

## **Ranmore Night 9/11/2013 - Planner's Notes**

(this document does not repeat information in the flyer such as travel directions)

### **Courses**

**Ochre**            2.2km long, 35 climb, 13 controls, equivalent to a hard Yellow

This course is intended for those for whom just being out at night is a challenge. Route all along paths, controls on or just off paths. Harder than a Yellow in that you may have to turn the right way at several path junctions in between controls. While the controls are all clearly visible from the path, you may have to look in the right direction at the right time.

**Olive**            3.4km long, 70m climb, 16 controls, equivalent to Light Green

Path options available most of the time, but accurate navigation for a short distance through the forest also required. Technically and physically harder than Ochre but easier than Navy.

**Navy**            5.0km long, 150m climb, 18 controls, equivalent to Blue

A technically difficult tour of some of the nicer bits of the forest, with some path running to link them. For expert orienteers only. Length has been kept down in recognition of the fact that you have a more important event on Sunday.

### **Map and Terrain notes**

Map 1:10,000, 5m contours, last fully surveyed and drawn 2011 by Mike Elliot.

The vegetation mapping is fairly “broad brush”, small clearings are usually unmapped. Indistinct vegetation changes should not be used for navigation.

The map was prepared for winter conditions, consequently bracken is not mapped. It is still standing sufficiently to impede passage through terrain mapped as rough open (with or without scattered trees) throughout the area, and the “white” forest before the road crossing. “White” after the road crossing is mostly bracken-free.

There are some short fences, mostly unmapped, across the end of some paths. They are to deter horse-riders and 4x4 motorists, not you.

Do not be confused by the splendid new Permanent Orienteering Course posts which you will encounter. Your controls are all marked by conventional kites and SI punch boxes (although some are very close to Permanent Course posts). Posts are not mapped.

The “St Jude's Day” storm brought down large branches and occasional whole trees, distributed apparently at random. The planner hasn't found any adjacent trees down, so it always possible to get round the new obstructions (which are not mapped, except for the deletion of one blocked path which affects the Ochre course). However, the odd fallen branch can make following a compass bearing through otherwise runnable forest even more challenging.

“Small depressions” (the cup symbol) on Ranmore are mostly in a standard size, roughly circular with a diameter of 8 to 10m. Control descriptions only give the size of a small depression when it is significantly smaller.