



North Wiltshire Orienteers (NWO)

SWOA League Regional Event

West Woods, Marlborough

Sunday 12 January 2020



North Wiltshire Orienteers **Whistles are compulsory: no whistle, no go**

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Acknowledgements: Access is by kind permission of the Forestry Commission.

Venue / Parking: West Woods is located between Marlborough and Pewsey and will be signed off the A345 at GR SU169650 and A4 at GR SU 159690. Forest access is at GR SU165667. Parking will be along the forest road. Please car-share if possible.

Entry: Pre-Entry via Fabian4 (<http://www.fabian4.co.uk/>). Entry on the day (EOD) will be subject to map availability.

Times: Registration from 09.30. Start Times 10.00-12.30. Courses will close at 14.30. There will be no start times issued; it will be a punching start.

Courses:

Course	Length (km)	Climb(m)	No of Controls
White	1.8	25	10
Yellow	2.1	30	8
Orange	2.7	75	9
Light Green	3.4	60	11
Short Green	2.9	75	10
Green	3.5	80	10
Blue	5.6	175	17
Brown	7.5	200	21

All courses apart from White count towards the SWOA League.

String Course: Free string course open from 10.00-12.00.

Punching: EMIT. Card hire fee £1.50 per competitor. Lost card charge £50. Competitors are encouraged to use back-up cards and to press their EMIT cards down onto the control unit to ensure that they register a pin mark at each control. Competitors whose EMIT cards do not show that they have visited a control will only be reinstated with evidence from the back up card.

Fees: Seniors £11, Senior Novices (W/Y/O courses) £6, Juniors £3

Registration: All enquiries on the day should be directed to the Registration tent located in the Assembly Area. Hired EMIT cards and entry on the day available from 09.30-12.00. Hired EMIT cards should be handed back at Download. Competitors who have pre-entered and have their own EMIT card may go directly to the start. Spare back-up cards will be available from Registration for those with their own EMIT cards. A demonstration control will be available outside Registration.

Map: Scale 1:10000. Resurveyed 2016. Minor amendments 2018 and 2019 to take account of recent felling and undergrowth changes. Overprinted with course on waterproof paper with control descriptions on the front. White, Yellow and Orange courses will have written descriptions; all other courses have pictorial descriptions. Loose control descriptions for all courses will be available at the start.

- Terrain:** Mainly mature woodland. Areas of significant undergrowth are marked on the map; courses have been planned to avoid the worst. However, full leg and torso cover is mandatory and gaiters are recommended. Old forestry tracks have faded over time and are not mapped. Some hides may be mapped but not be present on the ground due to recent weather conditions. The area is wet, muddy, chalky and slippery, please take care. Blue and Brown courses only (affecting Start to Control 2): blocks of forest in the NNE section of the map have been felled recently. The forest remains runnable and is marked as white on the map but competitors should be aware that extensive brashings cover the ground. Hides in this area have been destroyed. Please note that this is a public woodland with wide ranging access including some private vehicles. Please be aware of this whilst on all courses.
- Facilities:** Toilets, First Aid Tent and British and Continental Catering (Tom and Julie's Burger Van) will be in the Assembly Area.
- Safety:** The First Aid tent will be in the Assembly area. Car keys may be left at Registration. If you are travelling alone you are advised to leave your car keys at registration. It is very important that all competitors have their EMIT cards checked at the start, to record that you have entered the forest. All competitors **MUST** download even if you do not complete the course. Competitors are advised to dress accordingly for the weather conditions on the day. **Whistles are compulsory for all; no whistle no go.** Goggles may be compulsory if the weather is bad. The finish is ~650m away from the Assembly Area along the same forest road used for parking. Competitors and drivers are advised to take care. Do not climb on timber stacks. The nearest A & E Hospital is at Swindon Great Western Hospital SN3 6BB.
- Medical conditions:** Any competitors with a medical condition that might require medical assistance during the event are to complete the British Orienteering medical form <https://tinyurl.com/Medical-Con> and leave it in a sealed envelope at Registration. It will be shredded after the event.
- Biohazards:** Ticks may be present. Please check yourself thoroughly after the event. Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. Before leaving the event check your clothing and equipment and remove any mud, soil or leaf litter. Once home thoroughly clean your footwear and clothing and then leave it to dry for as long as possible. Many invasive non-native species are able to survive in damp corners for very long periods of time, but are less able to survive if the equipment is thoroughly dried. Please do not touch anything you see lying on the ground and take any litter home with you.
- Dogs:** Although this area is a very popular dog walking area there have been several reported incidents of Alabama Rot which has killed at least one dog. As a result, we advise that participants do not bring dogs to this event and to make sure that kit and footwear is washed or disinfected afterwards.
- Results:** Results will be published on the North Wiltshire Orienteers website as soon as practicable after the event: <http://www.northwilts.org.uk/>
- Officials:** Organiser: Ian Prosser (BAOC/NWO), Mobile: 07971 962037
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Data protection: Your personal data provided for this event will be used only for the purpose of processing/publishing entries/results, and conducting safety checks.

All competitors run at their own risk and must report to download whether they finish or not.

In the unlikely event of a cancellation a notice will be placed on the NWO web site <http://www.northwilts.org.uk/>

NWO reserves the right to retain enough fees to cover costs.