

Introduction to Colours

Orienteering maps use a variety of symbols to show many different features that you will find in the forest. Symbols use colours related to the type of feature they represent. This sheet introduces the major colour groups.

Black - Hard, Man-made

Black symbols include rocks, cliffs, roads, paths, fences, walls, buildings, and other man made features. Some black features are dangerous.

Blue - Wet

Blue symbols include lakes, ponds, streams, watercourses, marshes, and other features related to water.

Brown - Made of earth

Brown contours show the shape of the land. Other brown features include mounds, ditches, depressions, earthbanks, and rough ground.

Yellow - Open land

Yellow areas have no or fewer trees - faster running and better visibility.

White - Tree Cover

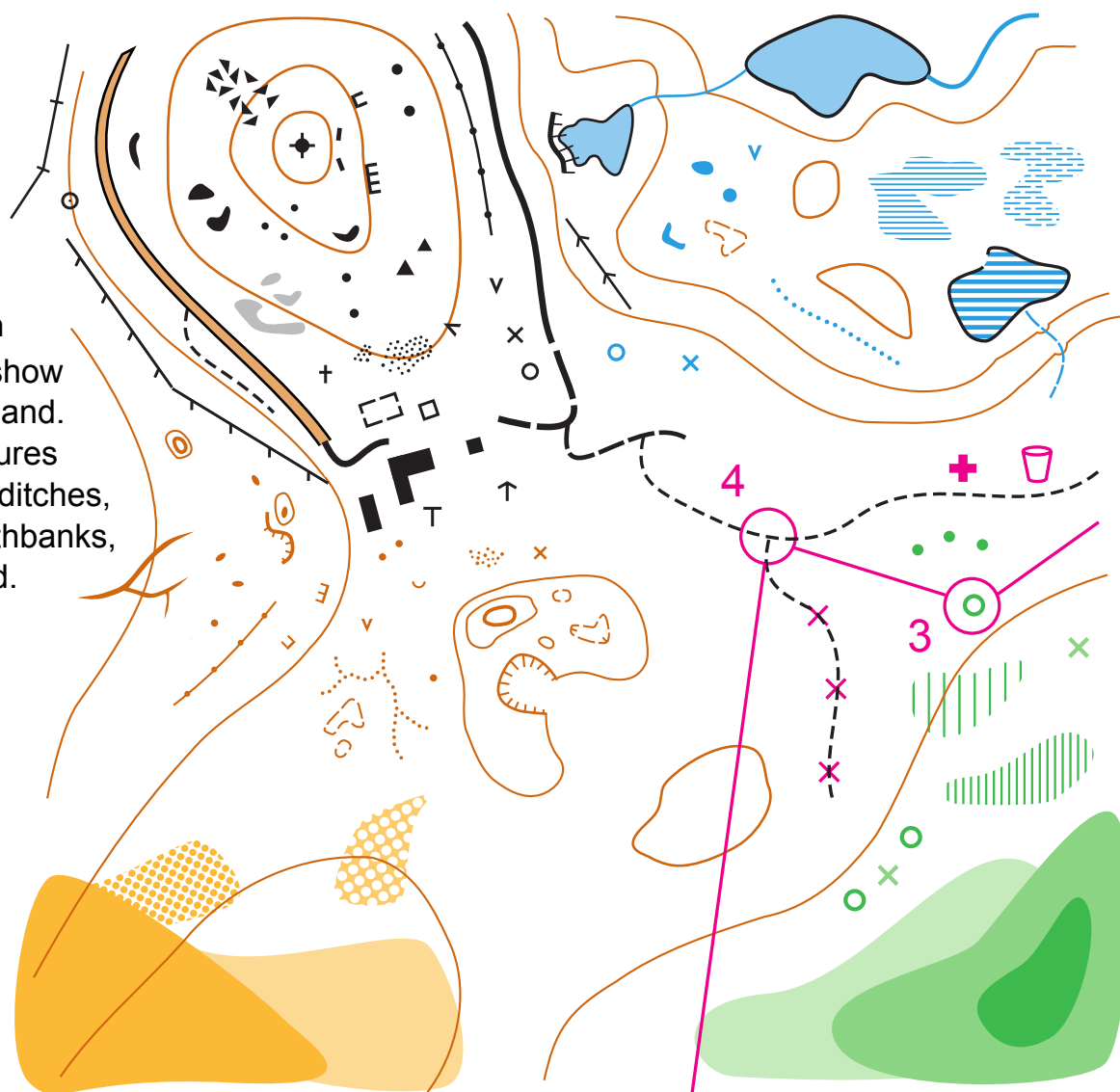
White forest is typical - widely-spaced trees.

Purple - Race information

The course and other important race information such as water points is shown in purple.

Green - Thick forest

Green areas have more trees and bushes - slower running and poorer visibility.



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