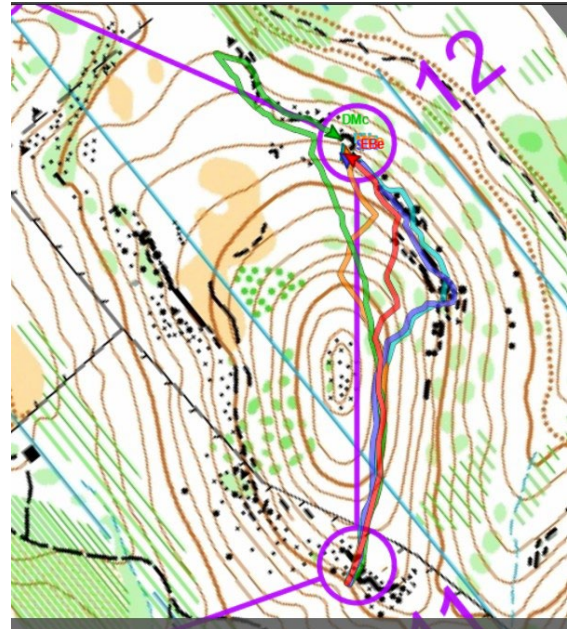
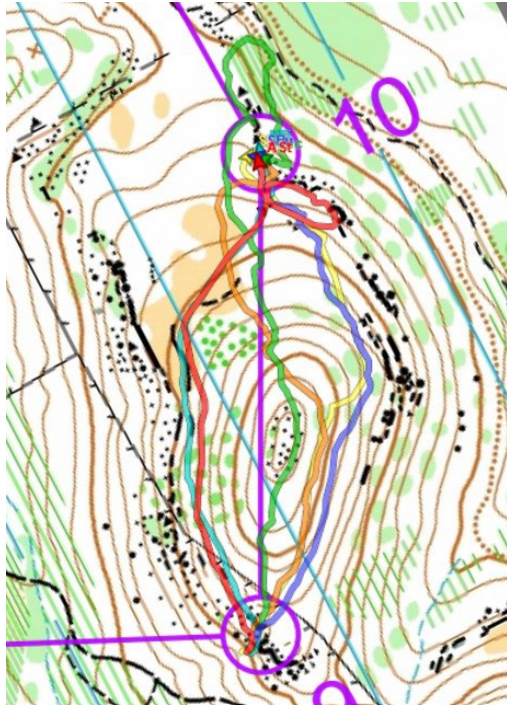
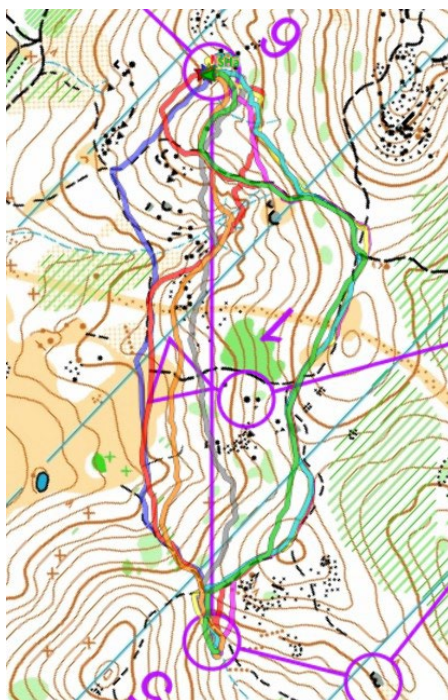


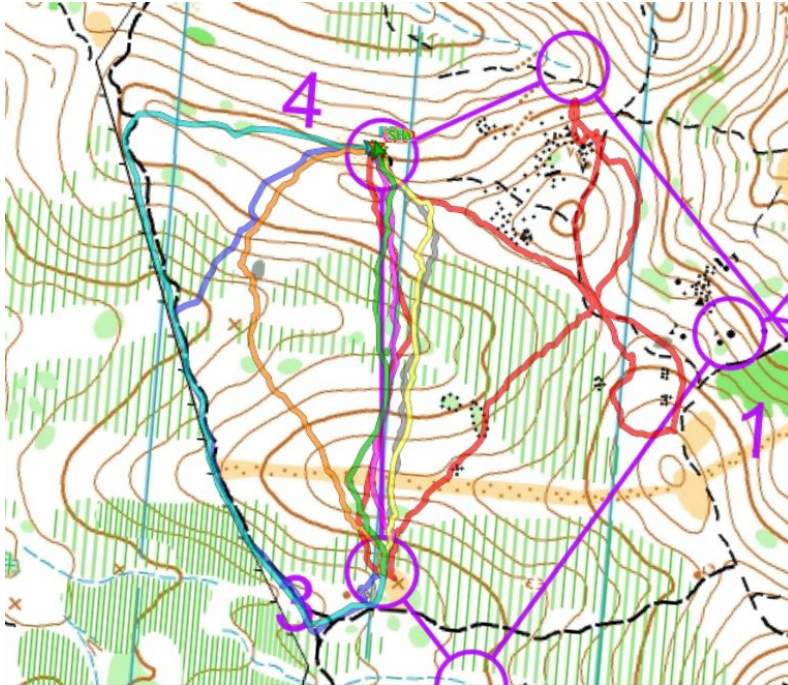
On the left, Course 2 had a straight-forward, unexciting choice: left, right, or over the hill. Still, it was better than no choices. On the right, the slightly different end point means that all Course 1 runners chose the same plan. However the traces do show that “along the hillside and straight down the far end of the hill” is a harder plan to implement than it seems.



Most courses were given a variation of the leg below, which involved choosing between staying on the ridgetop, or a long contour around spurs and gullies, or dropping low and climbing at the end. The ridgetop and low routes offered tracks and more obvious features but taking the low route requires the tough choice to immediately lose all that height. The blue trace was well chosen and implemented, and did win.



This leg delivered for the planner. I had wondered whether the hills were steep enough to make people consider the route options. By the way I include the red trace, not to embarrass its owner, but because it began as another reasonable route: arcing right to minimize climb. (I suspect when they climbed NE to the saddle they thought they were climbing N to the required spur. We can all identify with what happened after that!)



Finally, a scatter of Livelox traces does not imply interesting route choices. This 166m leg came at the end of Course 3. The control is “just over there”, through a mess of mining that is not worth trying to read. A lot of time was lost here. Orange was fastest by lots: he used his compass!

