



North Wiltshire Orienteers (NWO)

Affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation and a member of the South West Orienteering Association.

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Summer Urban League 2024

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The League

As in previous years, a new course will be available every two weeks, It will “start” on Tuesdays with an opportunity to run at a similar time to others and then have time to chat about your course afterwards. The course will then remain available to complete at any time in the next 12 days (the following Sunday) if you wish to be included in the league. Once completed, report the course answers and your run time to the series coordinator. We are relying on your honesty in completing your course and reporting your results. (If running using MapRun then the results are automatically available to the coordinator.)

The course may continue to be available after the two-week period but if you complete it later your result will not be included in the league.

You take part entirely at your own risk. Juniors under 16 can take part but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. You must participate either on your own or in a group compliant with current public health regulations.

The series is made up of 10 events and this year all courses are entered via Racesignup (<https://racesignup.co.uk/site/event.php?eventid=4125>) there is a fee of £3.50 per event for BOF affiliated participants or £4.50 per event if unaffiliated. There is a discount for entering the entire series of £25 (affiliated) and £35 (unaffiliated). Juniors are half price.

As well as ensuring the event is registered with BOF, some of the fee is shared between the organisations that provide the tools we use to generate the maps for the events; MapRun, Open Orienteering Map and Purple Pen. These are all developed and maintained by volunteers.

The Series

These very informal urban orienteering sessions are open to everyone including beginners, families and more experienced orienteers. There will be three courses (trails) available (short, medium and long, approximately 2.5km, 4km and 6km) in the form of a treasure hunt. You will get a special orienteering map showing streets (but not street names), open spaces and any parkland in one of the North Wiltshire towns. The map will show the position of a series at checkpoints.

Each checkpoint will be at a street feature which will have an easy to answer clue to prove you have been there. Examples are the number on a lamp post, the telephone number on the shop front or the number of bollards at the end of the road. You may use an alternative method using the mobile phone app **MapRun** which tracks your route and registers your arrival at control points.

Points will be awarded for each session according to your position. The total of your best seven scores will be your result for the series.

Prior to each event the map and event details including start location will be emailed out. There will be no toilet provision unless otherwise stated.

There are not many series rules.

- The events are on roads and paths in public areas.
- All controls are visible/on public land – do not trespass
 - The Open Orienteering Map may show the area as “white” so private land. But if it is obviously an open park you may consider it as such. You should use your own discretion considering the other users and owners of the land.
- Be courteous to other road and path users
- Be careful crossing roads and all under 16 Must be accompanied
- If competing using just paper clues the coordinator relies on your honesty for the time you took
- For those running with MapRun if you believe you visited a control and it did not register let the coordinator know and if they agree your result will be corrected!
- Where you do a course but end up being disqualified (either from straying into OOB areas or where you miss a control or for any other reason) you will be credited with 1 point for starting the event! If you do more than 6 events in the series then this will make little difference.
- If you do the course having planned it (or checked all controls for the planner), It will be considered that you ran it non-competitively so if you look at the event your time will be recorded correctly but you are awarded only 1 point. If you do more than 6 events in the series then this will make little difference!

Course Format

For an explanation of street orienteering see [here](#) . All courses will have the option of completing written clues. If you use MapRun the app will automatically record your arrival at each control and will check that you have successfully completed the course when you finish.

What to wear and bring?

Come in trainers or similar with clothing to suit ease of movement and appropriate to the weather. Shorts and vests are permitted.

Dates and Venues

Check our website www.northwilts.org.uk to confirm the location, and how to acquire maps and other information about individual sessions.

The programme may be subject to modification so please check for latest details on our website

	Start	End	Area
1	16-Apr	28-Apr	Oakhurst/Haydon Wick
2	30-Apr	12-May	Calne
3	14-May	26-May	Freshbrook/Toothill
4	28-May	09-Jun	Shrivenham
5	11-Jun	23-Jun	Walcot/Lawn
6	25-Jun	07-Jul	Old Town/Wichelstowe
7	09-Jul	21-Jul	Chippenham
8	23-Jul	04-Aug	Liden/Eldene
9	06-Aug	18-Aug	Cricklade
10	20-Aug	01-Sep	Pewsey