

Section Guide with approx timings.

Goats (9.30 am) – A first public chance to see the field this year, a steady downhill walk from the car parking area. A climb over green rocks, it should get progressively worse as the muck drags onto them.

Underbanks (10.10) – A dry rock staircase that has good viewing & good parking. Leave the start field by 9:15 you'll get a good vantage point here. Expect a convoy with 5 or 6 bikes in the section at once, a great first Scott viewing point.

Shaw Gutter / Bridge End (11.00) - There's no section at Bridge End, only the petrol check. Shaw Gutter is a short hike down & across the Ghyll. Two beck sections, the second of which is up a spectacular large rock slab. Should be interesting with all the early Trial congestion.

Whaw Bridge (12.05) – Two beck sections that are fairly steady but can be very slippery early on. They sit in a small but deep ghyll & are fairly sheltered when the weather isn't great.

Black Hills (12.10) – An absolute nightmare for most after the first dozen get through. If it's a very wet day it isn't so bad but if it's dry the mud gets dragged up, it's hell! Long gully with 2 or 3 sections in it so worth the walk.

Tank Trap (12.15) – Slippery climb over some very small stones, clubman hazard, yet it takes marks off most of the field.

Grand Canyon (12.17) – dry climb over loose rocks that get progressively worse, plenty of room to get a good view of the action

By Pass (12.20) – Three beck sections here with two of them being a decent walk, a walk well worth taking as both of them are tough hazards.

Surrender (1.25) – Scott icon what more can be said? Only one section here this year.

Roys Rocks (1.30) – A bonus of running the Scott this way round is that three good sections can be used, real mark stealers if the water is running deep.

Rawcroft (1.40) – Slippery beck section under trees, not the toughest section of the days but still takes marks.

Sleeper Stones (1.45) – Something new from the Fremington Edge gang, maybe worth a viewing. Just to keep the riders guessing the flags are going in Saturday morning!

Reels Head (2.05) – two tough sections that a short walk from the same car parking as Underbanks, a great last place to view the action.

Clapgate (2.40) – something new afoot in here this year as well, a return of the sting in the tail.

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