

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

1 Fence, East side	14 Vegetation boundary, West side
2 Road Jct, North-west side	15 Pit
3 Road bend	16 North Path Junction
4 Fence bend	17 Stream, West side
5 Path	18 Pond, West side
6 Thicket, west side	19 Vegetation boundary, West tip
7 Pond, South-west side	20 Hedge/Path Junction
8 Southern embankment foot	21 Vegetation boundary, Southern corner
9 Path bend	22 Vegetation boundary
10 Pit	23 Tree, West side
11 Path, Northern side	24 Drain cover, North side
12 Track bend	25 Path bend
13 Road junction	26 Copse

SUGGESTED COURSES

Starting from the main car park off Horton Lane:

Short (2.8km): 1-3 and then 14-19 and 22

Medium (5.0km): 1-4 and then 11 –26

Long (7.5km): 1- 26

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

Neither Mole Valley Orienteering Club nor Epsom and Ewell Borough Council can be held responsible for any accidents or injuries, losses or damage, which may occur as a result of using the course.

Horton Country Park

Travel Directions: Horton Country Park is located to the north west of Epsom town centre. It is approximately 2km from Epsom station. There is a car park off Horton Lane to the north of the B280.

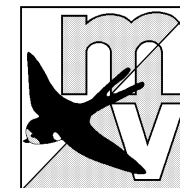
Using the Park: Within Horton Country Park you will find many places to enjoy. There are ancient woodlands, grassy meadows, fields, ponds and a well-established system of hard surfaced and grassy footpaths. Look out for wildlife, including herons and green woodpeckers. Inside the park are golf, farm and equestrian centres which are all open to the public. Contact Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on 01372 741191 or hcp@epsom-ewell.gov for further information. We remind everyone taking part that they should not spoil other people's enjoyment of Horton Country Park. Please respect the 'out-of-bounds' areas and do not go onto the neighbouring golf course, farm centre, equestrian centre or surrounding roads. The course has been designed to be used without climbing any fences.

Some history: Horton Country Park has recorded history dating back to medieval times. It was founded in 1973 when 400 acres of former hospital farmland was purchased by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council. Previous to this it was part of the largest complex of psychiatric hospitals in Europe. You will come across the route of the old light railway which has been converted into the main path running along the west side of the map. On wet days you may also discover the origins of the name – Horton. Derived from the family name of Sampson-De-Horton, who was lord of the manor in 1197, it is derived from old English where "hor" means muddy and "ton" means town. It is certainly a very appropriate name for this area, where the clay soils can become a sticky quagmire in the wet winter months.

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Welcome to Horton Country 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.