

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

1 Vegetation boundary	9 Earthbank foot
2 Small Gully	10 Path junction
3 Path	11 Vegetation boundary
4 Earthwall	12 Small earthbank
5 Path junction	13 Vegetation boundary
6 Rootstock	14 Vegetation boundary
7 Path	15 Earthwall
8 Path	16 Path junction

SUGGESTED COURSES

Starting from Whitepost Hill, northern side of the common:

Short (1.2km): 1-5, 12-16

Long (1.9km): 1-16

Starting from Sandpit Road, on the eastern side of the common:

Short (1.1km): 8,9,12,13,14,5,6

Medium (1.7km): 8,9,12,13,14,16,1,2,3,4,5,6

Long (1.9km): 7-16, 1-6

There are various other access points onto the Common, so come again and design your own course.

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

Redhill Common

Travel Directions: Redhill Common is located to the south west of Redhill town centre. It is approximately 1km from Redhill station and 500m from Earlswood station. There is parking in the surrounding roads.

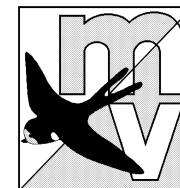
Using the Common: Within Redhill Common you will find many places to enjoy. There are woods, hills, clearings, ponds and a system of grassy footpaths. Look out for a variety of wildlife and the fine views from the top. We remind everyone taking part that they should not spoil other people's enjoyment of Redhill Common. Please respect the 'out-of-bounds' areas and surrounding houses and do not go onto surrounding roads.

Some history: Redhill Common comprises an area of land poorly suited to grazing or farming and so became "common" land in c1100. Some of the land was secured for the public in 1867 but much was threatened by digging for sand and gravel. Can you see the old gravel workings on the east of the map? This threat led to an 1884 Act of Parliament which established a conservation body for its protection. Two tree clumps planted for Queen Victoria in 1887 and 1897 are still visible on the top (and one is used as a control site). Redhill Common provides the origins of the name "Red Hill" when the Whitepost Hill post office moved in 1856 to Station Road in what was then the fast growing commuter settlement of Warwick Town. It took the "Red Hill" stamp to frank mail and a new name was born. For more information on the area's history – including reference to the permanent orienteering course markers – visit <http://www.redhill-reigate-history.co.uk>.

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Welcome to Redhill Common

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 1:5,000, which means that 1cm on the map is equivalent to 50 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.