

HAVERING & SOUTH ESSEX ORIENTEERING CLUB

Local Orienteering Event Weald Park

SUNDAY 20th September 2020
FINAL DETAILS

IMPORTANT

Please do not attend this event if you or anyone in your household or anyone you have met recently is showing any signs of Covid-19 or you have an unexplained illness or have been told to isolate. Make sure you have read the "[Participant Code of Conduct](#)".

DIRECTIONS:

Car park (TQ 573940, nearest postcode CM14 5QJ) is 1.33 miles from the junction of the **M25/A12**, Brook Street roundabout. Take the **A1023** towards Brentwood. After half a mile, at the traffic lights, turn left onto **Wigley Bush Lane** then turn right, immediately after crossing the bridge over the A12, onto **Weald Park Way**. The entrance to the car park is directly opposite at the next road junction. Watch out for potholes near the pinch-point in the car park. We will be parking in the grass field next to the main car park, look out for the orienteering kites.

Essex County Council car parking tiered charge of £2.20 for 1 hour, £3.30 for 2 hours, £4.40 for 3 hours, £5.50 for over 3 hours, "pay & display" (no change given, 5p coins and above accepted including £1 coins) or by card. You will need to key in your car registration number. Alternatively, to avoid queuing and using the machine, pay up to a week in advance, via the "Buy Cashless Parking" option, alternatively use the "Smartphone Apps" option at:- <https://secure.mipermit.com/essexcountryparks/Application/home.aspx>

The car park charges go towards maintaining and improving the park and visitor facilities.

Nearest public transport is Brentwood railway station, 2.5k approx.

COURSES:

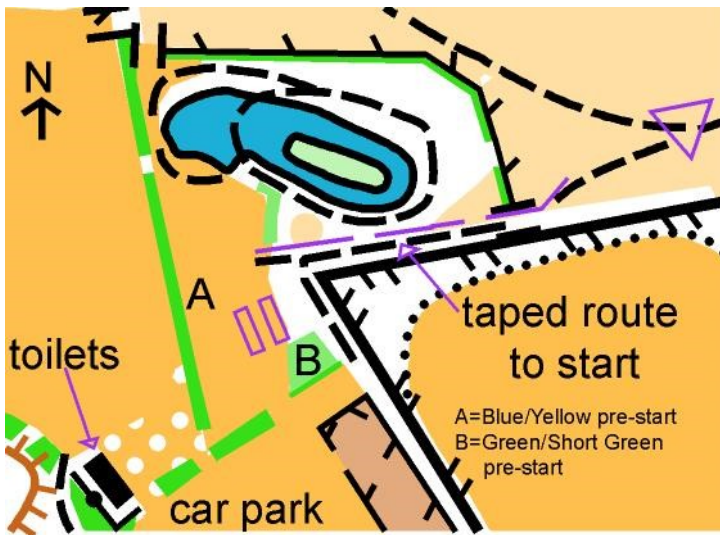
COURSE	LENGTH	CLIMB	No. of CONTROLS
Yellow	2.2k	40m	10
Short Green	3.9k	120m	14
Green	5.4k	155m	16
Blue	7.5k	260m	24

START: There is a pre-start and start area. The pre-start is adjacent to the north side of the car park field. Please report there no more than 5 minutes before your start time so that we ensure fewer than six people are queuing at any one time. When queuing please make sure you maintain social distancing. When the "call-up" clock shows your start time, you can move into the first section of your lane. There will be two start lanes, the left one for Blue and Yellow (A) and the right for Green and Short Green (B). Late arrivals will be accommodated when slots are available.

"Clear" stations as well as SIAC test and battery test stations will be sited just before the start lanes. Cleared hired dibbers (non-SIAC) can be collected from here and hand sanitiser will be available also.

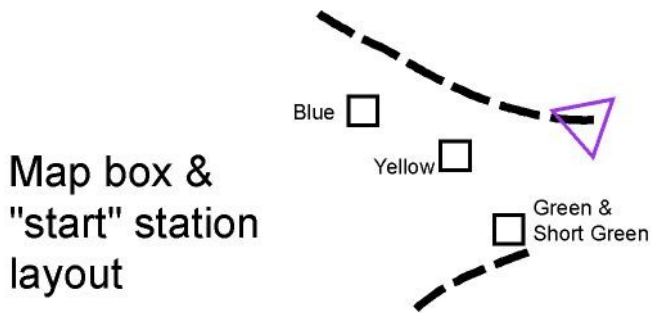
Competitor notices, blank maps and "Check" stations, **NOT "Start" stations** will be located in the start lanes.

At your start time you should follow the taped route (125m), which is common to all courses, to the actual Start area. There will be no lanes at the Start but three separate signed map boxes & "Start" stations: Blue to left, Yellow in the middle and Green/Short Green to the right. Competitors on Blue, Green and Short Green, should continue and punch your "Start" station before picking up your map and beginning your course, you should not need to stop and wait in the start area. Yellow competitors can pick up their map first and study it before punching their "Start" station and heading to the Start kite to begin their course. Your time taken will begin when you punch the Start station. The actual Start area will be marshalled.



Controls will be (contactless) SIAC enabled. Competitors with SIAC cards will need to actually punch the “Start” and “Finish” stations.

Competitors without SIAC cards, including hired ones, will have to punch all controls



MAPS & DESCRIPTIONS: The terrain is gently contoured and comprises undulating mature woodland, a deer park, lakes, landscaped open and rough open areas. There are a number of “Stick Man” play activities and equipment located mainly in the western open areas. There are many deer in the area causing unmapped deer tracks and also forest free of undergrowth.

OCAD map of the former grounds of the Weald estate with a full re-survey in summer 2020, 1:10,000 scale, 5m contours. Map drawn to ISOM 2017 standard with the following special symbols:- black X = park bench; black O = vent or play equipment; green X = significant rootstock; blue square = water trough or tap; green O = prominent tree. Maps will be overprinted on waterproof paper. Blue course will have 2-part map printed back-to-back. The Blue course also has a barbed wire fence crossing. Please use the marked crossing point

A black X in the pictorial descriptions indicates a fixed park-bench-style seat. Pub-style picnic tables have not been mapped as they are liable to be moved around.

Loose descriptions are available to [download](#). There will be none at the event.

SAFETY: There are some badger, fox and rabbit holes, so take care when going off paths. There has been some damage to trees during the recent high winds. One affected area is marked by purple Xs. Do not enter taped off areas. There are some stinging nettles and brambles in the area. A few fences have barbed wire on top; please use marked crossing points. We intend to tie back most of the gates so there will be no need to touch them.

Remember to social distance and whenever possible pass behind other people not in front. Please do not call out or shout.

The area is popular with dog walkers and cyclists and is used by horse riders. Please keep clear of other park users and show them respect. Keep a good look out for animals and keep clear. We do not expect any cattle to be grazing, though fallow deer are common and can act unpredictably if startled. We have not had any reports of ticks in the area but do check yourself after your run

Remember to wash or clean and sanitise your hands after your run.

A first aid kit will be located at the Download tent but please bring your own if possible.

The nearest A&E is at Queens Hospital, Rom Valley Way, Romford RM7 0AG

FINISH: After finishing, please continue to the Download tent. If there is a queue please maintain social distancing. The “Download” station will be on a table outside the Download tent. Avoid touching the equipment. You can collect your split times printout from the far side of the tent, there should be no need for you to enter the tent. Once you have finished at Download please leave as soon as possible. Download should be manned but, if you have a query please do not enter the tent. Results will not be displayed at the event but should be available on the HAVOC website during the evening. There will not be any water or orange squash for competitors at Download.

Courses will close at 2.30pm and you must report to Download by this time.

TOILETS: A toilet block is adjacent to the car park. The “ladies” is closest. One in/one out system, preferably wear a mask whilst in the building. Please observe social distancing if you have to queue, there are marks on the ground.

DOGS: Are permitted if kept under strict control and if you clean up after them.

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