

## CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

1 Path Junction	11 Vegetation Boundary
2 Thicket, south east side	12 Copse, north east part
3 Fence	13 Path
4 Path Junction	14 Hedge, south west end
5 Thicket, north tip	15 Quarry Top
6 Path Junction	16 Hedge, north east end
7 Quarry Top	17 Path, west end
8 Vegetation Boundary	18 Copse, north side
9 Copse, south part	19 Copse, south side
10 Large Depression, NE side	

You can design your own course around these controls and take them in any order.

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## Oaks Park

**Travel Directions:** Oaks Park is located in the southern part of the London Borough of Sutton. It is approximately 2km from Belmont station and north of the A2022 Croydon Lane. There is a car park.

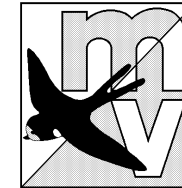
**Using the Park:** Within Oaks Park you will find many places to enjoy. There are woods, meadows, formal gardens and a well-established system of hard surfaced and grassy footpaths. Inside the park there is a café open 7 days a week. We remind everyone taking part that they should not spoil other people's enjoyment of Oaks Park. Please respect the 'out-of-bounds' areas and do not go onto the neighbouring golf course or surrounding roads.

**Some history:** Oaks Park comprises part of the park created for the Earl of Derby in the 1770s around a large house. It is laid out in "Capability Brown style" with a belt of perimeter trees and planting to produce a "natural" landscape. There are still a number of old yew trees but the majority of the old planting was blown down in the October 1987 gales. The park was acquired by the local authority in 1933 and the western half turned into a golf course. The house was demolished in the late 1950s. Can you spot the earthbank which is all that remains of the ha-ha (a ditch) separating the house and park and also the square platform which marks the site of a former tennis court?

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## ***Welcome to Oaks 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 1:4,000, which means that 1cm on the map is equivalent to 40 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. Each control also has a QR code.