



Welcome to Norbury Park

PERMANENT ORIENTEERING COURSE

Orienteering is a run or walk with a difference. Instead of following a marked route, you use a map to find your own way to various checkpoints or “control sites” which are described over the page. Their position is indicated on the map by the centre of each red circle. On the ground there are wooden posts, with red and white markings, bearing the corresponding number and a letter unique to each site.

The map has been specially prepared by Mole Valley Orienteering Club, and details useful for navigation are represented clearly. The colours and symbols used are unique to orienteering and are explained in the key. The scale is 1:10,000, which means that 1cm on the map is equivalent to 100 metres on the ground.

At each control, check that it is the one you are seeking by looking for the number on the post. Then write down the unique letter to record that you have found it.

Alternatively you can go round the course recording your progress on a mobile phone or tablet computer by reading the QR codes on each post. At the end this will show you a timesheet of your course (which can be uploaded to a website). See <http://iorienteering.co.uk/> for further information and to download the app. Before starting the course you will need to scan one of the QR codes at the end of this leaflet to tell the app which course you are doing.

Norbury Park

Travel Directions: Norbury Park is located to the west of the River Mole between Dorking and Leatherhead. It is approximately 2km from Leatherhead station (using footpaths along the Mole) in the north and 500m from Boxhill and Westhumble station in the south. There is a car park off Young Street (A246) by the Mole. Note you are *not* permitted to turn right into the car park when approaching from the west. There is another car park at Bocketts Farm, also off the A246.

Using the Park: Within Norbury Park you will find many places to enjoy. There are ancient woodlands, grassy meadows, fields, ponds and a well-established system of hard surfaced and grassy footpaths. Look out for wildlife, including all three species of British woodpecker. The Park contains several private houses and tenanted farms. Please respect this property and always keep to the Country Code.

Some history: Norbury Park was a neglected estate in the Mole Gap which was purchased in 1774 by William Lock and converted into a parkland landscape with a large country house exploiting breathtaking views. Today the Grade 2 listed house is in private ownership, but Surrey County Council owns the majority of the estate which is now managed by the Surrey Wildlife Trust. It was the first area of countryside purchased by Surrey County Council, in 1931, to protect it against development. The “Druids Grove” of yew trees is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Large parts of the area are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of their wildlife value. The woods are managed for their timber – available through Norbury Park Wood Products – and there is a local Norbury Blue cheese.

SUGGESTED COURSES

The start is marked by the red triangle on the map, to reach it from the Young Street car park leave the car park in a southerly direction, turn right under the bridge and cross the field to a stile where the start is marked by a post. If starting from Bocketts Farm, walk around the left side of the Farm entrance going eastwards, and at the field turn right and walk along the edge of the field to the start. It is useful to orientate the map with the railway line to help get your bearings.

Long (5km): **1 - 15**

Short (4km): **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 13, 14, 15**

Very Short (2.5km): **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15**

Hard (5.1km): **1, 4, 14, 11, 10, 13, 7, 5, 15, 2**

Finish courses by returning to the finish post marked by the double circle on the map (same as the start post).

Note that distance is straight line, actual lengths will be longer.

There are various other access points into Norbury Park, so come again and design your own route around the control points.

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Start/Finish Path crossing		8 Path/ride junction	H
1 Path junction	K	9 Path junction	N
2 Fence, south side	F	10 Track/path crossing	W
3 Large thicket, SE side	V	11 Vegetation boundary	E
4 Path junction	M	12 Path/vegetation boundary	L
5 Pit, south side	X	13 Path junction	J
6 Small depression	A	14 Top of earth wall	T
7 Thicket, SE tip	Y	15 Clearing, NE corner	Z

Neither Mole Valley Orienteering Club nor Surrey Wildlife Trust can be held responsible for any accidents or injuries, losses or damage, which may occur as a result of using the course.



Long course, all controls, mostly on paths

Shorter course, fewer controls, mostly on paths
S, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 13, 14, 15, F



Very short course, all on paths
S, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, F

**Harder course, if going off paths a compass will
be needed**
S, 1, 4, 14, 11, 10, 13, 7, 5, 15, 2, F



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