



ROUTE EXPLANATION

LEG 5

TC36 to TC37

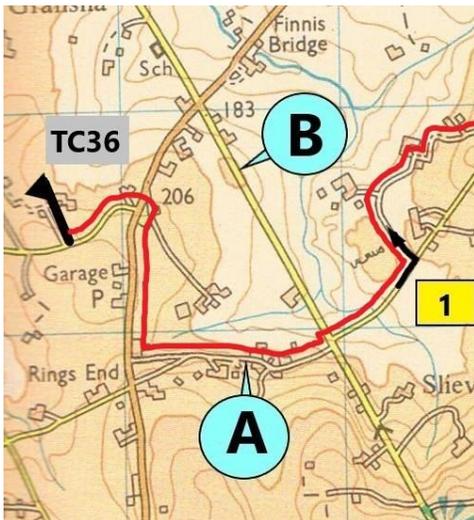
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Points and Arrows (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8)
 Points – Shortest Route
 Arrows – Shortest Route

SOLUTION BOARDS:

A	E	E	G	G	H	H	
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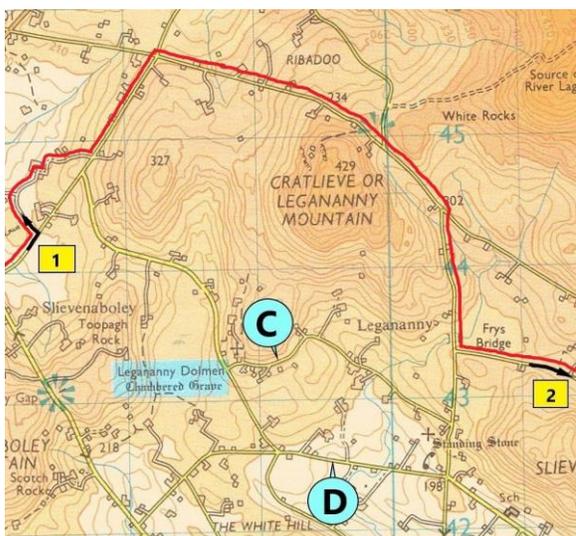


TC36 to Arrow 1

A gentle start. Two possibilities for shortest route. You are never looking further ahead than the next Objective (in this case Arrow 1) so you don't have to consider whether you might want to use either of these options later.

The southerly route probably looks shorter to the eye, and a quick measure confirms that the shorter route is indeed via codeboard A.

Also remember that you have to drive the whole length of the arrow. So you have to go through the arrowhead and continue along the white road, and not leave the arrow half way along and continue on the yellow.



Arrow 1 to Arrow 2

The first lesson – you cannot always trust your eye!

Even if you spotted the route to the north of Legananny Mountain the route via codeboard C looks noticeably shorter to the eye. The route via the decoy codeboard D can quickly be discounted but it does concentrate attention away from the correct route.

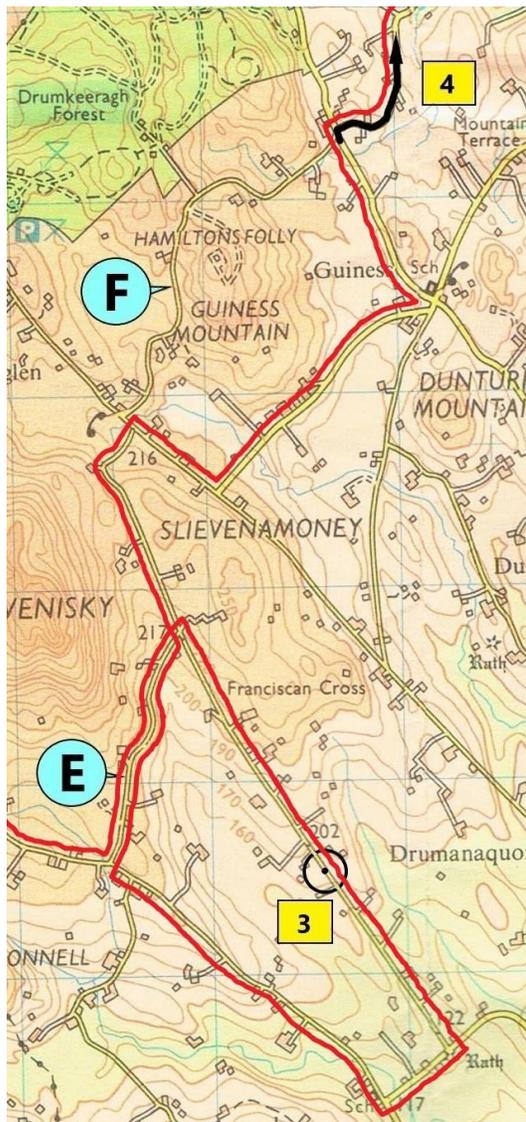
And even if you are treating the northern route as a serious option, you may have to measure it more than once to convince yourself that it is indeed shorter than via codeboard C. But it is. So no boards on this part of the route.



Arrow 2 to Point 3

UK navigators will instinctively want to approach Point 3 from the south-east but the shortest route to Point 3 is simply via codeboard E, approaching Point 3 from the NW. The key here is to remember that you are only assessing the shortest route to the next objective (in this case Point 3) and not looking at anything further along the route.

So via E is the correct route. And you are not heading into a dead end on this rally!

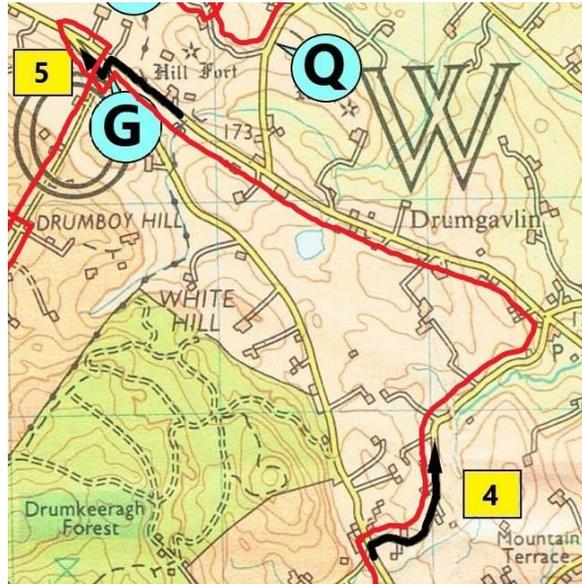


Point 3 to Arrow 4

The ability to use roads more than once means that you can escape the dead end by looping around and passing codeboard E again because that is in the same direction as you used that road previously.

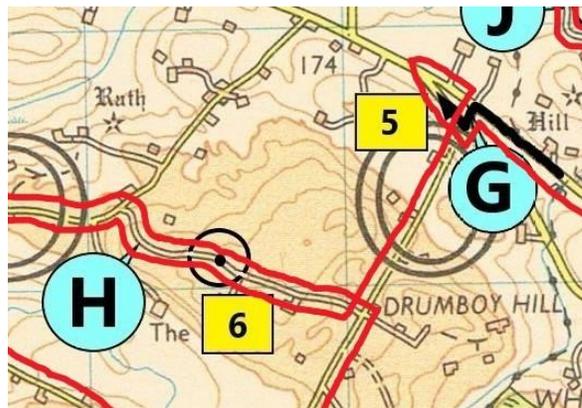
The next challenge is to spot that the tail of Arrow 4 extends slightly to the SE of the junction, so you will not drive the whole arrow as required (see regulations 5, 6 & 7) if you go via codeboard F. So you have to go via the school and telephone (and not via Hamilton's Folly and Guinness Mountain, no matter how much that prospect may appeal).

If you went the wrong way to Point 3, you would have continued NW to Arrow 4, and missed codeboard E twice. On most European events the organisers would have made those two E boards into a "combination" so that you would only have been penalised once for what was a single mistake. Very fair!



Arrow 4 to Arrow 5

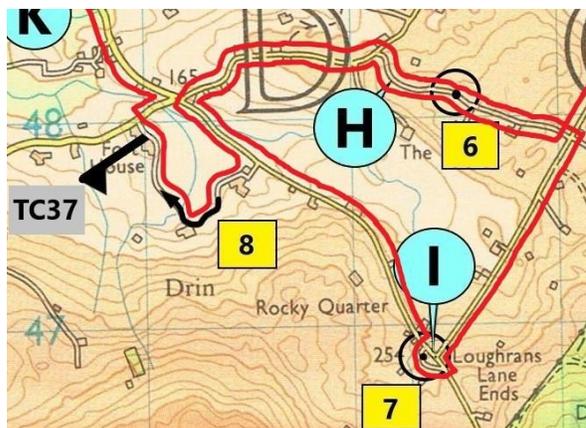
No real issues or options here. The potential shorter route using the white across the corner north of Arrow 4 is not a through road, and you pick up codeboard G whilst driving Arrow 5.



Arrow 5 to Point 6

Despite first appearances there are two options here. The obvious route is to turn left at the angled T junction immediately after Arrow 5, then TL twice and pick up codeboard H on the way to Point 6.

But the shorter route is to TR at the T junction, then XR to use part of Arrow 5 again (which you can do in the correct direction, and pick up codeboard G again) before turning right to Point 6, approaching from the south-east.



Point 6 to Point 7 to Point 8 to TC37

These are grouped together here only because they are all on the same small area of the map – you still have to consider each Objective separately and individually, without reference to any of the later ones.

Leaving Point 6 to the west, pick up board H then TL and XL to Point 7 which is on a small loop to the right **before** you get to board I.

From Point 7, to get to Arrow 8 you have to loop around via Point 6 (avoiding codeboard I

altogether but picking up codeboard H again) to avoid going against the previous direction of travel on the road north-west of codeboard I. Then along Arrow 8 to TC37.

As an aside, if the correct route had been to leave Point 6 to the south-east, the correct route would then have been an anti-clockwise loop through Point 7 (shortest route to Point 7, even though that would result in a longer route overall from Point 6 to Arrow 8 – you have to treat 6 to 7, and 7 to 8 separately) therefore 'I' twice on the way to Arrow 8.