



WEST ANGLIAN ORIENTEERING CLUB
YBT QUALIFIER, WAGAL AND COLOUR-CODED REGIONAL (C)
ROWNEY WARREN, SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020

FINAL DETAILS

Directions: Post code for SatNav: **SG17 5QB** (different to usual!). Access to Assembly will be from a minor road leading off the A600 Shefford to Bedford road. The event will be signed from the junction of the minor road with the A600 which is about 2.5 km north of the A600/A507 junction. We will be based at the farm of F B Parrish & Son Ltd down the hill from our usual parking area at Rowney. Our grateful thanks go to them for their kindness in allowing us to use their land for Assembly and Parking. Please respect the area and ensure you follow directions from marshals. Be aware that farm equipment may be moving around the site when we are there and exercise caution. Do not allow children to play on farm equipment.

Facilities: Portaloo toilets will be provided.

Enquiries and registration: 10 am to 12 noon.

Pre-entry until 4th March 2020 via Fabian4 <http://www.fabian4.co.uk/> then entry on day.

If you are new to orienteering or require assistance, then please enquire at registration. If you are bringing a school party, or other group such as guides, scouts or ATC cadets, please inform the organiser in advance using the [Group Entry Form](#). Please provide this information by 1st March.

Please note we will be hosting the YBTS qualifier and the SMOC club championship. Clubs intending to enter the YBTS qualifier need to declare their intention to enter a team no later than 2 weeks before the event i.e. Sunday 23rd February. Please inform the organiser if you intend entering a team and who the team manager will be. In due course you will need to provide the organiser with your team list and then enter your team via fabian4. There will be a designated area for team tents.

Starts from: 10.30am until 12.30. Punching start. SIAC will not be enabled. We will be using **SPORTident** electronic punching. S.I. cards/dibbers can be hired from registration.

The start (for all courses) and finish for courses White to Green are less than 5 minute walk along a taped route (no road crossing required). The finish for Blue and Brown courses is less than 10 minute walk back to assembly along a taped route but will require competitors to cross a minor public road- please take care when crossing, traffic can be fast moving. There is no clothing dump. No water will be provided at either finish.

Please clean shoes before the event to avoid spread of plant-based diseases.

Courses close at 2.30pm- you must report to Download by this time.

IMPORTANT: Please report to Download even if you do not finish your course.

Prices:

	On-line entry via fabian4 up to 04/03/20	Entry on the day
Adults, BO members	£8	£10
Adults, non-members	£10	£12
Juniors (under 21) / Students	£2	£2
SI card (dibber) hire	£1	£1
Family group sharing a map	£10	£12

Loss of a hired S.I. card will incur a charge of £30.

Courses:

Course	Length	Climb	Controls	Map scale
White (like Park-O short)	1.4 km	35m	13	1:7500
Yellow (like Park-O medium)	2.2 km	65m	12	1:7500
Orange (like Park-O long)	2.7 km	90m	11	1:7500
Light Green	3.1 km	90m	11	1:7500
Short Green	3.0 km	85m	12	1:7500
Green	3.8 km	125m	13	1:7500
Blue (over 16s only)	5.1 km	175m	21	1:10,000
Brown (over 16s only)	6.4 km	190m	24	1:10,000

[subject to final controlling]

Individual start times will not be pre-allocated. Specific start-time slots will however be pre-allocated to each club participating in the YBTS qualifier for the relevant junior courses (Yellow, Orange, Lt Green and Green)- all junior competitors for these clubs will have to start in one of these time slots. Time slots will also be available for non-YBTS competitors on these courses.

White course maps will be available for White course competitors and their parents to view before the start. All other course maps will only be available after the start. If running in a pair for YBTS, then only one map is allowed for the pair. Loose control descriptions will be in the start lane.

Longer courses have been planned to be somewhere between a middle distance and a long distance course – making best use of the area. There is a significant amount of climb on all courses (at least by East Anglian standards) and in some cases the hills are quite steep. There are quite a lot of controls in the more interesting parts of the area, and as a consequence some of them are quite close together – make sure you check your control descriptions and control codes!

Maps: Maps will be A4, printed on waterproof paper, with control descriptions on the front of the map. Loose control descriptions will also be available in the start lane. Map scale is 1:10,000 for Blue and Brown courses; 1:7500 for all other courses. 5m contours.

Hides/dens are not mapped (not even some quite significant ones in the SE of the area). Undergrowth symbols represent bramble rather than bracken. A green cross is a distinctive root stock. There are numerous mountain bike tracks throughout the area. Only the most obvious such tracks, as at January 2020, have been mapped. Do not be surprised to find other, less obvious, unmapped tracks throughout the area. Some tracks may also have become more obvious, and new tracks created, since the map was updated.

Terrain: Rowney Warren is well-contoured area with a number of significant spurs and valleys (re-entrants). Extensive path network; also numerous mountain bike tracks. Mainly mature pine forest, with some smaller areas of deciduous woodland and some newer planting. Extensive covering of dead bracken (not a significant hinderance to running or navigation, and hence not mapped). Some limited areas of bramble – mapped where significant. Mainly fast running (but steep in places!).

Safety:

- **TIMED-OUT ROAD CROSSING:** Competitors on the Blue and Brown courses (over 16s only) will cross a public road part way round their course with occasional fast moving traffic. There is a control on each side of the road – make sure you punch both of them! Please take care crossing the road and obey the instructions of any marshals if present (but note that you remain responsible for your own safety whilst crossing). The time you take between the two controls will be removed from your overall time up to a maximum of 1 minute.

- **OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS:** Please do not go into any area marked as Out of Bounds, indicated on the map by either solid olive colour, or purple cross hatching. In particular there is a fenced-off area; **this is out of bounds to all competitors at all times.** All public roads are also OOB: apart from the timed-out road crossing on the Blue and Brown courses, competitors are forbidden from running along or across any public road. These are marked as forbidden routes (purple crosses) on the map.
- **BEWARE OF MOUNTAIN BIKES!** Take care when crossing or running along any mountain bike track. Be especially careful when crossing or running along any track that runs up or down a steep slope – where possible we recommend that you do NOT run up or down tracks that have clearly been created by mountain bikes rather than walkers.
- There may be walkers and horse riders in the forest as well as mountain bikers. Please be courteous to any you meet.
- Full leg cover is compulsory.
- A whistle is mandatory and will be checked at the start.
- In extreme weather conditions, cagoules may be declared obligatory and signs will be on display at assembly if this is so.
- Take care for the usual hazards in the forest such as tripping, eye-level branches and brambles.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept under close control at all times, and must be on leads in the car park area and when crossing roads.
- Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Results: The results from this event will be published online as soon as possible, see www.waoc.org.uk.

First aid: Travel directions to hospital are available at registration/download. A First aid box will be located in the download tent.

Nearest Hospitals:	Bedford Hospital, Bedford,	MK40 2AW	Tel: 01234 355122
	Addenbrookes, Cambridge	CB2 0QQ	Tel: 01223 217118

We would like to thank FB Parrish and Son Ltd for allowing us to park on their land, Forestry England for giving permission to use the area, and to all helpers from WAOC without whom the event could not run.

Enquiries/Contact: Please email entries@waoc.org.uk for any enquiries.

Officials:	Organiser -	Helen Hague, WAOC 07790316873
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	Controller -	Jeff Baker, LOG

NEXT WAOC events:

Saturday 14th March 2020 Park-O at Wandlebury Country Park.

Compass Sport Qualifier Sunday 15th March 2020 at Aspley Heath

Saturday 18th April 2020 Park-O at Lammas Land and Coe Fen

Saturday 9th May 2020 Park-O at Milton Country Park

Sunday 17th May 2020 Regional event North Cambridge Urban

- **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:** Please note that if you have participated in three orienteering events/activities and not joined an orienteering club that is a member of British Orienteering then you are not covered by our public liability insurance.
- **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.