



WEST ANGLIAN ORIENTEERING CLUB

URBAN REGIONAL EVENT (LEVEL C)

WEST CAMBRIDGE, SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2026

DETAILS (10 April 2026 version)

The event will use University of Cambridge sites in West Cambridge, to the north and south of Madingley Road, with longer courses finishing at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences.

This event is part of the UK Urban Orienteering League, the Southern England Orienteering Urban League and the East Anglian Urban League.

Entries:

Entries via Fabian4 <http://www.fabian4.co.uk/> until end 10th April. Limited Entry on Day will be available subject to map availability. Fees (until end 5th April) £13 (adult BOF member), £15 (adult non-BOF member), £4 (junior/student). Entries after 5th April, including Entry on Day, subject to £2 late entry supplement.

We will be using **SPORTident** electronic punching. SI dibber hire: £1, SIAC dibber hire: £3 (charge of £30 for loss of a hire SI card, £65 for SIAC).

Event Centre is at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS), Wilberforce Road, CB3 0WA.

Registration and Enquiries: At CMS, 10 am to 12 noon. Entry on the day will be available, subject to map availability, but entries in advance via Fabian4 <http://www.fabian4.co.uk/> are preferred.

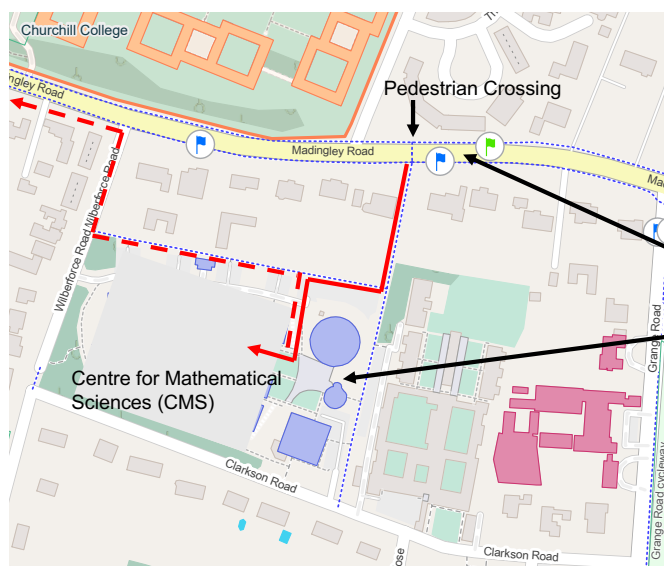
DIRECTIONS: (See map below.)

Arriving by car: There is no car parking at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS). If you travel to the event by car you should use the Madingley Road Park and Ride CB3 0EX. There is no charge for parking. There are then two options to reach CMS: (i) Take the Park and Ride bus (departures every 15 minutes on a Sunday) to the first stop (Storey's Way). The return fare is £4.50 (adults), £1 (children 5-15). English National Concessionary Travel Scheme pass holders can travel free. (ii) Walk along Madingley Road to the Storey's Way bus stop, which is 1.5km to the east of the Park and Ride site. along Madingley Road. You should keep to the north side of the road. You will pass Churchill College on the left before you reach the Storey's Way bus stop. At the bus stop use the pedestrian crossing to cross Madingley Road and approach CMS along the bicycle path. *[If you have pre-entered and wish to go directly to the Start without going to CMS then proceed as above and after about 700m you will arrive at the marshalled road crossing. The narrow road to the Start is on the left.]*

More details of the Madingley Road Park and Ride, buses, etc are given at: <https://cambridgeparkandride.info/madingleyroad.shtml>

Arriving by public transport from central Cambridge: The Whippet U Bus runs from central Cambridge, e.g. the central Rail Station, to the Storey's Way bus stop. On Sundays the buses run every hour until about 1100, then every half-hour after that. See <https://www.whippetbus.co.uk/media/hdjpttd/universal-a4-tt-mar25.pdf>

Arriving by cycle or on foot: Please approach CMS from Madingley Road. There are cycle racks at the entrance to the CMS.



Routes for arrival to CMS (Event Centre)

- Bus Stops
- Cycle Racks
- Route into CMS for arriving competitors
- Route out of CMS to Start (also return route from Finish 2)

FACILITIES: Registration, Enquiries, Bag Storage, Download, and Toilets will be located at CMS on the lower ground floor. Please leave bags in the Meeting Room open for this purpose. There is on-site drinking water but access may be limited. There will be no on-site food sale and this part of Cambridge is a bit of a food desert. There are shops, cafes and restaurants in central Cambridge and also in the Eddington area close to the Madingley Road Park and Ride. There is a small café at the University Sports Centre on the West Cambridge site.

COURSES Please note, as this is an urban event, unaccompanied Under 16s (on the day of the event) will be restricted to courses 6 and 7. Unaccompanied Under 12s (on the day of the event) should run course 7, unless they are experienced and confident.

Course	Class	Optimum Distance (km)	Number of controls
1	Men Open	10.3	36*(SIAC required)
2	Veteran Men (40+) Women Open	9.2	33*(SIAC required)
3	Supervet Men (55+) Veteran Women (40+)	7.5	28
4	Ultravet Men (65+) Supervet Women (55+)	6.4	24
5	Ultravet Women (65+) Hypervet Men (75+) Hypervet Women (75+)	4.8	24
6	Junior Men (16-), Junior Women (16-)	4.3	21
7	Young Junior Men (12-) Young Junior Women (12-),	2.5	25

*SI series 5 and 8 dibbers are not suitable for Courses 1 and 2 because of limited capacity. If you are running Courses 1 and 2 and do not have a SIAC dibber then visit Registration before you run and request one on loan.

All controls *except* the Start and Finish will be SIAC-enabled.

START: Start times from: 10.30am until 12.30. There will be a single Start. The distance from Centre for Mathematical Sciences to the Start is 900m along paved footpaths, including a marshalled road crossing. The route will be taped. [See DIRECTIONS above for instructions on how to reach the Start from the Madingley Road Park and Ride without going to the Event Centre first – only do this if you have pre-entered and do not need to pick up a hire SI-card.]

There are no pre-allocated start times. Go to the Start when you are ready. After the road crossing the Start is approached via a narrow road that will also be used by competitors during their run. *Please keep to the left side of this road as you approach the Start.*

The Start area is limited. If you need a longer option to warm up then turn right after the road crossing and use the footpath along on the north side of Madingley Road

The organiser's guess is that given the free choice of start times most will choose to start in the first hour. Therefore, if you wish to avoid a queue at the Start then you are encouraged to aim to arrive relatively late, e.g. to start after 11.45am. This applies particularly to Courses 3 and 4 which have the largest number of competitors.

Loose control descriptions will be in the start lanes. There is a last-minute map correction – details will be displayed in the Start area and in the start lanes. There is a punching start, where SIAC will not be enabled.

FINISH: The control at the Finish must be punched. SIAC will not be enabled at this control. Courses close at 2.00pm. You must report to Download by 2.15pm. *Please ensure that you start early enough that you will be able to complete your course by the time courses close.*









**** You must report to Download at CMS whether or not you complete your Course. ****

There will be two Finishes. Courses 1-4 will finish at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences (Finish 1). Courses 5-7 will finish on the West Cambridge site (Finish 2). The return distance from Finish 2 to CMS is 1km along paved footpaths. There will be a marshal at Finish 2 and the return route will be taped and will pass the marshalled road crossing. If you are responsible for young competitors, particularly under-12s, please consider whether they will be able to return alone safely from Finish 2 to the Event Centre at CMS given these arrangements.

MAP AND TERRAIN: Map is 1:4000, 5m contours and A4 (courses 5-7)/A3 (double sided: Courses 1-3; single-sided: Course 4). Maps and loose control descriptions will be printed on waterproof paper. Terrain is University sites with varied buildings, some multi-level, and some grassy areas. The West Cambridge and CMS areas are linked by footpaths and residential streets. A previous map is shown at <https://www.cuoc.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#37>, but note that the 12th April Event will not use Churchill College.

Out-of-Bounds: Competitors must not enter any area marked as Out of Bounds, indicated on the map by either solid olive colour, or vertical purple stripes or cross hatching. You are reminded that the map symbols below indicate out-of-bounds areas or uncrossable features.

Features not to be crossed

Building site		Wall	
Out Of Bounds		Pond / river	
Private property		Building	
Fence		Hedge / thicket	

Multi-level mapping: The usual conventions regarding mapping of multi-level areas have been followed. In the location shown on the right (relevant to Courses 1-4 only) there are three levels, with a staircase leading from the lowest level to a middle-level walkway and then continuing to an uppermost walkway. The map shows only the uppermost walkway. The middle-level walkway is not shown and there is no entrance/exit from this walkway apart from via the staircases.



SAFETY: Competitors take part in this urban event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Particular care must be taken when crossing roads. The Madingley Road, running east-west, bisects the area and must be crossed only at two marked crossing points. There will be timed-out legs (maximum 120 seconds) at each. The eastern crossing, also used on the route to the Start, will be marshalled and Courses 5-7 will use only this crossing. *You must obey the marshals at this crossing.* The western crossing will not be actively marshalled. There are pedestrian traffic lights at this crossing but it is not compulsory to use them, since visibility is good and there is a broad central island in the road. The University sites to the north and south of the Madingley Road are light-traffic, but not completely traffic-free, and competitors must remain aware of potential hazards at all time.

Take care for the usual hazards such as steps, stairs and rough ground. There are some water hazards.

There are some pinch points that will be used approaching and leaving the event, approaching the Start, returning from Finish 2 and as part of the courses. Please show consideration to other competitors, and to others using the area including pedestrians, dog-walkers and cyclists.

No dogs on courses or at the Event Centre.

First aid: A First aid box will be located at download at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences. The nearest hospital is Addenbrookes, Cambridge CB2 0QQ 01223 217118. (Directions held at download.)

RESULTS: Results from this event will be published online, see www.waoc.org.uk.

ENQUIRIES/CONTACT: Please email the organiser at entries@waoc.org.uk for any general enquiries.

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NEXT WAOC events:

Saturday 16th May Coldham's Common Park-O

Sunday 13th September Ampthill

Sunday 1 November Santon Downham

- **Safety and Risk:** A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.
- **Insurance:** Important -- non-members of British Orienteering (BO) are not insured under BO's public liability insurance policy. By entering this event, you acknowledge that you participate at your own risk.
- **Privacy:** You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the Event and may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not limited to) name, any club affiliation, race times and age group. [Read our data protection page](#) for further information about how we look after your personal information.