



COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING

DARENTH COUNTRY PARK

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2022



LOCATION: Darent Country Park, Dartford district

DIRECTIONS/ PARKING: The parking and event centre including Download is in the Darent Country Park Car Park (w3w: ready/slides/secure) Gore Farm, Gore Road, Dartford, DA2 6PU - follow the orienteering signs from the small roundabout (Gore Road). Nearest railway station is Dartford which is a 5km walk/cycle from the event. The Start and Finish are within 100m of the event centre.

MAP: Darent Country Park, 1:4,000 scale with 5m contours. Minor updates in Nov 2021.

TERRAIN: Mainly open parkland with a small, forested area to the south of the map.

COURSES:

Yellow 2.5km. Controls (checkpoints) are very easy to find, mostly on paths, ideal for younger children and complete beginners.

Orange 3.5km Controls are on or near paths with some route choice. Good for progressing juniors and adult newcomers who are reasonably confident reading a map.

Green 4.5km Controls are away from paths giving more navigational challenge. Suitable for those with some experience.

Score: Visit as many controls as you can in an hour. Controls are in 3 groups, 60's, 70's and 80's. Visit as many controls as you choose in any one group before moving on to another group. No return to a group that has been left. Suitable for anyone.

Course lengths are indicative and are as measured in straight lines. Actual distance travelled will be greater.

ENTRIES: Entries via www.racesignup.co.uk. Entries in advance only. Entries will close at midnight on Thursday, 9th June (or earlier in the unlikely event that all maps have been taken). There is a guarantee of a map for the course you would like to run if you enter by midnight on Sunday, 5th June. After this date, entry limits will be imposed on each course based on the number of maps available.

No entry on the day. Select your preferred start time block when you enter. Maximum of 14 starters in any 15 minutes per course.

ENTRY FEES: Seniors £5, Juniors £2; Juniors can be shadowed. Families participating as a group £8; only one entry is needed for a group but please add to the surname any additional participants e.g. John Bloggs +2

NEWCOMERS

If you are unfamiliar with orienteering and will like to view two short videos which will give you a good feel for what to expect and do on the day, please email the organiser below.

ENQUIRIES: Open from 10.30

START AND FINISH: Start times are 11:00 to 12:00. Courses close 13:30.

ELECTRONIC PUNCHING: SportIdent electronic punching will be used for all courses. Entry fee includes the hire of an electronic finger.

SAFETY: Maps are overprinted with the Organiser's telephone number.

Orienteering is an adventure sport and you take part at your own risk and are responsible for your

own safety during the event.

RESTRICTIONS: You must not attend if you or a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms,

or if you are required to self-isolate.

You must adhere to the British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We are grateful to the Dartford Council for permission to use the area.

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