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“New Race Series & 24hr event up north”

2005 will see the introduction of the Open5 Series and Open24 Adventure Races in the North of England by Open Adventure. Open Adventure is a new company set up by the UK adventure Racer and outdoor instructor James Thurlow. The Open5 series being 5hr score events and the Open24 a non-stop 24hr event at the end of July.

The Open5 Series of four events for solos and pairs will use the score orienteering format of visiting as many points as possible in the 5hrs by mountain bike and foot. The series will use areas new to adventure races such as the north Pennines and the Yorkshire Dales, with all locations selected primarily for their ability to offer superb mountain biking and running with challenging navigation. The style of the events will be slightly different to many races with controls ready marked on maps, yet all at a low price of £15 per person.

In the midst of summer Open Adventure are running a 24hr continuous event (*no support crew required*) in the North West on the last weekend of July. Although the event is only open to pairs, it will provide a great opportunity for those teams preparing for the Wilderness ARC. The Open24 will not only use MTB and trekking, but rope sections, Canoeing and a few challenges to make the most seasoned racer smile.

Details of the Open5 series and Open24 events are available on the new Open Adventure website.

Open5 Series

Yorkshire Dales 13th March
South Lakes 22nd May
North Pennines 16th October
Central Lakes 4th December

Open24

North West England 30-31 July

