**DON’T FORGET!**

**CLOCKS GO BACK AT 2A.M.**

**WESSEX ORIENTEERING CLUB**

**27th Dorset Delight, Wareham Forest, NW**

 **Sunday 25th October 2015**

**FINAL DETAILS**

**Location** Wareham Forest, NW

**Parking and Assembly**

Parking is on a gravelled forest track leading to the Assembly Area. The track entrance will be signed off the Wareham-Bere Regis road at GR SY872932. Nearest Post Code is BH20 7NN.

The earlier you are, the nearer to Assembly! Cars with young children wanting to do the String course may be able to park nearer the Assembly, if space allows.

**There will be a car parking fee of £1.00 per car. Please have this exact amount ready for collection as you enter.**

As the forest track is narrow in places, competitors are advised not to leave before 12. When leaving, continue to the Assembly area (or the nearest track junction) where you will be able to turn round before exiting.

**Toilets** will be located in the Assembly area

**First Aid** will also be located in the Assembly Area. The nearest A&E hospital is Poole Hospital Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 2JB Tel: 01202 665511

**Start and Finish** The Start is approximately 50m from Assembly, and the two Finishes are both within 30m.

Pre-entered competitors may go directly to the Start from their cars.

**Dogs** will be allowed on the courses BUT MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES AND NOT IMPEDE COMPETITORS. If this privilege is abused, the owner will be disqualified. In the Assembly area, dogs must be kept on leads.

**Map and Terrain**

The map is 1-10000, updated Autumn 2015, on waterproof paper

Please note: The contour interval is **2.5m** (i.e. half the usual)

A4 size maps for White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Short Green.

A3 for the longer courses.

Special map symbols:

Green circle – distinctive or lone tree

Brown cross – root stock

Black cross – hide

Power lines are NOT mapped

Rough Open Scattered Trees -- This symbol is called ‘Rough Open with Trees’ in the map legend. These areas appear white (run) forest from a distance but the forest floor is covered in lush grass hiding very uneven ground underneath.

Terrain

This is a typical Dorset working forest with a strong path network. It is of variable runnability including some areas that are physically challenging underfoot.

There is a significant ridge running NW-SE across the map which offers areas of detailed contours. The areas of denser forest and heavy bracken have been avoided by the planner wherever possible.

There are occasional pile of logs alongside the track, and maybe forest machinery. THESE MUST NOT BE CLIMBED ON.

**As usual all competitors MUST report to download even if they do not finish their course.** ALL competitors are advised to carry a whistle. The wearing of cagoules may be required, dependent on the weather conditions. Advisory notices will be displayed in the Assembly area.

**Courses**

The following courses are available:

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| **COURSE** | **LENGTH** | **CLIMB** | **COURSE** | **LENGTH** | **CLIMB** |
| **White** | 1.7 km | 10m | **Short Green** | 3.0 km | 40m |
| **Yellow** | 2.2 km | 15m | **Green** | 4.1 km | 35m |
| **Orange** | 3.1 km | 40m | **Blue** | 6.4 km | 80m |
| **Light Green** | 3.6 km | 50m | **Brown** | 8.8 km | 80m |

There will also be a free **String** course very close to the Assembly Area.

**Registration: 10.00 – 12.00**

**Start Times: 10.30 – 12.30**

**(Note: if you think you might take 2 hours or more, we would appreciate it if you started sooner rather than later!)**

**COURSES CLOSE AT 14.30**

**SAFETY BEARING:** head NE which will bring you back either to the main track through the forest or the road at its edge.

**Procedure on the Day**

The procedures for the competitors are as follows

***For people who have not pre-entered:***

1. Entry on Day form given out on entering the car park. Complete the form and then go to Enquiries/EOD Tent/Dibber Hire tent
2. Hire S.I. Dibber (if required) £1 per dibber, £20 charge for lost dibber
3. Go to Registration Tent
4. Go to start between 10.30 and 12.30

***For people who have pre-entered but require a Dibber:***

1) Collect allocated S.I. dibber at Enquiries/EOD/Dibber Hire Tent

 2) Go to start between 10.30 and 12.30

***For people who have pre-entered with their own Dibber:***

* 1. Go to start between 10.30 and 12.30

**NOTE: NO ALLOCATED START TIMES ARE BEING GIVEN. SIMPLY GO TO THE START WHEN YOU ARE READY AND TAKE THE NEXT AVAILABLE TIME SLOT FOR YOUR COURSE.**

**Entry on the day**

Entry on the day is available while map stocks last.

**Entry on the Day Fees**.

BOF Seniors £10.00

Non BOF Seniors £12.00

Juniors £3.00

Senior novices £5.00 (White, Yellow or Orange)

Dibber hire £1.00 (£20 charge for any lost Dibber)

**Control Descriptions**

These will be printed on the maps and available loose in waterproof paper pads in the start lanes.

White and Yellow courses will have text descriptions and the Orange course will have text loose descriptions but pictorial descriptions on the map.

**Cancellation**

In the event of severe weather, information as to whether or not the event will go ahead will be placed on the WSX website [http://www.wessex-oc.org](http://www.wessex-oc.org/)

The club reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover incurred costs in the unlikely circumstance that the event has to be cancelled for any reason whatsoever.

**Caterers:**  Tom and Julie Wilkinson will be in attendance with their van.

**Organiser:** Julie Astin (julie.astin@hotmail.co.uk) 01202 429756 or 07584 430587 before 9pm.

**Planners:** Roger and James Crickmore (WSX)

**Controller:** Mike Kite (WIM)

