MAP SYMBOLS FOR ORIENTEERING MAPS

Conforms to International Specifications (ISOM 2000) with Australian usage.
For more information refer to the publications section of the IOF website (http://www.orienteering.org/)

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- Contours with form lines
- High point, small knoll or mound
- Depression : large / small
- Embankment
- Erosion gully
- Earth wall / broken earth wall
- Dry ditch / indistinct dry ditch
- Pit
- Broken ground, shallow diggings
- Special earth feature, termite mound
- Lake, large dam
- Small dam, pond
- Small waterhole
- Uncrossable river or creek
- Crossable river or creek
- Creeks and watercourses
- Minor creeks and watercourses
- Uncrossable marsh
- Crossing points : bridge, ford, other
- Marsh
- Marsh : narrow / indistinct or seasonal
- Water features : tank, well, spring, etc.
- Impassable cliff
- Passable rock faces, minor cliffs
- Boulders, small to large
- Boulder field/ boulder cluster
- Stony ground, rocky outcrops
- Bare rock
- Mine entrance (adit) or cave
- mineshaft - Danger!
- Runnable forest (white)
- Open land - fast running
- Open land with scattered trees
- Rough open land
- Rough open land with scattered trees
- Open sandy ground
- Sealed roads
- Gravel roads
- Minor forest road, vehicle track
- Major path, 4 wheel drive track,
- Minor track or path
- Minor track or path - indistinct
- Narrow ride, fire break
- Railway
- Fence
- High fence / broken fence
- Stone wall / ruined stone wall
- Power lines
- Buildings
- Ruins
- Firing range, cairn
- Cemetery / field grave
- Tower : high / low
- Special vegetation feature
- Other man made features, eg. wreck
- Built up area, uncrossable boundary
- Out of bounds - private property
- Out of bounds - dangerous terrain
- Thick forest - slow run
- Thick undergrowth - slow run
- Thick forest - walk
- Thick undergrowth - walk
- Very thick forest - no practical route
- Forest - runnable in mapped direction
- Distinct vegetation boundaries

Special symbols for Mountain Bike Orienteering
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Special symbols for Sprint Orienteering Maps
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