



WESSEX ORIENTEERING CLUB

Dorset Delight, Level C
Sunday 1st March –Blackwater

Final Details

Event Officials

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Location

The event takes place in the Dames Slough, Burley Old & New Inclosures, either side of the Blackwater stream in the New Forest, Grid reference SU250056. BH24 4HS. What3Words: scout.takes.walls

The event centre is in the FC Anderwood barbecue site on Lyndhurst Road between Burley (in the West) and the A35 SW of Lyndhurst (to the East). The event will be signed from Burley and the A35 but you're if coming from the East, please be alert as signage from the A35 cannot be arranged to give much notice.

Parking and Assembly

Parking is limited to Forestry Commission car parks as forest tracks cannot be used, so please share rides if you can.

The principal car park will be at Anderwood (1km West of the A35) on the North side of Lyndhurst Rd with additional car parking 3km to the West (towards Burley) at Lucy Hill (and the adjacent Oakley) car parks. A minibus shuttle service will be operating between the Anderwood and Lucy Hill. At the Anderwood end, the pick-up/drop-off will be at the entrance to the competition area on the South side of Lyndhurst Rd. At the Lucy Hill/Oakley end, the pick-up/drop-off will be at the entrance to Lucy Hill Car park (about 100m from your car).

Facilities

There are Forestry Commission toilets at the [Anderwood](#) car park. Unfortunately there is no catering available, so do please bring some refreshments and make use of the picnic tables in the unlikely event that the sun shines. The nearest hostelrys are in Burley (Queens Arms, White Buck, Burley Inn) to SW or toward Lyndhurst to NE.

Dogs

Only well behaved dogs are permitted on the courses. Dogs must be kept on a lead in the car park.

Terrain

Mature New Forest Inclosures, with large areas of runnable forest to the North, in Dames Slough Inclosure and South in Burley New and Burley Old Inclosures, which includes some . There are areas or rough open in patches and either side of the Blackwater stream and Winding Shoot.

Out of bounds and compulsory stream crossing points.

During the planning of the courses the Blackwater Stream, which is normally crossable, has been very deep and sometimes bursting its banks. Because of this we are using compulsory crossing points for courses from Short Green to Brown, which all cross into the area to the south of the river.

Crossing the river other than at the compulsory crossings is strictly forbidden, with the penalty of disqualification.

The other courses all stay north of the river.

The arrangements for the compulsory crossings may vary slightly depending on the state of the river.

Short Green, Green, Blue and Brown all use the same initial crossing point at a wide shallow spot with a firm gravel bottom.

If the river is not in flood then this crossing will be up to 15 cm deep and 3 to 4 meters across and will simply be marked with (red and white?) tape on trees at either side of the crossing point.

If the river is higher (up to 30 cm deep) then there will be a rope between the trees to act as a handrail.

If there is serious flooding then the courses will be diverted to the one bridge that crosses the river - in which case the map will be amended by hand and further instructions will be given at the start. This option would add a few hundred meters of extra track running to each course.

The Short Green course comes back across the river at the bridge in any case.

The Green, Blue and Brown courses come back across the river at a different wide shallow ford on a forest track that is unlikely to become impassable. In the event of flooding the river can spill out onto the banks here but is unlikely to become too deep to cross – just a lot wider.

In the case of serious flooding there is still an option to divert the courses back across the same bridge as before.

The roads surrounding the event area are also out of bounds.

Maps and Courses

The map has been selectively updated October 2019 – February 2020 by Julie Astin (WSX)

Scale 1:10000

Pre-marked and printed on waterproof paper – A3 for Brown and Blue; A4 for all other courses.

Not updated to ISOM 2017 yet.

Safety Bearing: North to the road back to Assembly Area in Anderwood Car Park.

The area is generally very runnable although there are areas of dead bracken which may reduce speed by 2-5%, depending on density of the growth. There are usually runnable routes through these areas. It was decided not to map the bracken as it is very patchy and would not help navigation or affect route choice.

Distinctive root stocks have been mapped, although there are two areas where the map has not been updated with them all - Burley Old Inclosure and the wooded area to the south of this Inclosure fence. There will be a map in the Start lanes indicating these areas.

As in all Inclosures, there are innumerable minor water channels and drainage ditches which have not all been mapped.

All courses use a 1:10,000 scale map printed on waterproof paper. White to Short Green will be printed on A4. Green to Brown will be printed on A3. Control descriptions are printed on the front of the map and loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes. White and Yellow courses have text descriptions, all other courses have IOF symbolic descriptions.

Competitors on the White and Yellow Courses may view their map before entering the start lanes.

Course details, subject to final controlling:

Course	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
Brown	9.7	70	10
Blue	7.3	50	14
Green	4.7	35	13
Short Green	3.8	20	13
Light Green	3.8	10	11
Orange	3.0	10	11
Yellow	2.3	10	11
White	1.8	10	10

Ticks are active in the area, albeit less so at this time of year, so please check yourself carefully after your run.

Any competitor shadowing another runner must complete their own course first if they wish to be classed as competitive.

Entries

Pre-entry preferred by Fabian4.

BOF Seniors £12.00

Non BOF Seniors £14.00

Juniors £5.00

Senior novices £6.00 (White, Yellow or Orange)

Dibber hire £1.00 (free for juniors, £30 charge if lost)

+£2.00 surcharge for adult Entry on the Day

Electronic Punching

SI will be used for this event. SI hire is available at registration. If you have pre-entered, please check you are using the SI number you entered with. If you need to change the number, please inform SI registration before your run to keep download operating smoothly.

Controls are not SIAC enabled

Registration / Entry on the Day

Pre-entered runners with their own dibber may go straight to the start.

Pre-entered runners who have hired a dibber should collect it from the EOD desk.

EOD is available **while maps last** from 10:00-12:00. We have tried to cater for the expected number of runners on each course but sometimes one course is more popular than expected. If you have pre-entered but wish to change your course, please visit enquires **before** you run to check we have the maps available and to correct the numbers.

If entering on the day:

1. Collect and fill in an entry form with your details and the course you wish to run. Your form will be given a sticker to show a map for that course is available.
2. Take your form to the payment table who will check you have been allocated a map and mark the entry as paid.
3. Take your completed form to SI registration after which you may proceed to the start. If your form is missing a course sticker or is not marked as paid it will not be accepted by registration.

To comply with our insurance, all non-members of British Orienteering are required to provide details of their name and home address at registration.

Start and Finish

The Start is approximately 500m from Assembly and the Finish approximately 450m, with 250m between). The walk back to Assembly from the Finish is initially East then North back along the same track used to the start. The initial direction will be indicated with tapes.

There is a punching start with no allocated start times. The start is open from 10:30-12:30. Please bear in mind that **courses close at 14:30**.

Download

All Competitors must report to download even if they do not finish. Please report to download immediately after your run. If you do not report to download, we may send out a search party for you. **Courses close at 14:30**.

Results

Results will be displayed on the WSX website within 24 hours of the event finishing. Routegadget will be available for uploading your routes after the event.

Safety

Ticks are active in the area, so please check yourself carefully after your run.

Whistles are compulsory for all competitors.

In the event of severe weather, the carrying of waterproof cagoules may be compulsory. If the organiser decides to enforce this, a notice will be placed in the assembly area.

The Blackwater stream is out of bounds and may only be crossed at the 3 marked mandatory crossing points. In the event of very high water levels all course will be limited to the middle crossing point which is a bridge.

If you are concerned about the length of time a competitor has been out, even if courses have not yet closed, please inform a member of the organising team at assembly. If you have notified us of a concern, please ensure we are notified if the competitor then returns and ensure they download as soon as possible.

Competitors with pre-existing medical conditions may wish to leave details of their medical condition including any medication they are taking and emergency contact details with registration in a sealed envelope. This will only be opened in case of emergency and will be destroyed after the event if not collected by the competitor. The form can be downloaded [here](#).

First Aid will be available in the assembly area provided by members of the club. For the nearest A&E departments, we will be equidistant from Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospital, Castle Lane East, Bournemouth BH7 7DW OR University Hospital, Tremona Rd, Southampton SO16 6YD

Any major incidents must be reported to the organiser.

Disclaimer

Orienteering is an adventure sport and competitors take part at their own risk. Please note that personal injury through the normal course of orienteering is not covered by British Orienteering's public liability insurance.

If you have competed in three or more events registered with British Orienteering and are not a member of a registered club, you are not covered by British Orienteering's public liability insurance.

Cancellation

In the event of cancellation due to extreme weather or other circumstances a notice will be posted on the club website <http://www.wessex-oc.org.uk/>

Wessex Orienteering Club reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover costs already incurred. Details of how to obtain a refund in the event of cancellation will be posted on the website and sent the email used to enter.