

Map Puzzles

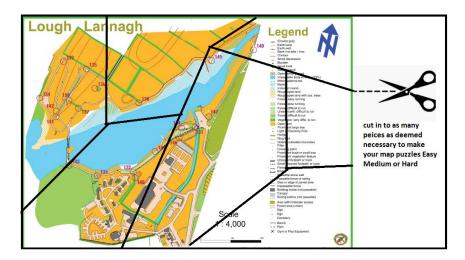
Map puzzles are a fun way to introduce what orienteering maps look like and how to recognise the different features on a map such as legend, scale, the north arrow and all the symbols on the map such as open land, buildings, fences, walls tree etc. They are essentially homemade map jigsaws for your students. The more you cut up the map the harder it will be to put it back together.

Print off the maps attached to the bottom of this document and laminate them. Then cut them up in to as many or as little pieces as you feel necessary to suit your class and your students ages. Laminate all before cutting, store in separate bags/pile and be careful not to mix up puzzles. Ensure you students keep them separate too for easy use again.

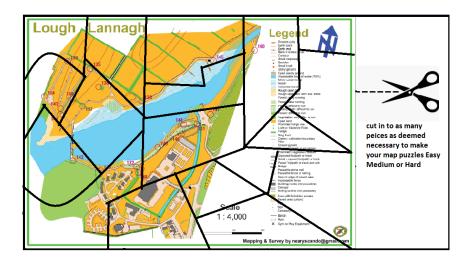
As your class puts the maps back together use this time to get them to pick out feature on the map (building, open land, hard paved area etc) and what symbols are used to identify each feature. Question them as much as possible.

Split your class in to groups of 3-4 participants

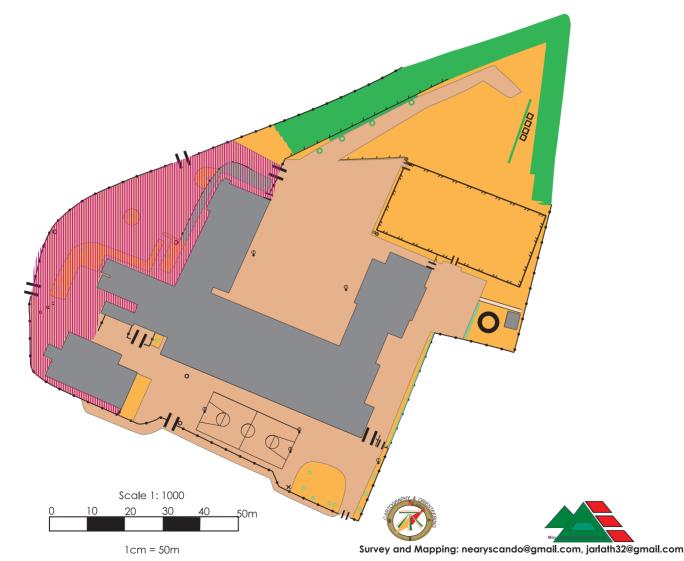
Easy



Hard



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Legend

- Vegetation: very difficult to run
- Hedge Hedge
- Paved area
- Paved footpath
- Spot Light
- Basketball basket
- Building outline
- Building inside
- Step or edge of paved area
- ---Wall
- **Fence**
- **Crossing point gate**
- ° Pole
- **O** Large Tank
- Electricity Box
- Special man-made feature
- × Large Bin
- Open land
- Vegetation: dense
- Single Large Tree
- Bush or small tree
- Out of Bounds



