



Mole Valley Orienteering Club

(affiliated to British Orienteering)

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MOLE PICNIC 2015

The Nower

Saturday 15th August 2014

This is a social occasion for members and invited guests only, with a little orienteering thrown in. Please invite as many guests – family, friends, colleagues – as you like.

Location: The Nower & Milton Heath, just west of Dorking.

Parking: Free car park at grid reference TQ154488, nearest postcode RH4 3JT. 0.5km west of Dorking, turn south off A25 at brown “Bury Hill Fisheries” sign, then 100m to car park on left.

Public transport: Dorking West station 1.5km, Deepdene & Dorking stations 2.6km. Bus number 32 between Redhill & Guildford calls at Dorking Station and passes The Nower hourly, the nearest bus stop is “Dorking Soudes Place Drive”.

Format - picnic: Bring your own food, drink and (if required) chair.

Format - orienteering: One course of about 3km, mostly on paths to avoid the brambles. Technically very easy, so there will be a twist based loosely on TrailO to keep you thinking. It takes a lot of words to explain, but it's really very simple so don't be put off.

At the start you will be given a conventional orienteering course map, with controls to be visited in set sequence. However when you reach each control, there will be two SI boxes instead of the normal one. One of these boxes will be on the stake holding the control kite; the other will be adjacent with no control kite. **Do not punch either of them yet!**

Attached to the control will be another map showing a single control circle, with a control description. You should also be able to see another control kite (with no punch). You need to decide whether this control kite is in the place indicated by this other map and control description. Now you can punch for the control you are standing at. If you think the other control is in the correct place, use the SI box on the stake with the kite. If you think the other control is in the wrong place, use the box on the stake with no kite.

Unlike in real TrailO, there is no restriction on where you can go. You can go right up to the other control site if you like, but remember you will have to return to control on your course map to punch, and the clock is running all the time.

Scoring is simple, it's the total time you take to get around your course as normal, plus a 3-minute penalty if you punch the “wrong” SI box at any control (or if you punch both boxes). The “picnic” winner will be announced after the handicapping system has been applied, and will get to take Moley home for a year (and organise next year's picnic).

Entry Fee: None.

Entry system: There are no pre-entries for this event. However, to ensure we print enough maps please register your interest and reserve a map by email to master@mvoc.org. If you don't reserve a map, just turn up anyway, there will probably be enough.

Starts: Orienteering from 11:00 for picnic around 12:30.

Safety: One very minor road to cross, younger juniors should be accompanied. Keep off the main road along one edge of the map.

Thanks: To Stephen Glasspool of the Surrey Wildlife Trust for land access.

This event is planned and disorganised by Ian Ditchfield.

You are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk