

Kong Mini MM Round 2 – Sun 1st April 2017

On Sunday I headed over to Coniston for round 2 of the Kong Mini MM series. The idea of these events is to visit as many control points as possible within the 4 hour time limit; map issued at the start. Each control point has a score, and generally the ones which are further away and more difficult to get at are worth more points. If you finish late, penalty points will be deducted.

I have still not perfected the art of getting a map, dibbing in (to officially start), starting my own watch, looking at the map to plot the optimum route, taking into account distance, time, elevations...

so after a couple of minutes of best guessing I set off with my 'dynamic' plan. The weather was perfect and some fantastic Lakeland views were on show. I opted essentially for a clockwise round of The Old Man, Grey Friar and then up round Great Carrs and back to Coniston. Navigation went reasonably well and most CP's were not too hidden away. I felt like I had scored well and managed to return within the 4 hours... with 22 seconds to spare to be exact.



There were 216 competitors; I was the sole NFR runner I think. Overall the event was won by Neil Talbott from Ambleside AC with an impressive points haul. I finished in 14th place. These events are great in their own right, but fantastic for practicing map reading and navigational skills, particularly for people wishing to enter events like the Lake District Mountain Trial or Mountain Marathons. The next event is Sunday 27th August in the Lake District – North Lakes. I would fully recommend, and it would be great to get more NFR's out.

Results - <http://www.sportident.co.uk/results/2017/KongMMM-Round2/>

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