



MoleValley Orienteering Club

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WHITE DOWNS AND NETLEY HEATH SOUTH EAST LEAGUE EVENT

Sunday 7th February 2016

Final details

Despite the name of the event, most of the competition will be on Netley Heath, only the longer courses visit White Downs to the East. The SI punching system will be used.

Travel: The entrance to the event and the forest is on a bend in the minor road from Horsley to Shere, where its name changes from Green Dene to Combe Lane (as shown on google maps) at GR TQ 084498. Signed from A246 at the junction with Green Dene just East of Horsley at GR TQ101525; and from the A25 GR TQ 069 482 near at Shere. Please take care both arriving and leaving the event as the roads are narrow and much used by speeding cyclists. Do not use Shere Road which leaves the A246 at the roundabout at GR TQ 079523 as this is extremely narrow, rough and prone to flooding and may possibly be closed for repairs anyway. If possible meet friends at public car parks e.g. at Newlands Corner TQ 044493, Dorking or Leatherhead and share transport from there. Nearest rail station is Gomshall – approx. 3 km.

Car parking: Parking is very limited and may be muddy and a charge of £2 will be collected on the gate to cover costs of preparation work (brashings clearance). If you have a choice, bring a 4x4 vehicle, and avoid using low slung sports cars or campervans. Please follow instructions from parking officials very carefully and park as directed. You may have to drive up to 3km on the tracks to circumnavigate a loop, but most people will be parked within reasonable distance of registration – look out for signs to assembly or registration to make sure you walk the right way. Maximum walking distance may be 800 metres. Take great care on the tracks, which were constructed by the Canadian army in the second world war, and have probably not been maintained since. When driving watch out for pedestrians and runners on courses. Also please show courtesy to the public who may well be in the area on foot, bicycles, or on horseback – although prior warning notices have been placed in the area. No exit before 11:30 a.m. A tractor will be on stand-by from noon in case of difficulty. When leaving please also watch for instructions from officials.

Event facilities: Assembly will be located near the entrance gateway outside the main parking loop. Toilets, Refreshments and First Aid will be available. Bring your own water. Clothing can be left (in your own bag) near registration which is within 400 metres of the start and both finishes. A free string course will be available (parents requesting split start times will both be given open starts).

Registration: Pre-enter via Fabian4 until Wednesday 3rd February. Entry on the day will be available at £12 for adults and £8 for juniors, depending on map availability, from 09:30 to 11:30. SI electronic punching will be used. SI dibbers available for hire from registration for £1. Charge £30 for lost dibbers. Day entrants will be given a ticket with the course and start time to take to the start. Competitors who have pre-entered may go straight to the start.

Map: Revised and redrawn for the Southern Championships 2015:10000 scale, overprinted and waterproof. Control descriptions will be on the map. Loose control descriptions will be in start lanes. Please note that the map has no legend.

Planners notes: Terrain is the main ridge of the North Downs, the dip slope to the north, and a little of the scarp slope to the south. Mostly commercial forestry, but there are some pockets of native trees amongst the plantations. Vegetation changes are usually fairly vague, and colour changes on the map should only be taken as an indication of runnability, not used for navigation. Some small areas of complex contour detail.

There is ongoing forestry work, concentrated towards the east of the area. The foresters are using a machine which creates instant rutted, muddy tracks. The more recent creations are not shown on the map. Unfortunately when you come across a track which this machine has been along, it is not always possible to tell whether it has followed the line of an old mapped path or track, or has created a new unmapped passage. All courses except (at the time of writing 10 days before the event) White and Yellow are likely to encounter new tracks.

Blue through to Black courses will encounter very recent thinning/felling. In general, runnability through the forest is not much affected, although you may have to lift your feet higher. The forest is probably a better option than the mapped (or unmapped) tracks, which are deep in mud.

Individual fallen trees are not mapped. Competitors on all courses except White will need to go around/through/over trees which have come down across paths and tracks.

Rootstocks are not mapped. Many of the mapped knolls clearly have different origins, but the planner harbours suspicions that some of them may have been rootstocks once.

Deer shooting platforms have been mapped. Unfortunately some of them have moved since they were mapped. The only shooting platform which can be relied upon to be in its mapped location is the one with a control on, and even that has fallen down (control description is "ruined").

The area is also used for bird shooting, both feathered and clay varieties. Small items of associated paraphernalia such as shooting butts, bird feeders, very short fences, and a wooden carving of a half-naked woman have not been mapped.

Competitors on the Yellow course will see other controls which are not on their course, even though they will run past some of them. Please ensure that your Yellow course competitors are expecting this.

White course competitors can happily punch every control which they see ahead of them, but even they may spot controls off to the side which are not on their route. Plus they should not be discouraged by Yellow course competitors running in the opposite direction.

Courses:	Recommended for:	Distance Km	Climb M	Controls	Finish
Black	M21	11.6	305	30	West
Brown	M35 M40	10.0	250	27	West
Short Brown	M18 M20 M45 M50 W21	8.0	220	23	East
Blue	M16 M55 M60 W35 W40	6.5	165	18	West
Short Blue	M65 W18 W20 W45 W50	5.3	135	20	West
Green	M70 W16 W55 W60	4.5	95	15	West
Short Green	M75 M80 M85 M90 W65 W70	3.7	90	15	East
V Short Green	W75 W80 W85 W90	2.4	70	15	East
Light Green	M14 W14	3.4	70	12	East
Orange	M12 W12	2.7	60	12	East
Yellow	M10 W10	2.1	35	15	East
White		1.3	25	15	East

All subject to final controlling.

Note for Black Course runners: Most people have a version 5 SI card. If you mispunch or punch more than once at a control then you will still get a recorded time for the whole course but may miss out on the split time from the last control to the finish.

All courses will have symbolic control descriptions except white and yellow which will be in text.

Safety on courses: Please carry a whistle and take a cagoule with you if the weather is bad.

In many places there are likely to be brashings and muddy tracks from recent forestry work. Log piles should be avoided. There are many shallow pools but running through them is inadvisable. Hazardous fences will be marked as uncrossable. A timber yard on the map will be marked out of bounds and must not be entered.

A public bridleway open to all traffic (BOAT) crosses the area. You may encounter moving 4x4 vehicles here which should be given a wide berth. They are likely to be noisy and slow moving but may not be entirely under control.

Junior courses are planned to avoid these hazards.

To conform with modern conventions, the Organiser's mobile number will be printed on the map. However there is very little mobile reception in the area. If you are unable to move use a whistle to attract nearby competitors (and if you hear one nearby please respond).

Starts: Pre-allocated punching start times will be displayed on Fabian4 after 3rd February, and will be between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Courses close at 14.00. If you are still out at that time please return to download as soon as possible. Don't forget to download even if you retire. There is one start which is about 150 metres from Registration but two finishes each a little further away. Take care when walking to and from your car and the Start or Finish as the tracks are also used by cars going to and from parking. If you are late for your start you will be allowed to start at the next available vacant slot. EOD entrants will be given start times at Registration. For timing purposes the time at which you punch the start control will be your start time.

First aid: Collingwood Medical Services will be in attendance, and the nearest hospital for accident and emergency is the Royal Surrey Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford GU2 7XX Tel: 01483 571122

Dogs: Dogs allowed on tracks, bridleways and footpaths. Please keep them under control. (This is relaxed from the flier prohibition.)

Event Officials: Organiser: Simon Ling, simon@simonling.org.uk, 01372 813047 not after 10pm please.

Planner: Ian Ditchfield

Controller: Charlie Turner (SLOW)

General information: info@mvoc.org

Last minute changes: Please visit the MV Web site before travelling to check for last minute changes or new information about this event. www.mvoc.org.

Results: Will be available at the MV Web site as soon as possible after the event. www.mvoc.org.

Cautions and disclaimers:

- **You are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk**
- **Lone runners:** if you have travelled alone to the event, please leave your car keys or some other memorable item (marked with your name and contact number for a close friend/family member) at Registration so that we can confirm you are back safely.
- **Weather** Be prepared for cold and/or wet weather, bring a cagoule. Please carry a whistle.
- The **personal data** you give will be used by the event organisers and their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate *British Orienteering* insurance cover.

- **Insurance** Please note that if you have competed in three orienteering events registered with *British Orienteering* and not joined an orienteering club which is a member of *British Orienteering* you are not covered by our public liability insurance.
- Orienteering is an adventure sport. Parents are responsible for their children and advice is available on request about what courses may be suitable for their children to participate in.
- **Cancellation:** In the event of cancellation some or all of your entry fee may be retained