



Mole Valley Orienteering Club

(affiliated to British Orienteering)

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Netley Heath – FINAL DETAILS

Sunday 16th February, 2020

MVOC welcomes you to Netley Heath for a Level B, SEOA League and Ranking Event.

The area forms part of the North Downs escarpment, and offers nice runnable woodland, some technical terrain and few streams. It was last used for an event in 2016, has been thoroughly re-mapped by Philip Gristwood to ISOM 2017. Much of the area is managed by Tilhill Forestry and whilst there are public rights of way large areas of the woodland is 'Private'. We would like to thank Colin Corkhill the Forest Manager for permission to use the area. Other parts of the competition area are in the care of the Wotton estate, Surrey Woodland Trust, the Forestry Commission & the National Trust.

Key points:

Beware narrow roads on approach to the event

Beware pedestrians as enter parking

Map 1:10 000

Start 50m from Assembly

Finish 600m from Assembly

Whistles are strongly recommended for your own safety

Cagoules may be compulsory if poor weather

SIAC will be enabled (punching Start & Finish)

Courses close 14:30 sharp – you must report to Download by then

**Safety bearing NW to find road then SW along it (inside the forest) to regain the gate to the event
If you regain the road where it runs E-W then you are W of the entrance so head E**

Event Centre Location, Car Parking & Travel options:

The event will be accessed via a gateway at the intersection of Green Dene and Combe Lane – GR TQ084498, Post Code KT24 5TA (but please note this will take you to a spot 600m NE of the entrance), [Link to Google Maps](#) or what3words – dawn.clock.acid

By Car: From the North take Green Dene S from its junction with the A264 Guildford Road just E of East Horsley GR TQ100525 (Post Code KT24 5RX). The event will be signed from here. The road along Ranmore Common joins Green Dene S of this junction but it is a very sharp turn back on yourself – you will need to take a wide swing to negotiate it. All other roads in the area are narrow and to be avoided. The roads throughout the area are also very popular with cyclists – beware groups that you might come across around any blind bends.

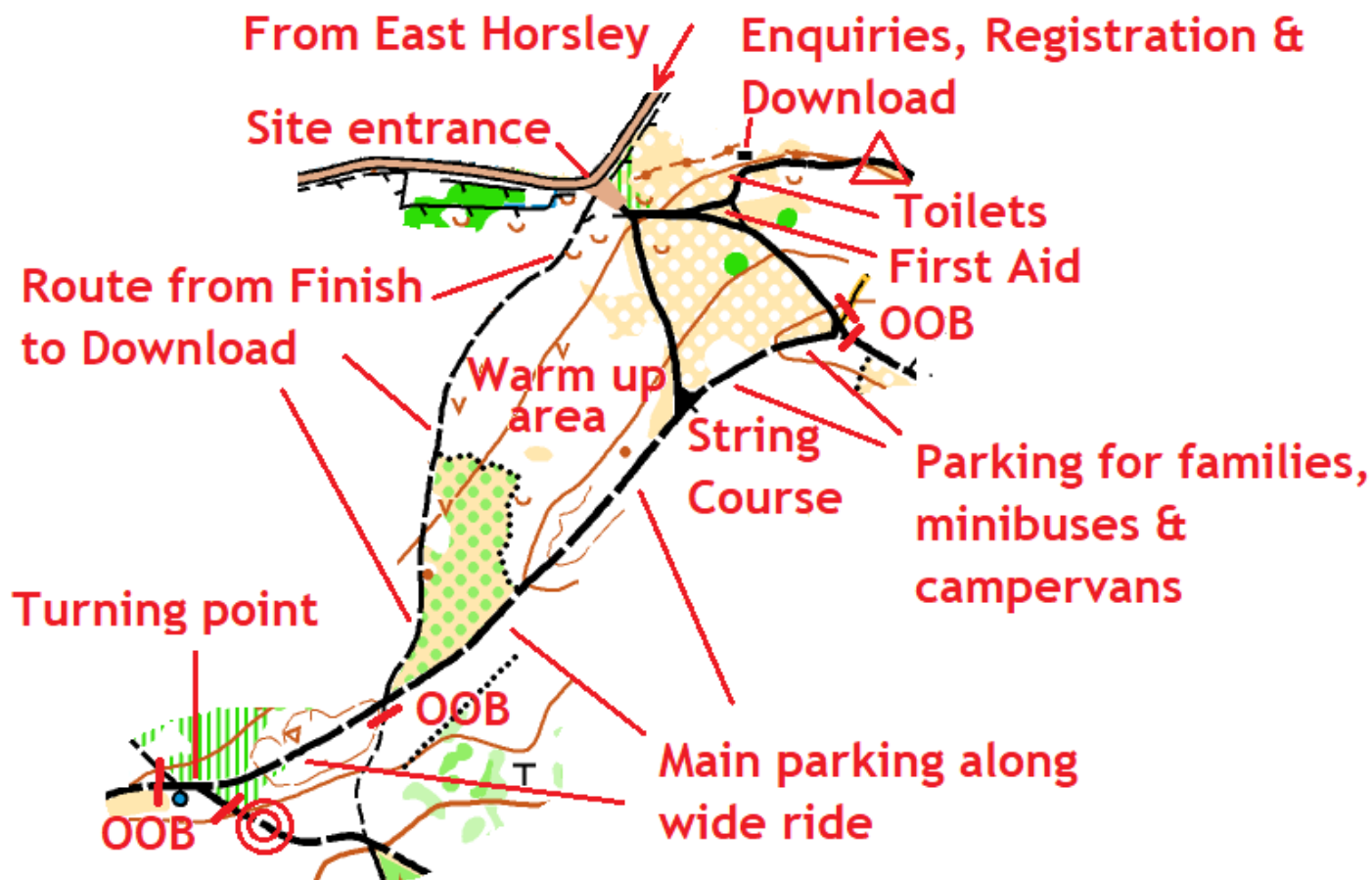
From the South it is possible to access the area from the A25 but roads are narrow and twisty

Parking is somewhat limited depending on entry numbers so please share cars wherever possible

Beware members of the public parked either side of the entrance and pedestrians using the access route

Public Transport: Unfortunately no buses serve this area on a Sunday. Train to the nearest station (Dorking, Gomshall or East Horsley) then cycling may be the best option or cadge a lift!

Parking and Assembly layout



Entries:

Late Entry via www.fabian4.co.uk remains open until midnight on Wednesday 12th February subject to the maximum number of maps available for each course. BO Seniors £14, non-BO members £16; Juniors and Adult Novices on Orange, Yellow or White £6 – subject to map availability.

EoD will be the same prices.

SI/SIAC electronic punching will be used. SI dibbers pre-booked on Fabian can be collected from Registration. They are also available to hire on the day for £1 for a normal SI or £2.50 for a SIAC. (There will be a £30 charge for lost dibbers and £70 for a lost SIAC).

SIAC will be enabled for course controls, but not for Start and Finish – make sure that you punch the Start and Finish.

SIAC users are reminded that contactless punching means no record of progress around the course is made in the control boxes, so in the event of an immobilising injury it is likely to be rather longer before they are found.

Map, terrain and Control Descriptions:

The map has been recently updated by Philip Gristwood – 1:10 000 scale, ISOM 2017, overprinted and waterproof.

The following special symbols are used:

X root stock

X special item (variety: including hide, horse jump, manmade object on stilts(!), etc.)

O special item (variety: water containers, abandoned vehicle, wreckage)

Pictorial Control Descriptions will be on the map, plus text for White and Yellow courses. Legend will be on the map for all courses but is partially obscured for courses Blue to Black.

Loose control descriptions will be available at the start.

The terrain is a mixture of managed woodland (with extraction lanes) and mature forest. The path network is relatively dense, and includes the North Downs Way across the area. Longer courses only will use the areas with steeper slopes. Competitors may encounter signs saying 'private keep out' or similar; for this event the permissions have been arranged so please ignore these. Courses have been planned to maximise the best parts of the forest. Where brambles significantly impede your progress these have been mapped using the undergrowth symbols.

Extraction lanes have only been mapped where either they are very obvious or they may impact route choice. In a limited number of areas, there may be some unmapped mountain bike tracks. Feed stations for animals have not been mapped.

There are some out of bounds areas marked on the map, shown as overprinted purple hashing. These areas are to be avoided and are not always enclosed by fences; they include forestry operations and pheasant pens. There is a saw mill in the area; this is not shown overprinted as out of bounds, but all courses have been planned to avoid this.

Course details:

Yellow and white courses: shortly after the start, and before the first control on each of these courses, these courses diverge at a T junction. Signs (arrows, words, smiley faces) will be used at this junction pointing yellow and white course competitors in opposite directions; instructions for this will also be provided at the start. The white course will additionally have smiley/sad faces to confirm the route until just beyond control #1.

Course	Length (km)	Controls	Climb (m)
Black	11.8 km	21	270 m
Brown	10.0 km	22	235 m
Short Brown	8.5 km	17	165 m
Blue	6.9 km	13	150 m
Short Blue	5.9 km	13	130 m
Green	4.8 km	14	105 m
Short Green	3.9 km	13	100 m
Very Short Green	3.2 km	12	80 m
Light Green	3.5 km	10	90 m
Orange	2.7 km	9	55 m
Yellow	2.6 km	13	40 m
White	1.5 km	9	25 m

A String Course will also be available (location shown on map above)

Start, Finish and Clothing Dump:

The Start is less than 100m walk from the Event Centre.

Due to linear parking, the event centre will be up to 500m from the furthest parking.

The Finish is approximately 600m slight uphill walk to the Event Centre (please be sure to download).

An area will be provided between Download and the Start as a clothing dump. Please bring your own bag as it may not be possible to provide cover against any wet weather.

Starts run between 10:00 and 12:30. If you have pre-entered and do not need to collect a hire dibber, you can go straight to the start. Allocated start times will be available on www.fabian4.co.uk once online entries have closed. Late starters will be accommodated as a spare timeslot comes available. A punching start will be used.

Safety:

Safety Bearing: NW to find road then SW along it (inside the forest) to regain the gate to the event
If you regain the road where it runs E-W then you are W of the entrance so head E **Courses close at 14:30, after this we may instigate a search for you.**

You must report to Download by this time even if you have not completed your course.

Anyone travelling with another competitor, who is worried that s/he has not returned to the finish/download within their normal expected time, should report their concerns to the Organiser
RJK Event Medical Services will be in attendance. Details of A&E at Royal Surrey County Hospital will be available from Enquiries. Please leave details of any serious medical condition that you may have in a sealed envelope at Enquiries. **If travelling alone, please leave your keys at Enquiries**

Some courses cross a track/minor road dead-end which could have vehicles. Some byways cross the area and off-road dirt motor bikes may be encountered; please take care.

The Brown and Black courses have optional crossing points marked on the map which may be used to avoid crossing a barbed wire fence.

The terrain is largely clay over chalk, and can be very slippery when wet. Footwear with a good grip is recommended. Black and Brown courses visit an area with some very steep slopes where extra care may be needed.

The woods include several discarded objects which includes sharp materials; please take care and watch out where you are running.

Whistles are to be carried for your own safety as we have no other way of knowing where you may be on the course if you are using SIAC. The recognised signal is six short blasts at one minute intervals. *If you hear such a signal you are required by the rules of orienteering to abandon your run and go to the aid of the competitor in distress.*

In the event of severe weather we may require that waterproof jackets are worn and, if so, a notice will be posted at the event entrance.

Facilities:

Portable Toilets are located near the event centre.

Please bring your own refreshments. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, no caterers or kit suppliers are going to be in attendance

Courtesy to others:

You are asked to arrive with clean footwear to reduce any potential for Ash Dieback contamination.

Dogs are allowed in the assembly area and on the courses. Please ensure that you clean up after your dog.

Please be courteous to dog walkers, horse riders, mountain bikers, motor cycle riders and any other users of the area *and try to avoid collisions!*

If you cause any damage to fences, gates etc on your run please make sure that you report it to the Download team

Results:

Will be available at the MV website as soon as possible after the event. www.mvoc.org

Event Officials:

Organiser: Mike Bolton/Philip Gristwood (MV) – mvocevent@gmail.com

Planner: Tim and Sarah Scarbrough (MV)

Controller: Alan Wallis (SN)

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

**** A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the Organiser and will be available for inspection at Enquiries. However competitors are reminded that they take part at their own risk and are responsible at all times for their own safety ****