



# Orienteering in Heol Las Park

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**THE MAP.** This is a standard orienteering map; the symbols and colours are explained in the legend. The scale is 1:2,500 which means that 1cm on the map represents 25m on the ground, as shown by the scale line.

**CONTROLS and MARKERS.** The locations of the controls are shown on the **map** by numbered circles in red, and a description of each is given below. The controls are marked on the **ground** by a post on top of which is a plaque with a red and white orienteering symbol. There is a number, which corresponds to the same control on the map, and a letter which you note down in the appropriate box on the control card below to confirm your visit.

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**DIRECTIONS.** Whichever direction you are going or facing, keep the map the same way round as the ground, i.e. **orientated**. When you go forward, features to one side on the map will be on the same side on the ground. If you have a **compass** you can use it to **orientate** the map. The needle points to magnetic north. Use this to keep the north arrows on the map pointing north too.

#### CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS:

Start Fence corner

- 1. Wall, South East end
- 2. Thicket, South East end
- 3. Fence corner
- 4. Fence corner
- 5. Fence end
- 6. Distinct tree
- 7. Building, North corner
- 8. Earthbank, East end
- 9. Earthbank, North East end

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#### CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS:

Start Distinct tree

- 1. Fence corner
- Tree stump
   Path junction
- 4. Path junction
- 5. Path junction
- 6. Earthbank, North end
- 7. Fence corner
- 8. Fence end
- 9. Fence corner
- 10. Building, South corner
- 11. Distinct tree

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