



ROUTE EXPLANATION

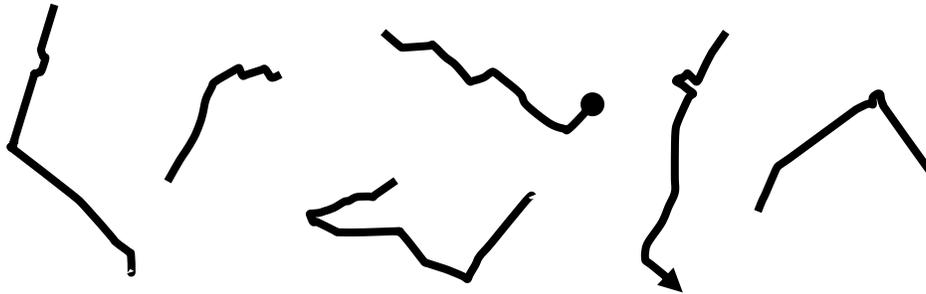
LEG 9

TC73 to TC74

Novice

TC 73 (097557→SW) to TC 74 (098524)

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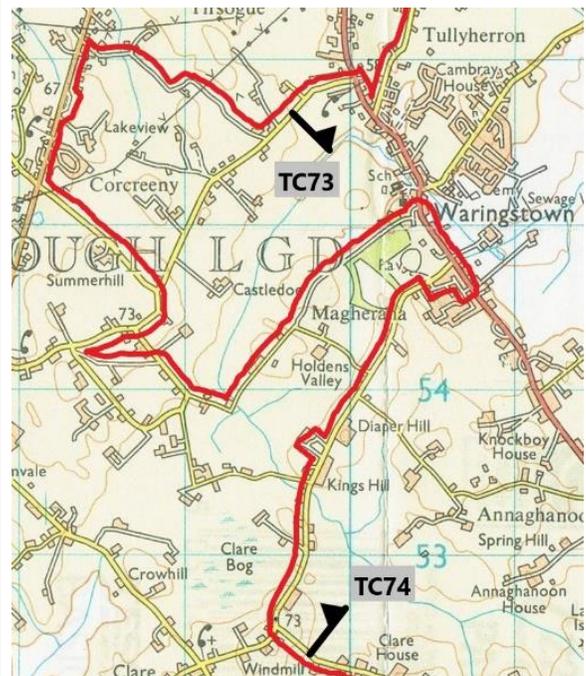
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Tracings for the Novices, with the route split into 6 sections. One of these includes a ball, and another an arrow, so they must be the first and last sections.

Tracings like this will not always be orientated with North towards the top, nor at the same scale. Some may even be mirrored. But none of that applies here, and the best approach is usually to look for unusual features on the tracings, such as the lay-by in the leftmost segment, and try and match them up with the map.

On this occasion all of the route is included in the tracings, but you will not usually find that out until you have pieced a few segments together.

Once you have placed the first and last segments, the others should fall into place without too much difficulty.



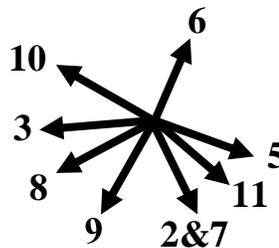
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TC 73 (097557→SW) to TC 74

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Junction departure directions:

1. Some of the junctions on the correct route are numbered in order, and the instruction shows the direction of departure from some of those numbered junctions.
2. Not all of the junctions on the route are numbered. Only the 11 junctions which include more than one driveable exit road are included in the numbering. The following roads are deemed to be NOT driveable:
 - a) Gated roads, cul-de-sacs and dead-end roads;
 - b) Roads which lead off the edge of the map;
 - c) Roads which cannot lead to TC75 (final control) because all routes would be blocked by roads already used on this Leg; and
 - d) Roads which lead only to a, b, or c above.
3. The directions of departure from (some of) the numbered junctions are as follows:



We have seen Starbursts previously on the Chatter, but there is an added layer of difficulty here as, to find the route, you first of all have to work out which of the junctions on the route are numbered. So you are continually asking “If the route goes this way, would the next junction be numbered?” as well as (if the answer to that question is “yes”) checking whether the junction includes an exit in the direction shown for that junction number in the Starburst. And there is a third layer of complexity in that not all of the numbered junctions are included in the Starburst. Directions for Junction numbers 1 and 4 are not shown.

Basically it is only junctions where there is a genuine exit option which are numbered, and that may depend upon where you have already been to get to that junction. So, from TC73, the first junction (white side road right) would not be numbered as it is a dead end, but the second junction (another white side road right) would be numbered (i.e. Junction 1) as you could go either straight on or turn right. But as the Starburst does not include a direction for Junction 1, you have to look ahead and see where the Junction 2 would be on each of the option routes.

Looking at the straight-on option first, the next 4 junctions are all with dead-end whites, so would not be numbered. The next junction is a yellow fork, but it too is not numbered because turning right leads only to dead-ends, so you have to take the left fork. After that is another short dead-end white, but then a yellow side road option, so that would be Junction 2. The starburst shows a SSE exit direction for Junction 2, and you can take the side road in that direction.

Following that through, you get a route with numbered junctions as shown here, and (if you go left at J4) it works right up to Junction 10, and arguably to Junction 11 where you are looking for a SE exit, but at a junction which offers only W or SSE.

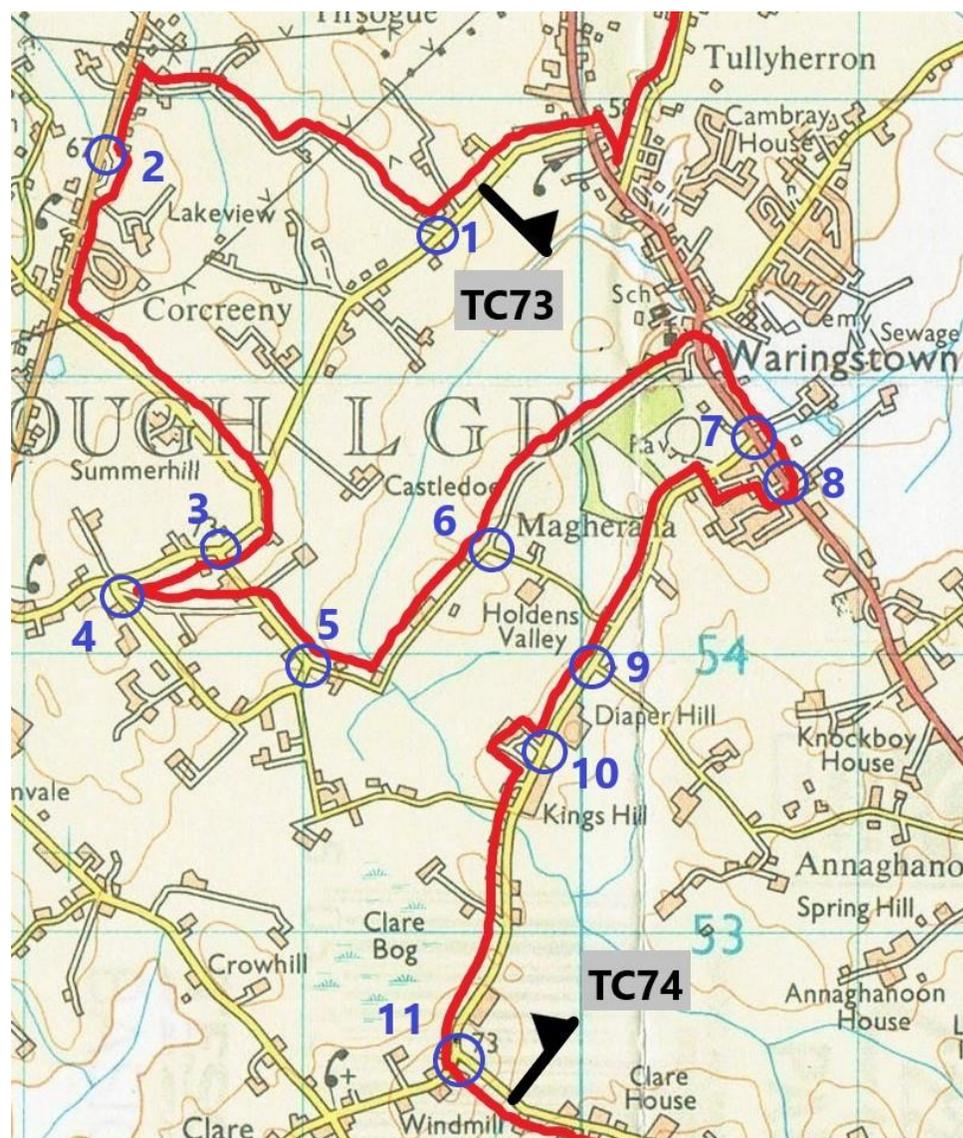


So if that route doesn't work you have to try some other options, for example at Junction 4 which is not shown on the Starburst.

But turning right at J4 would make the J5 at Kings Hill, where there is no ESE exit. So that's not correct either.

In fact you have to go all the way back to J1 and turn right rather than going straight on. At first look this route seems to result in the same Junction numbering as above, but only if you fail to spot the lay-by just after SH67 – the entrance to that Lay-by is an option junction and is therefore J2, and you have to take the SSE option into the lay-by.

And following that through gets you to the correct route as shown on this map, with the numbered junctions circled in blue. Note the route around Junctions 7 and 8. You would expect the junction where the white from J6 meets the red road to be numbered, but turning right is the only available option – turning left leads only to roads which are blocked off – so that is not a numbered junction.



[Note: a route instruction which requires two pages of explanation is too difficult for a real rally, but the mental agility required to explore the options and keep this one on the right track is a useful skill to have. Congratulations if you worked it out!]