the finish by 2pm, whether you have finished your course or not.

Catering: There is currently no catering at this event (Blue Lightning is preparing for ASOC). It is a great spot to enjoy a picnic. Why not bring something to share?