## **CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS**

1 Footpath	8 Distinctive tree
2 Between trees	9 Footpath junction
3 Footpath	10 Distinctive tree
4 Fence corner	11 Footpath
5 Copse, inside	12 Copse, north east corner
6 Copse, north east side	13 Copse, south corner
7 Copse, north side	14 Middle footpath junction

There is a start post marked by the triangle on the map. You can design your own course using the controls in any order. Two suggested courses are to takes controls 1-10 in order or for a longer course to take controls 1-14 in order which is a little over 2km.

Please be mindful of your own safety and those around you when orienteering in the Park. There are a number of hazards such as fast-flowing watercourses that you should make yourself aware of, and please consider the weather before starting. Organised groups should conduct a risk assessment in advance.

## **Morden Hall Park**

**Travel Directions:** Morden Hall Park is located on the north side of Morden town centre. It is 300m from Morden underground station (Northern Line) and adjacent to Phipps Bridge tram stop. There is a car park.

**Using the Park:** The National Trust provides many facilities for visitors to enjoy. As well as the main park, River Wandle, hay meadow, wetlands, snuff mill and rose garden, there is a collection of historic buildings and renovated stable yard. There is also a second hand book shop, café and shop.

**Some history:** Morden Hall Park was left to the National Trust by Gilliat Hatfeild in 1941. It includes the grounds of 18<sup>th</sup> century Morden Hall with a deer park including a variety of habitats and landscapes packed into its 125 acres. It is famous for a glittering series of film industry parties attracting the most famous domestic and international stars in the 1940s and 50s. Morden Hall Park is now looking to the future with a hydroelectric turbine harnessing the power of the Wandle and a new emphasis on local food.

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## Welcome to Morden Hall 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.