Turf Brecon



24th July 2024

Event Centre: Brecon Tap, 6 Bulwark, Brecon, LD3 7LB

You do not have to come to the event centre before the event starts, however you can come along to drop off bags, ask questions, register if you have not done so already and meet others who are taking part. Make sure you come along after the event finishes for a drink and to socialise with other Turfers.

A huge thank you to Walter from Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club for all of his help in getting our inaugural Turf event up and running, and to ESOC for having such brilliant details on their Website about Turfing!

If you are new to Turf, or even if you are not (!), you might find these links useful:

TURF FAQS: General Turf FAQs are available here
TURF JARGON: Turf terms explained here
There is a lot more information about Turf on the ESOC website here

How to get started:

1. **Download Turf**
   The game is available free and can be downloaded from the Google Play store or Apple App Store. There are many games with "Turf" in their name – the one to look for has the Turfman logo and is simply called "Turf", by Andrimon AB.
2. **Set Up**
   Once you've downloaded and installed Turf, start the game and then choose a username. Your username can be anything (but we recommend it is not your actual name).
3. Take Zones
   Turf is a location-based game using GPS technology, so you must go to the physical location of the virtual "zones". On your phone, you will see the zones identified clearly on a satellite image of the local area. When you get to the location, the app will recognise this and you will "take" the zone. By taking zones, you can gain Turf points, earn virtual medals and also climb the leaderboards!
4. **Before taking part in a Turf event**

   You will need to take at least one zone before you can register for the event.

How does a Turf event work?

Introduction

Events are Turf competitions which are limited in time (e.g. 45 minutes / 90 minutes) and space (e.g. an area within a city). Zones for the event are placed by the planner and only available during the event. No one except the planner knows where the zones are until the event starts.

Points taken during and the results produced, are for the event only and do not affect your normal turf points score for the round.

Open & Closed Events – what's the difference?

Open Events, no registration needed.
Closed Events, you must register in advance.

Open Events: As soon as the event starts, anyone who is in the event area is a participant – even if they don't know it! Everyone can see the event zones, including Turfers outside the event area. Participation in open events give everyone who takes at least one event zone an Event medal.

Closed events: Participants must be added to the event by the planner prior to the event starting. If you have indicated that you want to be part of the Turf events by midnight on Tuesday 23rd July, you will have been added to the event already. Please check they are on your Turf calendar. If you haven't said you want to enter, but now you do, please come along to the event centre before the event so you can be registered. **You cannot be added to an event once it has started.** Only participants can see the event zones. No Event medals are awarded for closed events.

Rules for events

1. Everyone has the same takeover time (30 seconds) and block time (3 minutes). For the takeover time, nobody has a GPS bonus or a Crown bonus, so the conditions are the same for all participants.
2. All zones are worth 10 points in for a take (TP) and 60 points per hour you hold them (PPH).
3. There is no bonus taking yellow zones. Yellow and red zones are worth the same. *BUG: The take over info will say you get 50 bonus point when taking a yellow event zone. This is incorrect.*
4. You can't assist, so the first person in the zone takes it, and a second person arriving slightly later will be blocked!
5. You can't revisit a zone you already hold (but you CAN go back to the same zone again if someone has taken it from you).



Preparation

1. You can check you are registered for the right events through the app. Tap the event to see date and time. Tap "Where" to see where it will take place. If you can't see the event in the app it's because the planner hasn't added you yet.



2. iPhone users only: make sure your turf-avatar is constantly visible on the Turf map even when you turn off the screen: start Turf, tap the Turf menu icon, tap settings (the cog wheel). Enable "Run as background service".

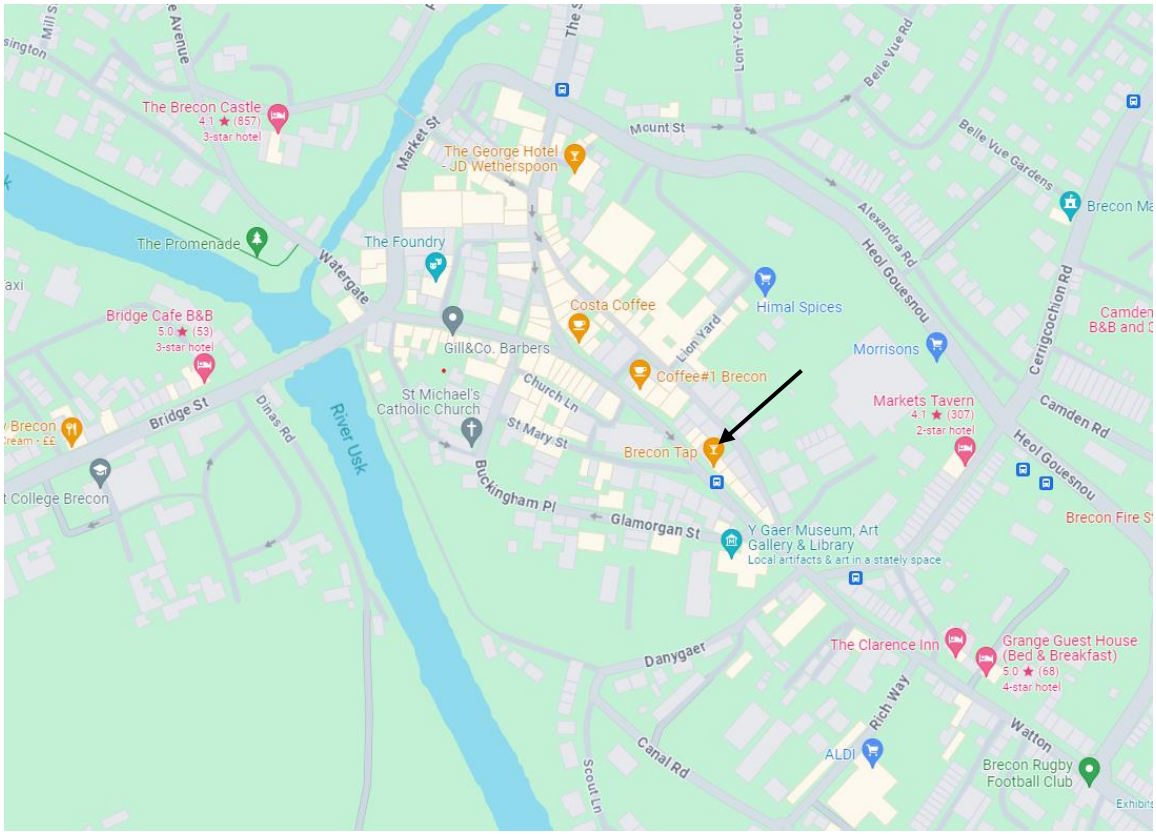
Participating in the event

1. Go to the event area in due time before the event starts. The event area is within the rectangle displayed on the map. The map of the area we will be using can been seen below.
2. There is no single common starting point in an event. On the contrary, the best tactic is often to find a starting place away from everyone else. When there are a few minutes left for start, find yourself a good spot within the event area.
3. Just before the event start, there will be a countdown in the app. When the countdown reaches 0, all existing normal Turf zones within the event area will disappear and the event zones will be shown. GoGoGo! Start taking zones as fast as you can!
   - *3.1 Bug 1: sometimes there is a delay before the~~n~~ event zones display. Sometimes you need to restart the app if they don't display (wait 10 seconds or so).*
   - *3.2 Bug 2: sometimes normal turf zones stay on the map within the event area when the event has started. You can't take them. This specifically happens if a normal turf zone is blocked when the event starts (but sometimes in other cases too).*
4. During the event, there is a "toplist" scoreboard for the event in the app, where you would normally only see the leagues you are in (eg. Wales, UK, World, etc.). Use this to keep track of your own performance and see who is leading.
5. Keep taking zones until the event ends (with a countdown).

6. When the event ends, go to the event centre.

Post event

Once the event ends, the event top list will disappear from the app fairly soon after the finish time. You can go to https://turfgame.com/event and find the event under History. When you click your completed event, you will see a map of all event zones and the complete result list. There is also a cool function called "Event Graph" which shows how each participant's total score developed from start to finish. If it is a tight competition, you will often find that the winner passes the runner up just before the event ends! **Make sure you go to the Event Centre after you have finished so we know you are back safely.**

EVENT DETAILS – Foot Turf Brecon	
Event Centre:	Brecon Tap, 6 Bulwark, Brecon, LD3 7LB W3W ///masses.remover.national
Travel directions:	 Go by Bus: The Event Centre is close to a number of bus routes; timetables can be found here: https://bustimes.org/localities/brecon Go by Bike: The Event Centre is easily accessible by bike. There are a number of pay and display car parks in Brecon and limited on street parking is available.
Terrain:	Urban streets of Brecon. All U16's must be accompanied by an adult due to the urban nature of the area.
Map:	On phone only, using the Turf App
Course:	60-minute Foot Turf Event
Register:	All registrations before midnight on 23rd July to: https://forms.gle/bZNXeZmLcWeMhsTs6 Register on the day at the Event Centre
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Starts:	Event will start at 4.00pm – you may start anywhere in the event zone, you do not have to start from the event centre
Finish:	5.00pm – please go to the Event Centre when the event finishes, so we know you are back safely
Event Zone:	
Organiser:	Kerina Lake, 07811 419972, SBOCFunDays@gmail.com
Safety Information:	A risk assessment has been completed but it should be noted that competitors take part at their own risk, and are responsible for their own safety during the event. Please be careful crossing roads, use pedestrian crossing where available. Please take extreme care whilst running through and across the streets and paths of Brecon and please be courteous to pedestrians and road users. Competitors are reminded that they are required to report to the Event Centre once they have finished the event. Photographs might be taken to promote the sport. Please let the organiser know if you do not wish to be included.
Medical Information:	Any competitor with a high-risk medical condition is invited to contact the organiser beforehand and provide information in a sealed envelope at registration. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency, and unopened envelopes can be collected from registration after your run or they will be destroyed immediately after the event.
Additional information:	Dogs are allowed, but must be kept under close control
Personal Information:	Your personal information provided for this event or obtained from registration databases will be used to process your entry, publish results, check for missing runners, used in case of medical emergency.

Event cancellation or postponement	For the latest information check https://croeso.uk/ especially in case of forecasted weather warnings. In the case of cancellation or postponement a notice will be put on the website and through the SBOC Facebook group.