

## AMPLIFICATION OF TEN TORS CHALLENGE RULES 54, 55, 56 AND 57.

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Tracker and Management Information System enhances the Ten Tors Organisers' ability to monitor safety and compliance with the Ten Tors Rules including Annexes A and B. The trace of each team's route during the Challenge, helps the Organisers to monitor dangerous river crossings, teams risking road traffic collisions by walking on unauthorised public roads, entry into Rare Bird Nesting Areas (RBNA), trespass on private land, and other Rule non-compliance issues.
- 1.2 The Ten Tors routes were revised and the Safety Controls and Checkpoints positioned to reduce the need for unnecessary risk and opportunities for non-compliance. Such behaviour jeopardises the Ten Tors Challenge by undermining agreements made with landowners, the National Park Authority, Natural England and the Commoners Council.
- 1.3 Annex A and B amplify the Ten Tors Rules, per Rule 56, to enhance Team Managers' and teams' awareness of the implications of the Rules, the team's route plan and the Team Managers' approval of the route.
- 1.4 The Ten Tors routes are devised on the presumption that, as all Team Managers have affirmed their commitment to comply with the Ten Tors Rules, both they and their teams will strive to complete the Challenge as set. Whilst Ten Tors is not a race, in fairness to all, routes at each distance should offer similar challenge. Although inexperience or quality of training issues may result in some non-compliance, the Tracker data suggests some may be opportunistic, with teams and/or their Team Managers appearing to attempt the shortest possible interpretation of their route, without regard to the Ten Tors Rules.
- 1.5 As a Team Manager's signature on the Compliance Certificate, per Rule 51.2, should assure the adequacy of their teams' training and skills, subsequent non-compliance with the Rules is likely to reflect poorly on the respective Establishment, the Team Manager and the team in question.
- 1.6 Given the number of Establishments queried following Ten Tors Challenge 2015 with respect to their teams' routes, ALL Team Managers should now be aware that active monitoring of the tracker system will continue during the Challenge. Teams and Establishments that break the Rules risk, at the Director's discretion, being sanctioned.

### 2. Out of Bounds areas

**2.1 Rare Bird Nesting Areas (RBNAs).** The RBNAs have been established by the Dartmoor National Park Authority. To protect the ground bird nesting areas, the restrictions apply between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> July each year. The Challenge routes and the associated rules minimise the risk of RBNA incursion, with the aim of making it easier for everyone to contribute to the delivery of our partnership commitments.

**2.1.1** As the current military maps pre-date the April 2014 RBNA revisions, Team Managers must ensure that the maps being used by their teams are marked up with the current RBNA boundaries per the DNPA website at <http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/learningabout/lab-tentors/lab-tentorsbirdnestingmaps> . Please note that the access through the West Okement RBNA between Kitty Tor, Sandy Ford and Dinger Tor is solely available for military purposes and is **NOT** to be used during Ten Tors training or the Challenge.

**2.1.2** With the sole exception of the track along the Oke Tor ridge, Ten Tors team may not enter any designated RBNA other than in a genuine emergency during training and the Challenge. Although the Ten Tors Challenge requires teams to be self-sufficient and to plan their own routes, Team Managers must check it to ensure compliance with Ten Tors Rule 57.1.

**2.1.3** Teams crossing an RBNA when dealing with an emergency, may not stop, linger, picnic or camp.

## **2.2 Private land and exclusion areas as the Dartmoor Training Area Military Map**

**2.2.1** Other than where access is specifically authorised, there is no access whatsoever to all land shown in WHITE on the Dartmoor Training Area map unless there is a marked public right of way.

**2.3** Brown Cross hatched areas on the military map, such as Nuns Cross Farm, and the solid brown of East Okement Farm are specifically out of bounds.

## **3. Road and track access restrictions**

**3.1** The restrictions below are designed to minimise walkers' exposure to road traffic hazards and to avoid impeding other road users. The stretches of road permitted for walking will be signed during the Challenge to warn drivers of walkers.

**3.2** During the Challenge, no team is permitted within 300m of the Princetown crossroads SX590734, marked in **dotted red**. Please continue to make full use of Princetown's many facilities during training.

**3.3** All the permitted lengths, or crossings of metalled roads are marked **dotted blue** on Annex B to the Ten Tors Rules. All other metalled roads, which are not so marked, including those detailed in **solid red**, are Out Of Bounds to all teams during the Challenge. Other than on **the blue dotted** sections and at crossing/access points, teams may not walk within 200m of the B3312 and B3357.

**3.4** Blue-dotted permitted roads and permitted road crossings [nil = a crossing point only]

Location	Grid ref	Grid ref
Metherall Brook	SX675841	nil
Fernworthy – CP to Metherall Gate	SX668838	SX670837
Ringhill to Middle Merripit	SX648794	SX651795
Postbridge – Drift Lane/B3212 to B3212 gate to NE of road bridge	SX646787	SX648789
Postbridge – B3212	SX646787	nil
B3357 – Prince Hall drive to Lower Cherrybrook CP	SX624747	SX631748
B3212 – Two Bridges CP to B3357/FP	SX608750	SX602744
B3357 – B3357/FP to B3357/ B3212 junction	SX600750	SX606749
B3357 - E of Leeden Tor	SX570718	nil
B3357 – Devil's Bridge	SX580728	nil
B3357 – ENE of Soldiers' Pond	SX587732	nil
B3212 – Rundlestone FP to North Hessary access drive	SX574749	SX575749

B3212 – Yellowmead track	SX567749	nil
B3212 – Merrivale Quarry entrance – B3212 E of Hillside	SX545750	SX551750
Higher Willsworthy to Lane Head	SX535817	SX537823
Meldon Reservoir access	SX561917	SX562917

**3.4** The Tor Royal – Bull Park concrete track and the southern 400m of the Archerton Drive, both marked in **solid red** are **Out of Bounds during the training and Challenge**.

**3.5 Dotted black**, indicates PROW, paths accessible by permission or landowner’s preferred routes that are available during training and the Challenge or only during the latter; please see the associated notes at Annex B for details.

**3.6 The green dotted Stannon track, near Postbridge, is available during the training and the Challenge.**

#### 4. River Crossings

**4.1** To enhance resilience and minimise the risk of harm to participants, contingency plans limiting permissible river crossings, will be announced through Safety Controls/ Check Points and, where necessary, texted via Teams’ Trackers.

**4.2 River instructions.** All river crossings are potentially hazardous and teams must exercise common sense; if any river crossing appears to be too hazardous for the least able member of the team, always seek a safer alternative. Irrespective of river levels, the Tavy and East Dart may **ONLY** be crossed via the named crossings below:

**4.2.1 East Dart – ONLY** via the road at Postbridge SX648789.

**4.2.2 Tavy – ONLY** via Standon Steps footbridge (FB) SX539815.

**4.3** If higher rivers flows are experienced during the Challenge, the Director may put, **Amber, Red** or Black contingency plans into effect directing teams to follow the instructions below. Team Managers are to ensure that their teams are familiar with these instructions, the locations of the named crossings and the implications of any associated restrictions.

**4.3.1 Taw. Amber:** no crossing below Oxhead Ford SX609872, other than via Knack Mine Ford SX 614885, Horseshoe Ford SX620914 or Belstone FB SX621933.  
**Red:** only Belstone bridge SX 621933.

**4.3.2 Walla Brook. Amber:** no crossing downstream of Wild Tor Well SX627873 other than Wallabrook FB SX653871.

**4.3.3 North Teign. Amber:** no crossing below the S boundary of the Teignhead newtake wall SX625833 other than via Teignhead FB SX639844, Manga Rails SX639860 or Teign-e-ver FB SX653870

**4.3.4 South Teign. Amber:** only via the FB below the Fernworthy Reservoir dam SX671844 or via the marked tracks in Fernworthy plantation.

**4.3.5 West Dart. Amber:** no crossing below the newtake wall SX610785 other than at the Lych Way ford SX606780, Devonport Leat weir SX608779, the road at Two Bridges SX607750 and Dartmoor Training Centre/Moorlands Farm bridge SX626738 or below the latter crossing. **Red:** Cross only upstream at SX610785 or SX613792 or the bridge at SX594770.

- 4.3.6 **Cowsic. Amber:** no crossing below Broad Hole SX591786, other than the FB SX594770, Devonport Leat take off SX595767 and Beardown Farm bridge SX603753.
- 4.3.7 **Blackbrook. Amber:** east of Princetown to be crossed only via the bridleway FB at SX606738.
- 4.3.8 **Walkham. Amber:** no crossing below Deadlake Foot SX565782 other than via the Merrivale road bridge SX549750. **Red:** Crossing only at Fords {SX 573782 or SX 574792. **Black:** via upstream ford East of Lynch Tor SX 572806.
- 4.3.9 **Rattlebrook. Amber:** upstream of SX 562843. **Red:** cross by Bleak House clapper SX559864 of Kitty Tor tramway bridge SX 559871. **Black:** Kitty Tor tramway bridge.
- 4.3.10 **West Okement. Red:** no crossing downstream of Kneeset Foot SX578866 other than via Vellake Corner weir/FB SX556903 or the Meldon Dam walkway SX562916.

#### 4.4 River crossings and RBNA interactions.

- 4.4.1 **Taw.** Owing to the Steeperton Gorge RNBA, irrespective of the river level, the Taw may **NOT** be crossed between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> July between SX609875 and SX618889 other than via Knack Mine Ford – see 2.1.1 above.
- 4.4.2 **West Okement.** Owing the West Okement valley RNBA, irrespective of the river level, the West Okement may **NOT** be crossed from 1<sup>st</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> July between SX577871 and SX559900

## 5 45 and 55 mile –wild camping arrangements.

5.1 45 and 55 mile teams may **NOT** camp within 1km – measured in a straight line - of any Safety Control or Checkpoint. Teams must plan their routes accordingly; bearing mind that:

5.1.1 As 45/55M teams can't check though SCs/CPs after 2200, teams must plan ahead and camp at least 1km from their next SC/CP if the time is nearing 2200 and they're unlikely to reach the SC/CP by 2200.

5.1.2 As no 45M/55M team may check into their 8<sup>th</sup> Tor prior to 0600 Sunday, teams nearing their 8<sup>th</sup> TOR on Saturday evening must plan ahead and camp at least 1km from of the relevant SC/CP.

5.1.3 Having passed through a SC/CP on Saturday evening and intending to camp, the team must proceed at least 1km from the SC/CP in question.