



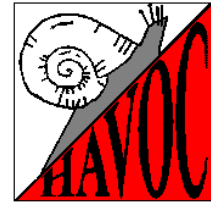
**HAVERING & SOUTH ESSEX  
ORIENTEERING CLUB**

**SWELL & ESSOL Level C Event**

**Hadleigh Country Park, Benfleet, Essex**

**SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2017**

**FINAL DETAILS**



**DIRECTIONS:**

The Country Park car park is accessed at the south-west end of Chapel Lane, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 2PP .

From A13/A129/B1014 Roundabout: Head east along the A13 for 500m and turn right at the gap in the dual-carriageway (the gap is just after the traffic lights; you will need the right-hand lane). Return westwards for 100m then turn left into Chapel Lane. Follow brown and white tourist signs to the Country Park in 450m.

There is an ANPR camera at the barriers which picks up your car registration on entry (no ticket issue). You are then free to enjoy your stay. When you choose to leave you simply go to 1 of the 2 machines in the main car park, enter your car registration and the screen will tell when you arrived and how much to pay. Once paid you have 15 mins to leave and the exit barrier will let you out automatically. (There is an intercom in the event of difficulties). Parking is £1.50 an hour per vehicle. This is capped at £6 which will give you parking for the entire day. This is in line with most of the other Essex Country Parks. The money raised from the car park charges goes towards maintaining and improving visitor facilities.

Parking can be paid for either by cash or debit/credit card. **No change is given** by the machines if you pay by cash.

The car park has 400 spaces with an additional 12 disabled bays (also charged). Registration and Download will be located in the "old" country park car park now the overflow car park.

Nearest main line station is at Leigh-on-Sea, a 3k walk, passing Hadleigh Castle.

**ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION:** 10am to 12noon - starts 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Seniors :	£6.00
Juniors (under 21):	£3.00
Electronic punching SI-card hire:	£0.50

Single fee payable for pairs or groups competing together but only one map must be taken.

Car keys can be left at Download.

**MAP & TERRAIN:** The map is based on previous HAVOC maps with updates by Guy Lidbury & Janet Biggs winter 2016. Map scale is 1:10000 for Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green and Blue and 1:5000 for White and Yellow; 5m contours. Maps will be printed on waterproof paper or bagged and be available at the Start. Loose descriptions will not be waterproof; they will be available at Registration. The following IOF special symbols are used:

- Black × Seat/bench
- Black ○ Hide or other man made feature
- Blue × Water trough
- Green × Distinctive tree
- × on pictorial control descriptions indicates a seat/bench; ○ a hide.

The area consists on a south facing scarp slope, steep in places, with flat drained marshland at its base. New paths and biking trails, which criss-cross each other, have been created in the area. The marshland, part of the Thames Marshes, is crossed by the Fenchurch Street to Shoeburyness railway line.

The terrain includes mature and younger woodland with open and rough open areas on the steep hillside running down to the more open flat, rough grazing areas which are interspersed with ditches, some containing deep water. The grazing areas have been extended to other parts of the park resulting in a number of new stock fences, topped by barbed wire, having been built. There has been some clearance work, the newly cleared areas have been mapped.

Unusual for Essex, this is a good opportunity for some hill training. The Country Park is adjacent to/west of the area that was used for the London 2012 Mountain Biking event. The mountain bike route has been redeveloped as part of the Olympic legacy for use by the general public.

**FACILITIES :**

Toilets are available near the Roundhouse and in the visitor centre complex. Hub cafe (open at 10am) and BikeArt (bike hire - open at 9am). A range of mountain bike courses to suit all abilities. Children's play area. Cycle and bike skills training areas. Iron Age roundhouse reconstruction adjacent to the car park. Hadleigh Castle is a short walk from the car park. Good views over the Thames Estuary including Canvey Island, Southend Pier and the QE2 Bridge at Dartford/Purfleet. Dogs welcome at the event if kept under control and you clean up after them.

**COURSES:**

	Length	Climb	Controls	Map scale	Descriptions	Recommended ESSOL School Years
White	1.3k	35m	8	1:5000	Written	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
Yellow	2.4k	70m	13	1:5000	Written	Yr 7 & 8
Orange	3.2k	95m	11	1:10000	Pictorial	Yr 9 & 10
Light Green	4.0k	120m	11	1:10000	Pictorial	Yr 11 & 12
Short Green	3.0k	90m	12	1:10000	Pictorial	n/a
Green	4.6k	140m	16	1:10000	Pictorial	Yr 13
Blue	7.2k	180m	20	1:10000	Pictorial	n/a

Loose descriptions will be as shown above except for Orange which will have written loose descriptions.

**START/FINISH:** The start is 200m from the south-western corner of the overflow car park. It is along a path then down a steep hill which can be slippery - TAKE CARE! The finish is adjacent, just west of the start. After finishing retrace your steps northwards up the hill to the green Download tent in the car park. Courses close at 2pm.

**SAFETY:** First Aid will be available at Download. The nearest A&E is at Southend Hospital, location map available at Download.

Although the courses are generally away from the main mountain bike trails, some paths and tracks are shared. Keep a good look out for cyclists. The area is also used by dog walkers and, horse-riders may be encountered. Please show respect to all other forest users. Many fences in the area have barbed wire in or on top of them. Please use an appropriate crossing point rather than climbing over a fence. The marshland is crossed by wide ditches which often contain deep water, please do not try to cross these ditches which are marked as "uncrossable streams" on the map indicated using black edging lines (bank lines).

Areas of hawthorn, nettles and brambles present trip and sting hazards. The steep slopes can be slippery and muddy when wet.

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**Results will be posted on the website as soon as possible after the event.**

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