

HANGING and VETTING CONTROLS – general field notes

- Navigate to the checkpoint using the map and compass and find the tape. Great practice!
- Verify control description (suggest changes if needed).
- Verify location with GPS device that it is within 15m and is on the centre of the map feature described.
- Wrap the flag around tree – preferably about 1.5m high (chest height). This is to avoid damage to the flag (and attached Navlight).
- Remove tape including any on the ground.
- Make a loop in the Navlight cord. Loop navlight units through eyelets in the flag making sure you have hung the correct number.
- Loop the number onto the flag so it can be seen.
- Secure navlights to avoid movement (and damage) by wrapping it over the flag.
- Got everything?

Other things to do along the way include:

- Check natural water for drinkability (flowing, clear, not slimy etc). Note location with GPS and in relation to controls (approx direction and distance);
- Anything that should be in the course setters notes;
- Interesting animals, plants, features etc;
- If on fire trails, note if any fallen trees or other obstacles that could stop access and GPS them.
- Note any other tracks and gates that are not marked on the map. GPS them if you think they are important.
- Take interesting photos including some of yourself.

Troubleshooting

Tape not found: Check the GPS and verify surrounding landform. Hang the control, ensuring it is hung on the centre of the feature described. This could be up to 15m from the GPS waypoint. Just to be sure, take a new waypoint noting its number.

Taped tree unsuitable: Go to the nearest suitable tree within 15m of GPS waypoint AND it must be on the centre of the feature. Hang control.

Major disturbance to control location (very unlikely) eg farmer has bulldozed track. Find nearest obvious feature, hang the control, take waypoint and notes. *We will revisit to vet location.*