



## West Woods - Southwest Orienteering League

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Sunday 16th January

Entries close Sunday 9th January

West Woods Nr. Marlborough

British Orienteering Regional Ranking Event

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## Courses

BROWN 9.6km 220m climb

**Suitable for experienced orienteers only**

BLUE 6.7km 135m climb

**Suitable for experienced orienteers only**

GREEN 4.7km 135m climb

**Suitable for experienced orienteers only**

SHORT GREEN 3.8km 110m climb

**Suitable for experienced orienteers only**

LIGHT GREEN 3.6km 80m climb

**Suitable for orienteers with some experience**

ORANGE 3.0km 50m climb

**Suitable for all orienteers**

YELLOW 2.6km 50m climb

**Suitable for beginners**

WHITE 1.8km 20m climb

**Suitable for beginners**

## Location



## Entry Fees

### STANDARD

Senior: £11.00

Senior Novice: £5.50

Senior Chip hire: £1.50

Junior: £4.00

Junior Chip hire: £1.50

### FAMILY

Entry Fee: £5.50

Entry Fee Chip hire: £1.50

Juniors are under 21 on 31st December.

Students are competitors over the age of 21 still in full-time education (50% Discount - please enter STUDENT as discount code)

Helpers are entitled to 50% discount on entry fee (please contact [Organiser](#) for discount code)

Novice Courses for Seniors are White, Yellow & Orange.

If you wish to enter as a family group please select FAMILY from the pull down list at the top of the form when you enter and choose the White, Yellow or Orange Course. You will be charged a single fee of £5.50 no matter how large your group is and will receive 1 map. Don't forget to hire a dibber if you do not own one. For insurance purposes please could you provide the names of the people in your group when collecting your EMIT card.

Discounts do not apply to EMIT hire (lost card charges £50)

## Event Information

### Location

West Woods is about 2.5 miles (4km) southwest of Marlborough. The wood contains a Neolithic long barrow surrounded by a ditch on all sides and is bisected by an ancient earthwork known as the Wansdyke dating back to the 5th or 6th century BC. In 2020 it was announced that West Woods was the most likely origin of most of the [sarsen stones](#) used to create Stonehenge.

### Travel Directions

West Woods is located between Marlborough and Pewsey and will be signed off the A345 at GR SU169650 and A4 at GR SU159690. Assembly will be in the public parking area (What3Words link: [cake.cackling.sediment](#)).

### Parking

Parking will be along the main forest track  
PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE FROM THE MARSHALLS

### Start Times

Start times: 10:30 - 12:30  
Courses close: 14:30

- Starts will be in 15 minute blocks to control the number of competitors congregating at any one time, but we will be flexible.
- It will be a punching start.

### Facilities

- Toilets
- First Aid Tent
- [Compasspoint](#)
- Catering (TBC)

All will be located in the Assembly Area - please note that there is not enough room for Club Tents.

### String Course

We hope to be able to offer a free String Course near to the Assembly Area if conditions allow. Please check the box on the entry form if you are likely to use this.

### Entry

On-line entry only - open until 23.59 on 9th Jan. 2022.

- You can only amend your entry to change Start Time or Course before the closing date.
- If you have entered as a Senior Novice (W/Y/O) please do not change to one of the more difficult courses as the fees are higher.

### THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY ON DAY

### Timing System

EMIT card

- Competitors with their own EMIT cards can proceed directly to the start
- Hire cards can be picked up from the table outside the information tent

### Map

Scale 1:10,000, 5m contours, updated 2016, minor revisions 2018/2019.

Overprinted with course on waterproof paper with control descriptions on the front. White, Yellow and Orange course will have written descriptions; all other courses have pictorial descriptions. Loose control descriptions for all courses will be available at the start.

Some areas of the competition area have undergone recent forestry work. Map corrections have been applied where they may affect the courses, but not all changes due to the work have been corrected on the map. Every effort has been made to correct the maps for hides appearing and disappearing, but there may be the odd exception.

## **Terrain**

Mainly mature woodland. Areas of significant undergrowth are marked on the map. Mostly the undergrowth is bramble. Courses have been designed to avoid the worst. Please note that this is a public woodland with wide ranging access including some private vehicles.

## **Results**

Results, Splits and Routegadget will be available on the [North Wiltshire Orienteers](#) website as soon as practicable after the event

## **Conduct**

Please make yourself aware of and abide by the [British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct](#).

## **Clothing and equipment**

- Full leg cover MUST be worn.
- Whistles MUST be carried and will be checked at the start.
- In adverse weather we may ask you to wear a cagoule or similar waterproof top

## **Bio-security**

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 leave it to dry for as long as possible. Please take home any litter 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 and disinfected afterwards.

## **Hazards**

Please be aware of the risk of ticks and [Lyme disease](#). Dog walkers and horse riders also use the area, so please be respectful and cautious around their animals.

## **Safety**

- All competitors MUST report to Download even if retiring from the event.
- Lone competitors are recommended to leave car keys at Information/Download.
- Orienteering is a physically challenging sport, and competitors take part at their own risk.
- The nearest A&E Hospital is at Swindon Great Western Hospital SN3 6BB.

## **Insurance**

The British Orienteering insurance policy provides public liability cover. Please note that if you have competed in three orienteering events and have not joined an orienteering club that is a member of British Orienteering, then you are not covered by this insurance.

## **Photography**

Photography is not allowed in the toilets or any "changing area" including where cars are parked. Any concerns with photography or the behaviour of anyone toward any child or young adult must be reported to the event organiser or other official. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, play your part, report any concerns and follow good practice.

- An NWO official may be taking photographs of our traffic management procedures at the request of Forestry England.

## **Medical Conditions**

If you have a high risk medical condition you want the organisers to be aware of please download and complete [this form](#) and place it in a sealed envelope with your name on it. This can be left at registration. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency. Unopened envelopes should be collected after the event. Any unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed after the event.

**Prior to the event, if you display symptoms (or test positive) for COVID-19, or are required to self-isolate then you must not attend. Refunds will only be given to those unable to attend for this reason.**

**Event Officials**

Organiser: [Neil Fraser](#) (NWO) (07523 066948)

Planner: Stuart Fisher (NWO)

Controller: Mark Foxwell (BKO)

**Personal information**

The personal data you give when you enter will be used by the event organisers and their agents, but only for the purpose of processing/publishing entries/results, conducting safety checks and as required by our insurers to validate our cover and managed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

**Cancellation Policy**

NWO will make every effort to ensure the event goes ahead as planned. However, should the event be cancelled, NWO reserves the right to retain part of the advance entry fees to meet costs already incurred or committed.