



Welcome to the Leybourne Lakes Country Park permanent orienteering course.

Orienteering is the sport of competitive navigation, across country on foot. Using a specially drawn map and a compass, orienteers try to find their way as quickly as they can between control points. Because the skill is in finding the best route, it is a sport which is enjoyed by all ages.

These permanent orienteering courses, marked by fixed posts in the ground or plaques attached to park equipment, offer you the chance to try out our sport in a fun way without any competition. They are also a fun way of exploring the area and offer many new experiences and views of the woods.

The fixed posts are identified by a letter which helps to confirm where you are on the map and, in addition, we give you a printed description of the ground feature where the post is sited.

We offer you three suggested courses which all **START** and **FINISH** at the park centre and marked by a **RED TRIANGLE** on the map.

SHORT (Easy) START, A, B, C, D, E, back to FINISH (2.5km)

MEDIUM (Moderate Difficulty) START, F, K, J, C, Q, N, D, E, A, back to FINISH (3.5km)

LONGER (More Difficult) START, K, J, H, Q, P, G, L, N, M, D, E, A, back to FINISH (5.0km)

The short course is recommended for beginners and when you wish to progress in distance and difficulty move on to the medium and longer courses. These courses have also been designed to be suitable for wheelchairs with all fixed posts on or near to the wheelchair friendly paths.

Please TAKE CARE, particularly after wet weather when the ground may be slippery. You can still visit the control sites which are near fishing points when fishermen are present but keep away from the water's edge everywhere and please do not leave any litter



We hope that you have enjoyed your visit to Leybourne Lakes Country Park and its permanent orienteering course. If you would like to try other permanent orienteering courses, please visit the Dartford Orienteering website www.dfok.co.uk



Maprun App

You can also use your mobile phone with



the MapRun app to register your visit to each control. Download the app, register and then find the event. Click on the event and you have access to a map showing all the controls. This map may not be up date so you should use a hard copy of the map and the control descriptions from this leaflet when you run. There is an option on the App for you to see where you are at all times if you wish to do so. The Start and Finish are the same place and there is a plaque marker on a post due east of the office.

When you have finished, upload your data to see how you have compared with others!

Our suggested courses are in the MapRun folder UK/Kent/DFOK Courses with Marker Posts see DFOK website/Leybourne Lakes. You will also find a 90 minutes Score course containing all of the controls if you prefer to devise your own course or want to visit all of the controls.

Click here for guidance on the use of the MapRun App:

<https://www.dfok.co.uk/info/tips-on-using-maprun>

Please check here for any updates to posts before using the App.

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PERMANENT ORIENTEERING COURSE

Leybourne Lakes

Country Park

(Update December 2024)

All posts present



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 MORE PEOPLE, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN

Permanent orienteering courses (POCs) are set up primarily for individuals and small groups only.

If you would like to use the map for larger group activities then you will need the permission of the land owner - in this case, the Rangers at Leybourne Lakes.. In addition, it would be courteous to notify DFOK just in case the club also has an activity on the same day.

Large groups, such as schools and youth groups, may obtain maps in bulk from DFOK if they wish to hold a large orienteering activity in the woods.

Please see the POC pages on the DFOK website for contact information. DFOK also offers help to schools in setting up orienteering within school grounds.

The support and co-operation of the Rangers at Leybourne Lakes Country Park is much appreciated. Further information by going to the website:

<https://www.tactive.co.uk/locations/leybourne->

Leybourne Lakes

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1cm = 75m on the ground



Grid reference for car park TQ696603.

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All posts present

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- Open land / with scattered trees
- Rough open / with scattered trees
- Forest: Run
- Forest: Slow run
- Forest: Walk
- Forest: Fight
- Undergrowth: Walk
- Out of bounds
- Lake
- Uncrossable water course
- Road
- Vehicle track
- Large path
- Small path
- High fence, Fence
- Distinct vegetation boundary
- Building, Ruin, Car park
- Footbridge, Wall
- Contour, Index contour
- Form line, Earthbank
- Earth wall, Pit
- Gully, Small depression
- Knoll, Small knoll
- Distinctive tree, Hedge
- Rootstock, Thicket
- Gates have not been mapped



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Permanent O Course				
	Short	2.5 km		
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1	A	↘	⊥	
2	B	↖	<	
3	C	⬆	○	
4	D	⋯		
5	E	⬆	↘	
⊗	430 m			⊗

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0m 100m 200m 300m 400m 500m

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Permanent O Course				
Medium		3.5 km		
1	F			
2	K			
3	J			
4	C			
5	Q			
6	N			
7	D			
8	E			
9	A			
		140 m		

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Permanent O Course

	Long	5.0 km
	K	Start: Path
1	K	Single Tree, SW. Side
2	J	Earth bank, Top
3	H	E. Path, SW. Side
4	Q	S. Vegetation Boundary, S. Edge
5	P	S. Vegetation Boundary, S. Tip
6	G	Fence, W. Side
7	L	Vegetation Boundary, SE. Side
8	N	Single Tree, S. Side
9	M	Path bend
10	D	Vegetation Boundary
11	E	N. Path Junction
12	A	Bridge, S. End
Navigate 140 m to Finish		

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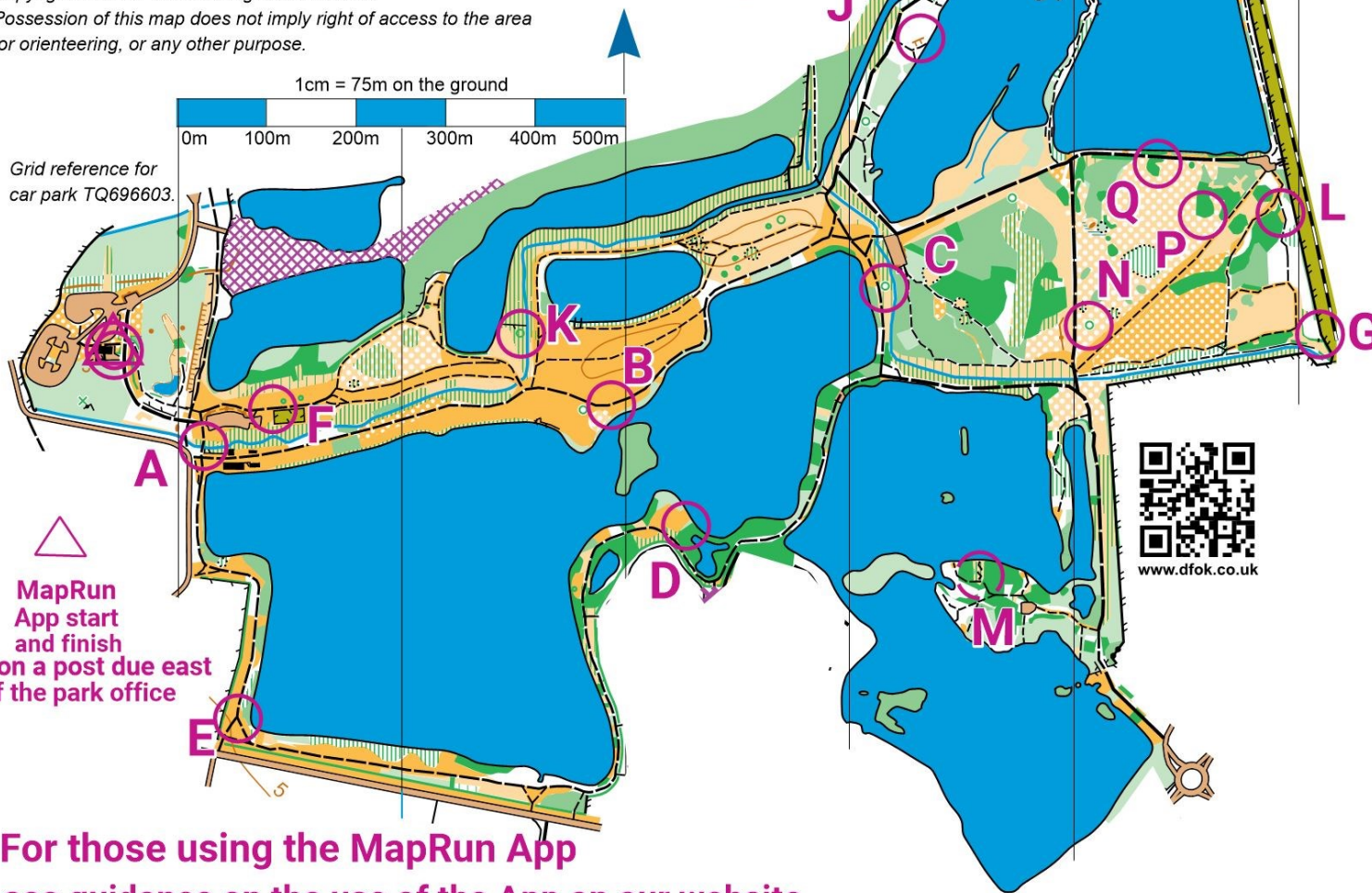
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Score	15 controls	
	Start: Path	
A	Bridge, S. End	
B	Path bend	
C	Single Tree, NW. Side	
D	Vegetation Boundary	
E	N. Path Junction	
F	Fence, NW. Corner (outside)	
G	Fence, W. Side	
H	E. Path, SW. Side	
J	Earth bank, Top	
K	Single Tree, SW. Side	
L	Vegetation Boundary, SE. Side	
M	Path bend	
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