

Final Details Writtle Forest

Rescheduled Regional Colour Coded event including East Anglian League

Sunday 13th March 2022

IMPORTANT READ THIS!

DO NOT attempt to approach the event from west end of Metsons Lane by Barrow Farm. See directions below.

Essex Stragglers were very disappointed that the event originally scheduled for February 20th had to be cancelled as a result of high winds making conditions potentially dangerous. We are delighted that we have been able to reschedule the event so quickly. A lot of people have worked very hard to make this happen most notably Eddie Banks for negotiating with the landowner, Lord Petre. Lord Petre is very supportive of orienteering in the forest and without such support the event would not be happening so quickly. Thanks also to David Lumby for dealing with Racesignup to handle the transfer of entries, refunds for those not able to attend and a number of other changes. Please enjoy your courses.

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- Map/Terrain details Ancient woodland. Very runnable with no significant undergrowth.
The two main blocks are private woodland with little public access, so apart from a large footpath across each, are rarely walked and the limited paths need care in locating and following. The one exception is a track near the finish, in the NW part, associated with a riding school. Horses may be exercised here but courses can easily avoid it.
Mill Green and the southern area of woods close to it have multiple holly thickets which are generally mapped, but individual holly bushes here remain unmapped for clarity.
The start is in Ellis Wood. The vehicle track has not been used for several years, but wheel ruts are still clear. Some paths are less distinct due to leaf cover or lack of use. Deer tracks are generally not mapped. Double green hatching is thick bramble and uncrossable. Use the bridge to cross the small river.
Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, Brown 1:10000
White, Yellow. Orange 1:5000
5m contours, updated for the event.
- Course information Courses suitable for all levels of ability and experience - ask for advice if you are unsure which is the right one for you.
Controls will be SIAC enabled. Punch start and finish.

Course	Difficulty	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Number of controls
White	Very Easy	1.6	20	13
Yellow	Easy	2.3	20	13
Orange	Medium	2.8	30	13
Light Green	Hard	3.5	60	14
Short Green	Very Hard	3.8	65	15
Green	Very Hard	4.9	95	18

Blue	Very Hard	6.4	125	25
Brown	Very Hard	8.2	175	29

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WHITE AND YELLOW COURSE

On the white course, due to the indistinct paths, some Smiley faces and one short taped route will be used to guide competitors round.

Runners on Yellow should be able to identify other line features as well as paths and tracks, specifically streams, small gulleys, earth banks, vegetation boundaries.

Could adults in charge please make sure these competitors understand this and know the symbols.

Control 121 on Yellow is visited twice (4 & 11). Take care to go in correct direction to the next controls.

Registration and start times	<p>Enquiries open from 10:00am. Start times 10:30am-12:30pm Start times will not be preallocated Start for all courses is in Ellis Wood. Allow 15 minutes. Cross Ingatestone Road (take care) and walk down Cock Lane. White, yellow and orange will finish in Ellis Wood. The return crossing will be marshalled. Please ensure juniors remember to download. Courses close 14:30</p>
Entry details/costs	<p>Pre entry only via Racesignup. Closing date Wednesday February 16th Late entries subject to map availability by emailing organiser £10 seniors (£8 members of British Orienteering), £3 juniors (under 21) and students. SI card (dibber) hire £1.</p>
Safety notes	<p>The longer courses (Light Green, Green, Blue and Brown) cross a road into the main forest blocks. Traffic is light but can be fast even with the good visibility at the crossing. It will be manned but without a timeout. Please listen to the official and take care crossing. Green, Blue and Brown also cross into and out of Mill Green Common at two separate points. These crossings will not be manned, please take care and remember that the cyclists who like such backroads, cannot be heard as with normal motorised traffic. There are deer in the forest. They can be fast moving and in groups. Please be aware. Lyme's Disease is low risk but check for ticks after the event.</p>
Nearest hospital A&E	Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, CM1 7ET 01245 443673
Facilities	<p>Enquiries, dibber collection, download and portable toilet will be situated at the forest end of Metsons Lane The SOS cake stall is back selling tea, coffee and cakes in aid of SOS juniors Guidance for beginners available from the Enquiries point.</p>
Dog restrictions	Well-behaved dogs on a lead

Parking/Directions	<p>Parking is at Arran Fishing Lake and the end of Metsons Lane, Ingatestone Road, Highwood, CM1 3RA What3Words: gear.patch.gentle Please park as directed by the marshals. Parking is limited. Please car-pool where possible</p> <p>From A12 east, leave at junction 15. At roundabout take B1002 towards Margaretting and turn right at crossroads in the centre (Wantz Road). Cross A12, turn left onto slip road and then right onto Ivy Barn Lane. After approx. 1.2 miles turn sharp right into Ingatestone Road (O sign).</p> <p>From A12 west, leave at junction 12 and take B1002 toward Ingatestone. Turn left at crossroads in centre of Ingatestone (Fryerning Lane), Cross A12 and turn right at T-junction. After approx. 1 mile, fork left into Ingatestone Road (O sign)</p> <p>DO NOT approach from west end of Metsons Lane by Barrow Farm. Metsons Lane is a no through road although it is marked as a through route on some maps. £10 seniors (£8 members of British Orienteering), £3 juniors (under 21) and students. SI card (dibber) hire £1.</p>
Location	Ingatestone Road, Highwood, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3RA
Officials	<p>Organiser – Lyn West lynwestghh@gmail.com 07974391283 Planner – John Collyer, Eddie Banks Controller – Janet Biggs, HAVOC Assistant controller - Colin West</p>