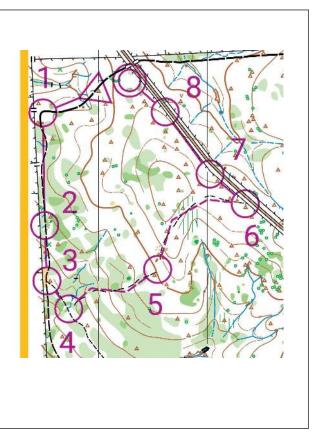
SETTING COURSES AT THE CORRECT STANDARD

Bush events at the local, state and national level are set at four grades of difficulty. See the text and examples below of course legs that match each of these levels.

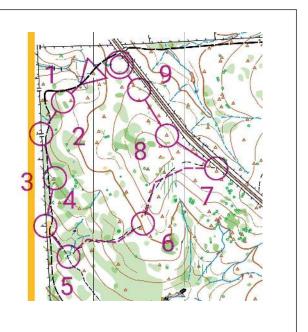
Very Easy

Designed for juniors and folk who want an easy walk of a few kilometres. Navigation involves following line features (i.e. tracks, fences, watercourses) with controls on those features. There should be many controls (perhaps 8-10) to maintain interest, and they should be at points where a direction change is needed (e.g. track junctions). The only compass work required is for general orientation. Streamering some short cross-country legs (or through indistinct or complex track systems) between line features can work. Use occasional "wrong way go back" signs to prevent major navigation errors.



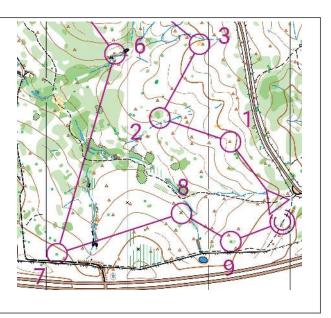
Easy

May include a few very easy controls, but most markers should be a short distance (e.g. 10-20 metres depending on the area) from the line feature to encourage leaving tracks, fences and watercourses for a short time. Legs might be set to allow cutting the corner to increase confidence. The control flag need not be visible from the line feature (e.g. on the far side of a boulder or thicket). Wrong way go back signs and streamers may still be used.



Moderate

Most controls should be located away from tracks and fences with a strong catching feature behind. Use of compass bearings and route choice can be introduced.



Hard

Difficult navigation requiring fine mapreading skills to locate controls in sometimes complex areas. There should be route choice options on many legs. Some legs will require careful use of compass bearings and perhaps pacing to estimate distance.

