

Somersault Course Maps in Google Maps and Google Earth

Somersault event maps are featured through the Google Maps service. Participants may easily view course maps using your Explorer or Firefox browsers. You may also access extra map features offered by Google Maps and Google Earth.

Novice Internet User Instructions

- Click on the "**Course Maps**" link under the **Map of Courses** on the event web site.
- This will activate the Google Map link showing course map information for the event.
- You can zoom in (or out) on the map, using the scale on the top left of the screen, or you can use the scroll wheel on your Mouse.
- Three display options are available on the top right of the screen. They are: **Map, Satellite, and Terrain.**
- **Satellite** provides an actual satellite view of the course map.
- Positioning the Mouse Cursor over the **Satellite** button allows selected roads and highways to be superimposed on the course map.
- This allows you to see street names as well as geographical landmarks and will give you a good feel for the topography of the course.
- Selecting the **Terrain** option will give you an idea of the elevation and contours of the area that may also be helpful.
- The icon menu on the left side of the map shows the event's points of interest (e.g. Water Stations, etc.).
- Clicking on these icons will highlight the location of that feature on the course map, and provide specific information or a visual.

More Advanced Internet User Instructions

- Experienced internet users or participants registering in multiple events may want to take advantage of the extra features on Google Maps.
- You may save a course map or several course maps to your own Google My Maps account.
- The "Save to My Maps" option is located at the top of the left hand map menu.
- If you do not have a Google account you will be instructed how to create one.
- Once your account is created you will be able to save course maps in it, and have quick access to those maps in your 'My Maps' account.

Advanced Internet User Instructions

- The more sophisticated internet user may choose to download and view the course maps using Google Earth rather than Google Maps.
- Google Maps gives you the option of downloading a .KML file that can be opened in Google Earth.
- The .KML file with all the map's info can be downloaded by clicking on 'View in Google Earth' next to the print option.
- In Google Earth you are provided with a larger viewing area and maps will display and 'flow' better.
- Google Earth allows you to save multiple event course maps in .KML files and will give you quick access to them through your 'My Places' menu.
- A basic version of Google Earth is available for free from the Google Earth website.