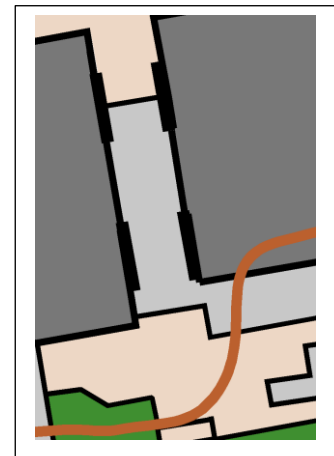


## Mapping Notes – National Sprint Championships 2026

The UWE has just completed a decade of campus expansion and major construction projects that finished in March 2026. Previous orienteering maps provide an outdated view of its current layout. The Google satellite image was updated very recently, but Google Street View images within the campus are misleading, showing now-demolished buildings. The sprint map has been updated to late May 2026. 1:4000 and 1:3000 maps with 2.5m contours will both show the whole campus. Apart from a few tunnels where paths pass below roads, the map is single level.

The campus lies on a north-south ridge with gentle slopes on either side and numerous steps. The buildings have little architectural coherence, linked by multiple roadways, paths and car parks. There are many landscaped areas, with larger open areas to the east and smaller patches of parkland to the west. There are several deep ponds, including one in the finish arena, which could be hazardous for young children. Uncrossable planted areas with taller shrubs or trees are indicated using dark green and this colour also indicates areas of dense brambles or nettles that bare-legged runners would not want to cross. Numerous flowerbeds are marked as olive green and are strictly out-of-bounds. Many of these beds are newly planted and easily damaged by any footfall. The planners have tried to remove any reason to cross them.

Within some buildings, there are publicly accessible corridors which, if shown on the map, may be used by competitors. These are mapped in grey as ‘canopies’ and may have automatic doors along their course, shown using the ‘crossing point symbol (519). The routes may be wholly enclosed within a multi-level building, or open to one side. Some internal passageways within larger buildings will only be revealed on the Finals maps and their use is not permitted during the Heats. We plan that automatic doors will be locked open and patrolled, but runners should not assume that this will be the case and take appropriate care. Smaller cut-throughs may be used in both heats and finals.



Nearly all roadways on the campus are barrier-controlled cul-de-sacs, with any traffic slow-moving. However, on the east side of the campus is a major bus interchange for South Gloucestershire that is constantly busy, even on a Sunday. Pedestrians may be elderly or disabled. The campus is used throughout the year and students remain on site; runners must be aware of other residents particularly within corridors.

Maintenance works are in progress and temporary out-of-bounds areas (714.0) will be updated until the map is printed, but later changes may occur. In the car park to the north of the assembly area there are currently two temporary structures: a marquee and a fenced builders' compound. These could be removed at any time.

There are numerous ornamental features in the grounds ranging from robots to unicorns, mapped using a circumpunct (537.0). BBQ stands are mapped using the fodder rack symbol (538.0), Frisbee golf targets by a cross (540.0) and red lifebuoy stands, prominent close to the various lakes & ponds, by a circle (539.0). Seats are not marked but some areas of dense street furniture are marked using the grey dotted overprint (533.001).

