

SHORNE WOODS COUNTRY PARK



Welcome to the Shorne Woods Country Park Permanent Orienteering Course.

Orienteering is the sport of competitive navigation, across country on foot. Using a specially drawn map and 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, 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/number 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 cafe and marked by a **RED TRIANGLE** on the map.

SHORT (Easy 1.9 km)

Start, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Finish

MEDIUM (Moderate difficulty 3.0 km)

Start, 14, 1, 16, 3, 5, 18, 20, 21, 8, 9, Finish

LONGER (More difficult 4.3 km)

Start, 8, 7, 10, 21, 20, 17, 5, 16, 1, 15, 23, 24, 25, 9, Finish

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.

Lastly you will also find a 90min Score course containing all of the controls if you prefer to devise your own course or want to visit all of the controls.

We hope that you enjoy your visit to Shorne Woods Country Park and its permanent orienteering course. If you would like to try other courses or get further information on orienteering then go to the website shown below.

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Control	Location Description
Start/Finish	East side of Visitor Centre
1	Path junction
2	Path crossing
3	Path crossing
4	Path junction
5	Path junction
6	Path junction
7	Clearing, N Part
8	Fence /Ditch crossing
9	Hill, Top
10	Earth bank, Top
11	N ditch, SE side
14	Gully, SE end
15	Cairn
16	Depression, SW part
17	Re-entrant
18	Thicket, N side
19	Earth Wall junction
20	Path / Stream crossing
21	Gulley, S. end
22	Re-entrant
23	Path junction, SW side
24	Path bend
25	Path junction

Please TAKE CARE, particularly after wet weather when the ground may be slippery, and please leave no litter.

PERMANENT ORIENTEERING COURSE



Maprun courses are now available.



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 the controls. This map may not be up date so you should use a hard copy of the map and the control descriptions 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 at the East side of the Café, but there is no post. When you have finished your run, upload your data to see how you have compared with others!

Our suggested courses are in the MapRun App folder UK/Kent/DFOK Courses with Marker Posts see DFOK website/Shorne Woods Country Park.

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.

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, Kent County Council. 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 their school grounds.

The support and co-operation of the staff at Shorne Woods Country Park is much appreciated. For further information visit: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/kent-country-parks/shorne-woods-country-park>

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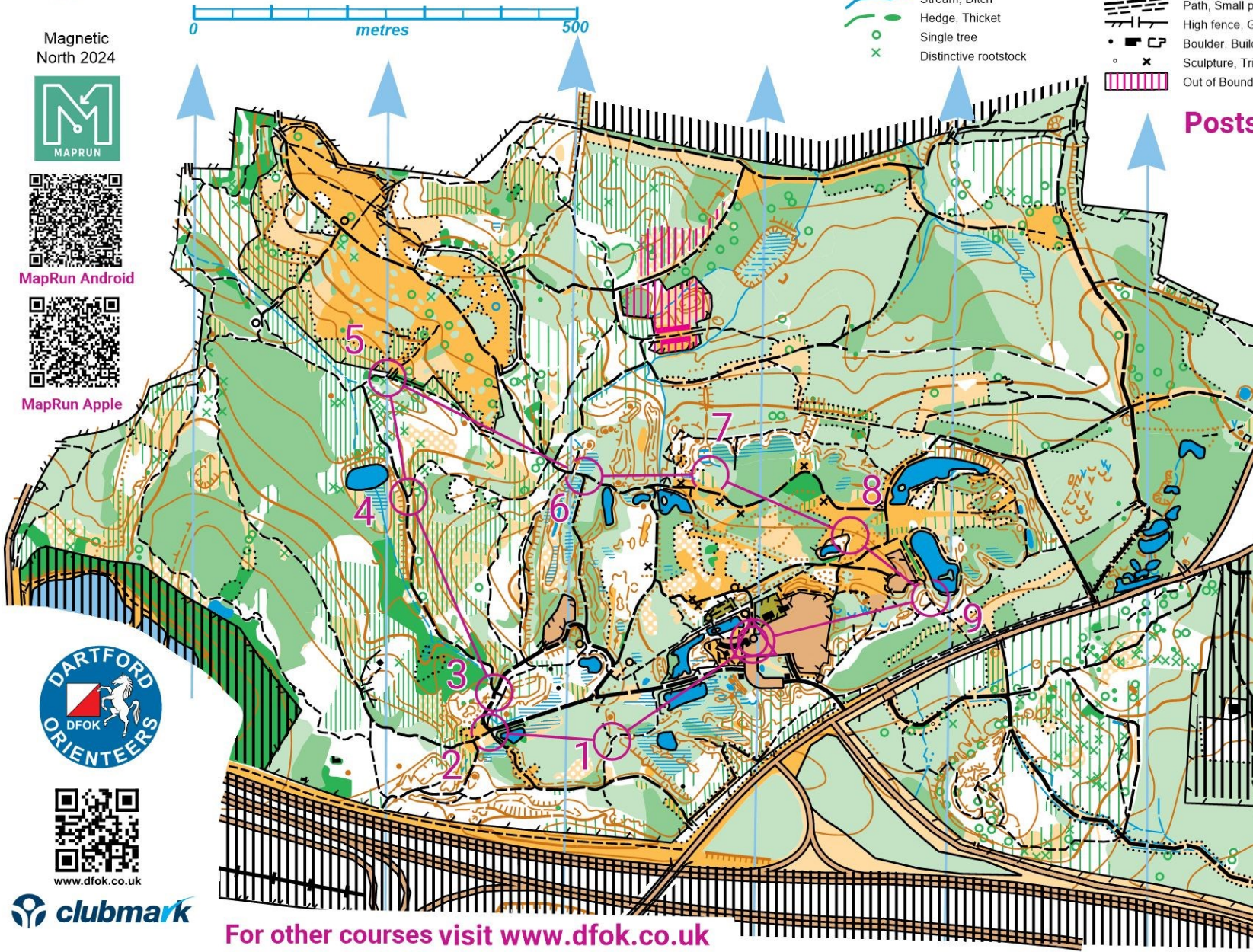
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- Forest: Run / Slow run
- Forest: Walk / Fight
- Undergrowth: Slow run / Walk
- Distict vegetation boundary
- Out of bounds, Settlement
- Road, Hard standing (Tarmac)
- Forest road, Vehicle track
- Path, Small path, Indistinct path
- High fence, Gate, Fence
- Boulder, Building, Ruin
- Sculpture, Trim Trail Equipment
- Out of Bounds area

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Shorne Woods POC		
Short	1.9 km	
		Start: Building, E. Side
1	1	Path Junction
2	2	Path crossing
3	3	Path crossing
4	4	Path Junction
5	5	Path Junction
6	6	Path Junction
7	7	Clearing, N. Part
8	8	Fence/Ditch crossing
9	9	Hill, Top
Navigate 240 m to Finish		

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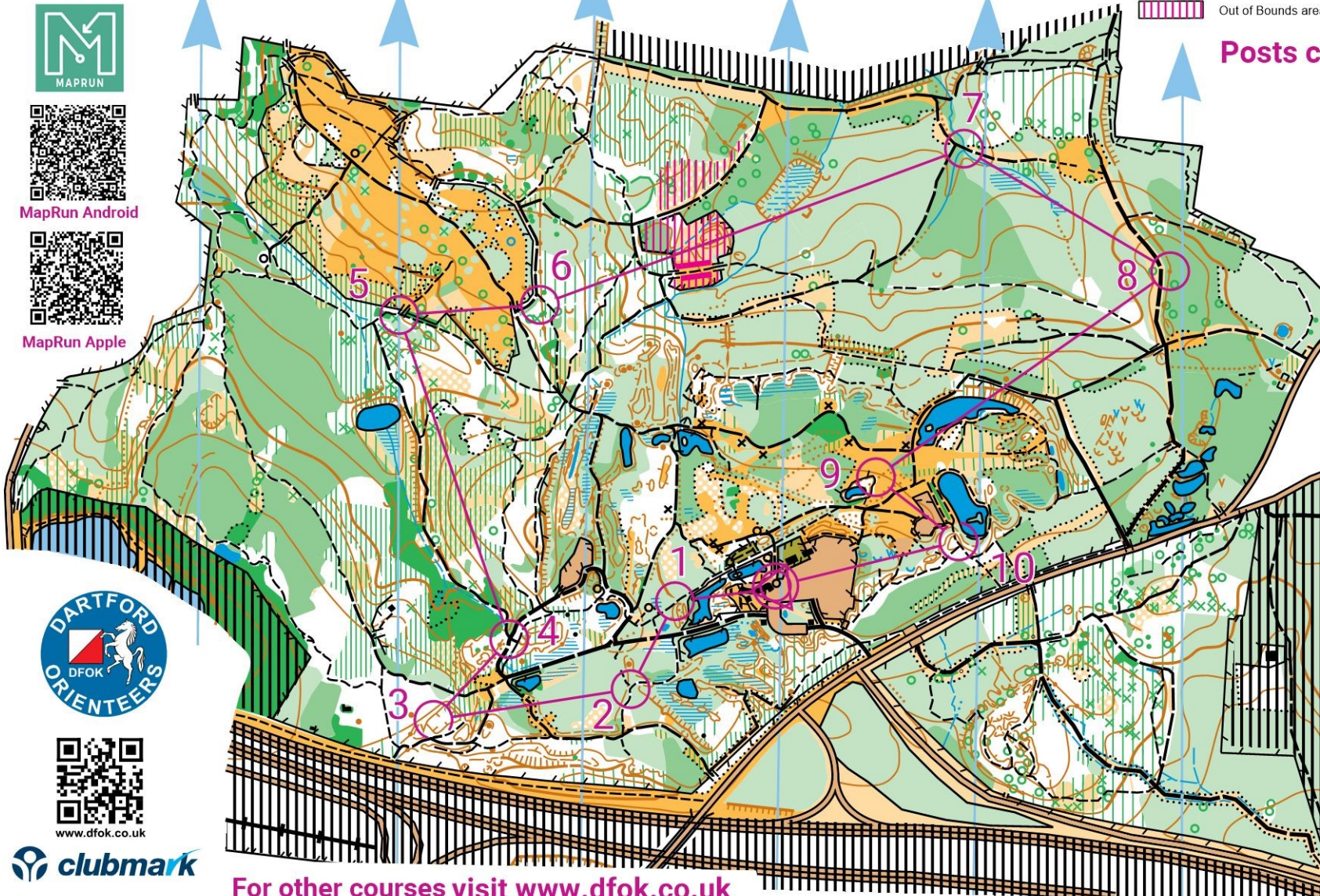


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Shorne Woods POC		
Medium	3.0 km	
	14	Start: Building, E. Side
1	14	Gully, SE. End
2	1	Path Junction
3	16	Depression, SW. Part
4	3	Path crossing
5	5	Path Junction
6	18	Thicket, NW. Edge
7	20	Path/Stream crossing
8	21	Earth Wall
9	8	Fence/Ditch crossing
10	9	Hill, Top
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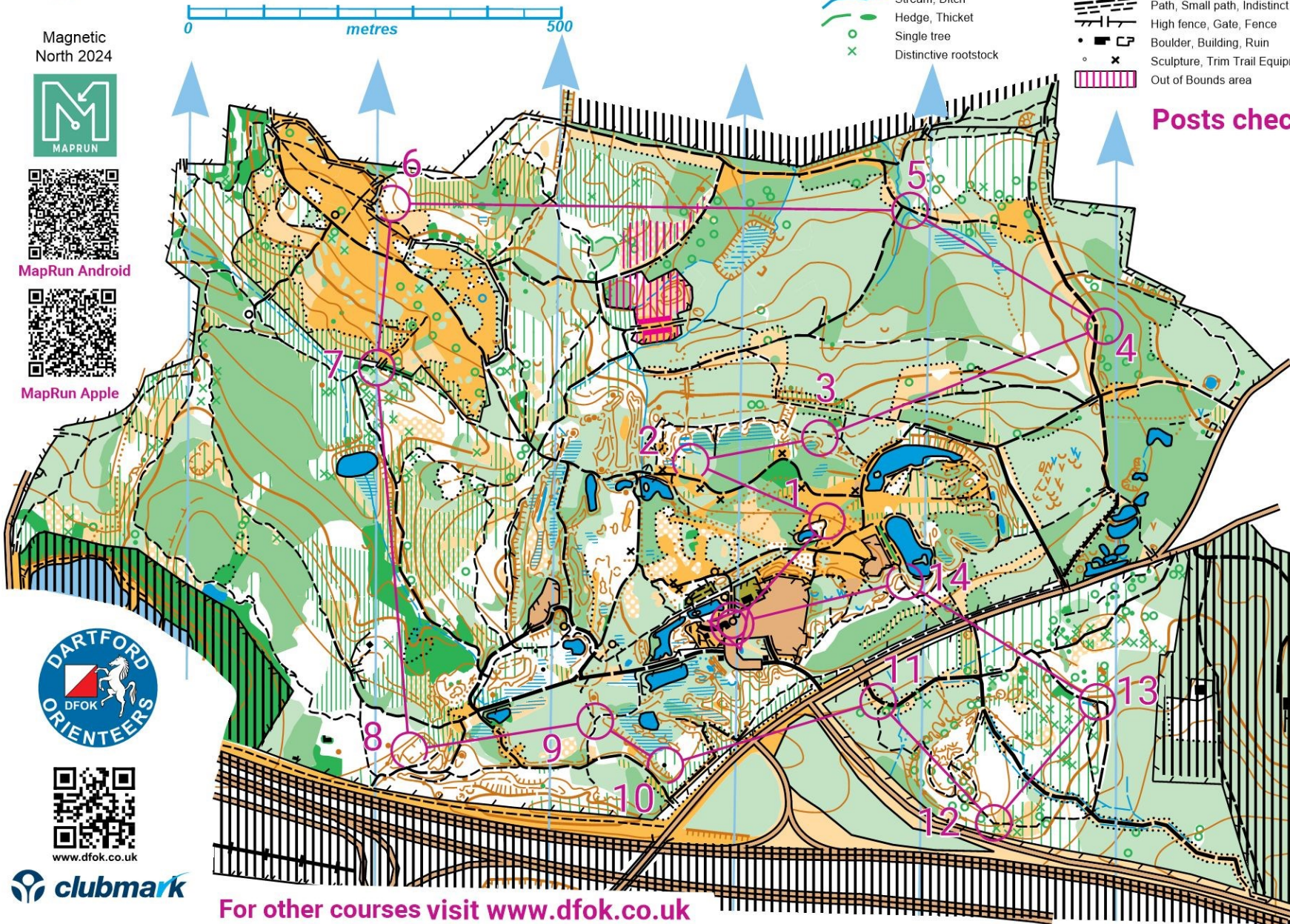
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Shorne Woods POC		
Long	4.3 km	
		Start: Building, E. Side
1	8	Fence/Ditch crossing
2	7	Clearing, N. Part
3	10	Earth bank, Top
4	21	Earth Wall
5	20	Path/Stream crossing
6	17	Re-entrant
7	5	Path Junction
8	16	Depression, SW. Part
9	1	Path Junction
10	15	Cairn
11	23	Path Junction, SW. Side
12	24	Path bend
13	25	Path Junction
14	9	Hill, Top
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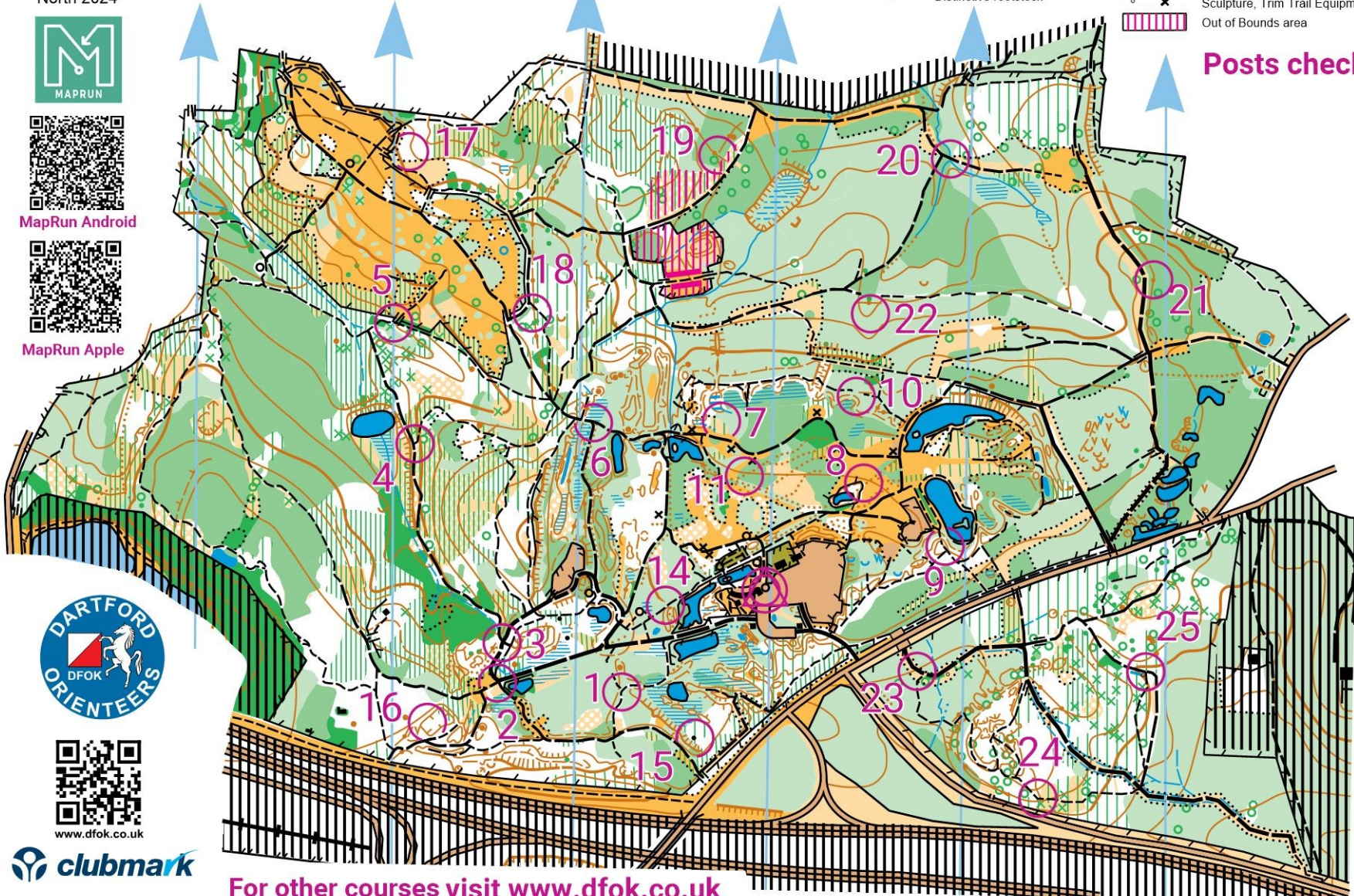
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Shorne Woods POC		
Score	23 controls	
▷	Start: Building, E. Side	
1	Path Junction	
2	Path crossing	
3	Path crossing	
4	Path Junction	
5	Path Junction	
6	Path Junction	
7	Clearing, N. Part	
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