**La Sportiva Lake District Mountain Trial 2017**

Classic mountain navigation event over challenging terrain in the Lake District. Interval starts with course disclosure beyond start line - ie. as in orienteering. The Trial is excellent preparation for the OMM. Entries are now open for this year’s trial to be held on September 10th at Gatesgarth Farm at the head of Buttermere.

Entry is via: http://www.ldmta.org.uk/entry.html

Or via: https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event\_id=3569

Classic Trial: around 18 miles and 7500ft climb (29 km and 2300m). Estimated winning time = 4.5hrs. Minimum age for entry: 18yrs

Medium Trial: around 13 miles and 5000ft climb (21 km and 1500m). Estimated winning time = 3.5hrs. Minimum age for entry: 18yrs

Short Trial: around 9 miles and 3500ft climb (15 km and 1100m). Estimated winning time = 3hrs. Minimum age for entry for single runners: 18yrs.

The distances shown above are as the crow flies. Actual distances covered may be up to 50% further.

There is a Pairs category in the Short Trial in 2017. This presents a good opportunity to hone mountain navigational skills with a partner. Over 14's may compete as part of a pair if the other runner is their parent or legal guardian.

More Information about the Trial is available at: http://www.ldmta.org.uk/homepage.html