



North Wiltshire Orienteers

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Western Night League Score Event

Shaw Forest Park, Swindon

Saturday 24th February 2024



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Acknowledgements: Access is by kind permission of Swindon Borough Council.

Venue / Parking: Shaw Forest Park is a country park in West Swindon. It will be signposted on B4534 Mead Way and can be found following the brown signs.


Grid Reference SU 119860. Postcode SN5 5PQ

Parking will be on hardstanding using the main car park off Mead Way. There is a 2m height restriction barrier to the car park but there is limited road parking for a small number of vehicles outside the barrier.

Please park sensibly and do not obstruct the road or traffic if parking in the road. **Please car-share if possible**

Terrain/Hazards: The park has been developed on the site of a former waste disposal area and contains ventilation chimneys. It is a mix of forested and open areas with small hills up to 25m high. There is a narrow fenced area containing reed beds and deep water that is dangerous to enter and strictly out of bounds. Some places can be wet and muddy underfoot, especially after rain.

The area is used by dog walkers and other members of the public. Please be courteous to them.

Maps: A4 portrait 1:5000 scale with contours at 5m intervals, produced by the Mapworks in Spring 2016 with recent updates. Map symbols: Vents > 2m high are denoted by the O-symbol, lower vents by  and other man-made objects by an X. All vents are shown by the O-symbol in control descriptions.

Times: Registration from 17:30 – 18:30hrs. Start Times 18:30 – 19:30hrs. Courses close at 20:45hrs.

Courses: **1 hour Odds & Evens score event with map exchange.** 6 controls will be planned of a Yellow standard for novices. Penalties for lateness (1 point for every 6 seconds)

Pub of the Night: The Tawny Owl, Taw Hill North, Swindon SN25 1WR. Approx. 2km away

Punching: EMIT. Card hire fee £1.50 per competitor. Lost card charge £47.

Start & Finish: There will be approximately a 100m walk to the start and from the finish.

Fees: Pre-entry online www.racesignup.co.uk (**no entry on day**) Advance entries close at 23:59 on February 18th, after which late entry fee applies.

Seniors £8 **Juniors/Student** £2
Late Entry +£2 **Non BOF Member** +£1

*A group consists of 2 or more persons following a course together. Groups will be provided with 2 maps.

Facilities: **No toilet facilities provided.** First Aid kit available.

Safety: Car keys may be left at registration and those travelling alone must leave their car keys at registration. All competitors **MUST** download even if they do not complete the course. The nearest A & E Hospital is at Swindon Great Western Hospital SN3 6BB. Cagoules and whistles may be made compulsory in adverse weather.

There is currently significant works by Thames Water in the area, however the course will be planned to avoid this area.

Competitors should follow the British Orienteering's Code of Conduct which can be found at: https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19_Safe_Orienteering

Officials: **Organiser:** Stuart Fisher (NWO), 07794 654222, E-mail: nwo.organiser@gmail.com
Planner: Doug Stimson (NWO)
Controller: Pete Gilder (NWO).

Dogs: Dogs permitted on leads.

Results: Results will be linked on the NWO website as soon as practical after the event.
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All competitors run at their own risk and must report to the download whether they finish or not.

The personal data given at registration will be used by the event organizers 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).

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