

# Orange Orienteering Course

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- Christopher Rice Mansel Talbot who was known as the 'wealthiest commoner' was responsible for building the impressive Margam Castle. He was born in 1803 the only son of Thomas Mansel Talbot. He was educated at Oxford before representing Glamorgan as M.P from 1830-1890. In 1848 he was appointed Lord Lieutenant for the County. When he died in 1890 his estate was valued at £6 million.
- The hill on the left was home to the Silure tribe in the Iron Age, it was a hillfort. They were defeated by the Romans in 74AD.
- The course leads above the woodland containing 'Go Apé' which opened in 2009.
- Crossing the Park lowlands you join a track below the five plantations on the hill. The five plantations 'or patches', are plainly visible for many miles. Sir David Evans Bevan who owned the estate during the second world war was told to plant five acres of trees so the resulting plantations were formed. The ministry of Agriculture did not specify where or how the five areas of trees were to be planted so the result can be seen for miles. There was a rumour that the word BEVAN was going to be cut into the plantations!



- Continue up the track, past a mineshaft, upwards to fields above the park, watch out for the deer which often graze and lie up in the valley towards the distant forestry.
- The track goes into a small valley behind the pulpit with it's 'bro' stone. The word 'bro' was used to represent 'community', it was erected for the Prince's Trust and unveiled by Prince Charles. Continue down the hill, the trail ends past the stone building, back at your starting point.



## Orienteering - Basic Techniques - 2

### Using the Compass

**a** To orientate the map (see introductory notes 1b)

**b** To work out your **direction of travel:**

The compass is especially useful for finding accurate directions across areas without paths, and to sort out which way to go at path junctions, etc.

How to use a baseplate compass for directions:

- 1 Place the edge of the compass's base plate along the direction you want to go on the map (the arrow at the front of the compass must point in the direction you wish to go) **fig. 1.**

- 2 Turn the capsule so that the parallel lines in it are in line with the north lines on the map (the arrow in the capsule must point to north on the map) **fig. 2.**

- 3 Take the compass off the map and hold it in front of you, pointing forward. TURN YOURSELF with the compass until the needle is in line with the lines in the capsule, with the arrow heads at the same end, **fig. 3.**

- 4 Travel forward in the direction that the front of the compass is now pointing (and you should be facing).

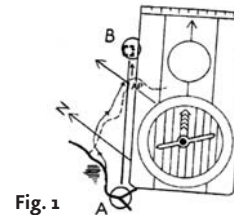


Fig. 1

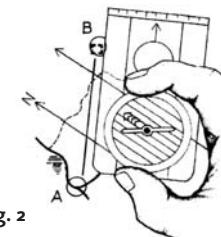


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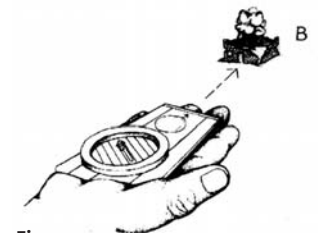
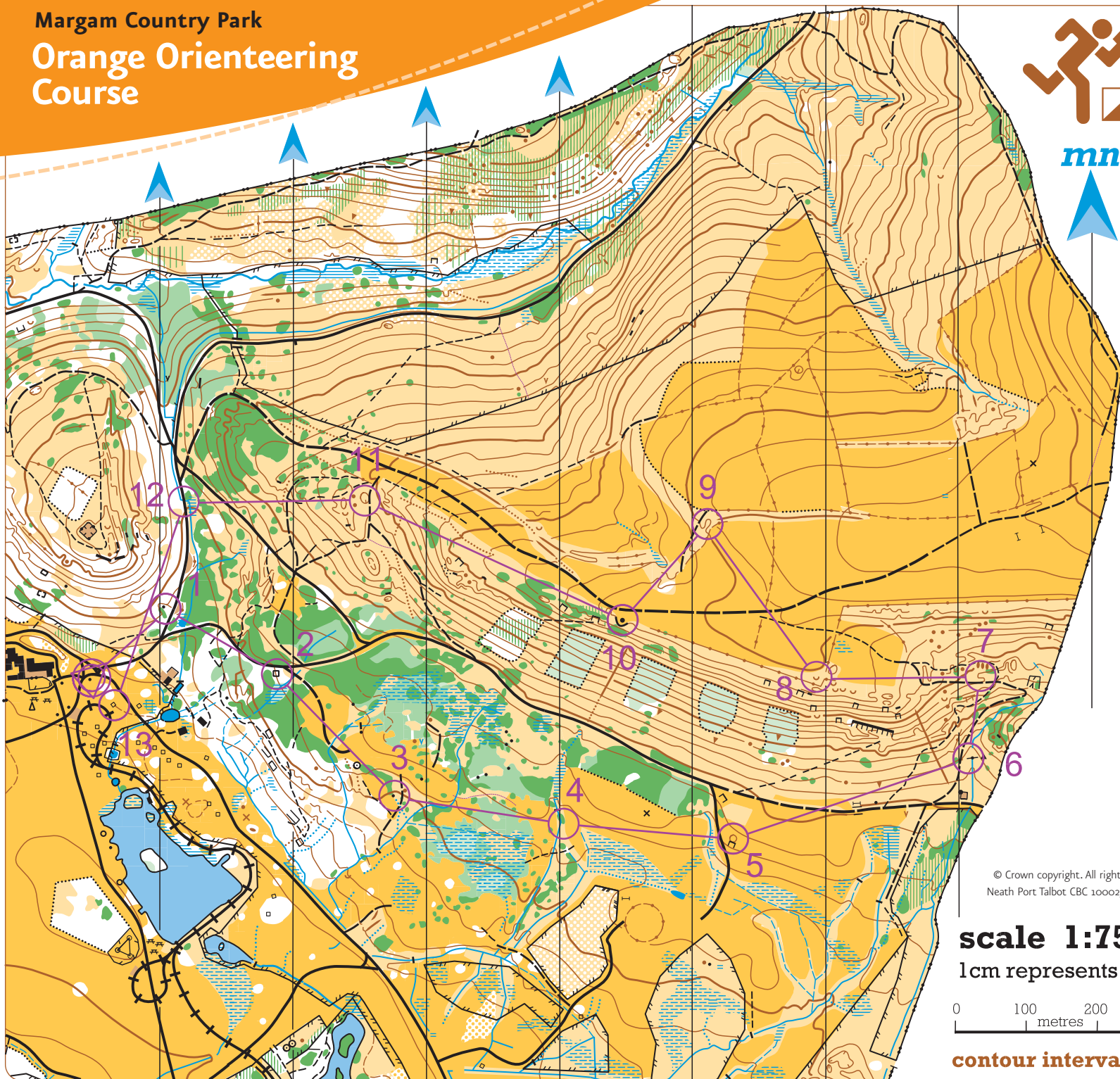


Fig. 3



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## legend

- Road
- Narrow or unsurfaced road
- Vehicle track
- Large footpath
- Small footpath
- Less distinct small footpath
- High fence
- Ruined fence
- Wall; crossing point
- High wall
- Earth wall
- Small earth wall
- Earth slope
- Contours with shallow gully
- Index contour with gully
- Form line with platform
- Pit (dry, wet, steep sided)
- Depression: small, large
- Large knolls; small knolls
- Crossable wide stream
- Pond; stream
- Footbridge; ditch; narrow marsh
- Marsh, seasonal marsh
- Fodder rack; horse jump
- Sculpture; object; seat
- Enclosed tree, large log
- Dangerous cliff
- Passable rock face
- Building, ruin
- Boulder (large, small, cluster)
- Stony ground, boulder field
- Distinct vegetation change
- Open land
- Open land with scattered trees
- Rough open land
- Rough open land with scattered trees
- Woodland: runnable
- slow run
- difficult to run
- Impassable vegetation
- Undergrowth: slow run
- difficult to run
- Out of bounds

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**scale 1:7500**  
1cm represents 75m



**contour interval 5m**

NOTE: Runnability represents conditions in winter and spring. In summer and autumn dense bracken on the rough open areas makes off-path going very difficult.