N.A.D./SOROPTIMIST PARK PERMANENT COURSE

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

A control description gives extra-precise information about the control you're looking for, and helps you confirm that you've found the right control.

There are eight available columns of information, which is a lot! But don't worry about understanding them all, because the first two columns have the most essential information, and are also the easiest to learn.

The first two columns show numbers. The first column denotes what order you must find the controls in, and the very important second column denotes the number that you will find on the actual control. So if you see "2, 85," that is the second control you must find and you will see the number 85 on the control when you find it.

The next most useful column is the seventh column. This column tells you what side of a feature the control is on. So if the control is on a boulder, this column will tell you which side of the boulder the control is on. These symbols are the most intuitive to learn, as well as the most helpful to know.

The other columns take more time to learn, but also don't show you much information that the map doesn't show you already. Fortunately, the columns that are the most challenging to learn, are the least essential ones!

Learning control description symbols may feel intimidating, but don't let that stop you from orienteering. You can have fun and complete an orienteering course by reading just the first two columns, the easiest columns to learn!

You can learn the symbols in the other columns over time. A control description legend can be found at cascadeoc.org, or through a quick Google search.



