

Festive Frolic 2025

Final Details

See below – you will probably want to carry a pen.

On-line Registration closed at 8 pm after which the data was being entered into the computer. However there will be entry on the day.

Parking in the main car park off the B1348 at [///rises.faster.squad-](http://rises.faster.squad-)

Note that the car park is saucer shaped and does not drain well so often is flooded in the middle. If it has been wet, come expecting to be parked in a puddle.

NO TOILETS (you can query with the Council how so much was spend on landscaping the Reserves and building hides but without installing toilets). Public toilets in Shorthope Street, Musselburgh, EH21 7DB, (2.9 km) and Ayres Wynd, Prestonpans EH32 9AB (2.6 km).

You could buy something in Tesco, Musselburgh, or Lidl, Prestonpans, and then use their toilets.

Registration and Dibber Collection will be at the tent just outside the car park to the north west, 100 metres. Leave plenty of time to collect your hire dibber. Registration will be open from 10:30 (hopefully earlier). Runners with type 5 or 9 dibbers may wish to collect a second dibber in case their first one fills up.

Start and Finish will be just beyond Registration. Loose control descriptions will be available on a table near Registration. It will be an “almost mass start” – you will line up in a funnel, clear and check your dibber, be handed your map and then punch in the start unit and go.

The Course

It will be a “60 minute Score” ie you have 60 minutes to do what you can and thereafter you will be given penalty points. (You will lose 1 point for every 6 seconds you are late.)

There will be 25 controls on the map. Watch out for Santa Panda and Big Brown Bear (Scary Elf didn't want to go out) who will each also have an SI unit attached but are not on the map. You can visit the mapped controls in any order and you can visit controls as often as you like. To visit all the controls would be about 8 km, but visiting controls 1 – 8 would make up a White/Yellow course of 2.2 km.

Each control will earn you 10 points the first time you visit it but only 2 points on a return visit.

Bonus Game: Christmas Picture Beetle: On the back of your map will be six Christmas pictures outlined in grey, and built up of shapes such as circles and rectangles. ** Each control will have a card with one shape drawn on it. Imagine this as a sticker which you peel off and cover one shape on your sheet – instead you can draw round one of these shapes on your card and darken it in. You can revisit a control to get the same shape again provided you visit another control in between. You can get a bonus of 50 points for each of the pictures you manage to complete. Unlike normal Beetle, you can collect the shapes in any order.

To help you to decide which controls return to, there is a place on the back of the map where you can scribble the shape at each control.

** Unfortunately the printing of the pictures on the back of the maps was faulty. Robin and Kirsten spent a lot of time last night overprinting the missing bits but the alignment is not quite perfect, and there is a shaded box they could not screen out. A correct version will be on display at Registration so you can study it before you start.

Map: scale 1:10000
No significant climb.

Download and Results

With everyone finishing at the same time, download will be busy. Please be patient!

Download will take place in two stages.

Download immediately. Your splits print out will only show the points for the first time you visited each control. There will be boxes on your print out for working out your total bonus points. Use your print-out to count up how many additional times you visited controls, count two points for each and add that to your score. If you managed to complete any of the pictures add on 50 points for each.

Go back to Download and show your calculation and your bonus points will be added to your score.

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Will be as soon as everyone has downloaded and had their bonus points added in.

Apologies: No toddle Course.

Some years we have put on a Toddle Course or Picture course and there has been no uptake. I see there are a few entries from wee folk but it is too late now, I don't have the kit to get a toddle course put out. Sorry.