



East Harptree Woods TrailO

Sunday 2nd September 2018
British PreO Ranking Event



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Competition Area: The competition will be staged at East Harptree Woods. It is located approximately 1 mile from the location of the British Middle Distance Championships which take place on the same day at Stockhill.

Timings:

Parking open to competitors: 13:30

Registration/Enquiries Open: 13:30

Start times: 14:00 - 16:00

Course close: 18:00

Parking: On side of road leading to the forestry commission car park. **The parking is not in the forestry commission car park except for the para class.**

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<https://goo.gl/maps/c91UjdB8i8R2>



Parking

Directions: Please approach from the south-west direction if possible. Approaching from the west on the B3134, turn left just before the Castle of Comfort Inn. Approaching from the south, see the directions below.

Directions from Stockhill: Turn left out of the parking. No exit before **1330**. At the crossroads turn right onto the B3134. At the Castle of Comfort Inn, take the first right on the road which heads in a north easterly direction. Parking is on the side of this road after approximately 1 mile.

Assembly: The assembly area will be located in the forestry commission car park

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<https://goo.gl/maps/jYUXH6vrj1k>



Assembly

Entries: Entries will remain open on SIEntries until Monday 27th August 2018. There will be limited entry on the day with a £2 surcharge subject to map availability. You are recommended to email the organiser to reserve a map in the case of late entry.

Elite Open / Para - Senior £12, Junior £6

Standard - Senior £6, Junior £3

EoD for PreO - Senior +£2, Junior +£1

Start: Queueing with a 2 minute gap between starters. The start kite will be placed exactly.

Race numbers: Wear your bib from the Middle race. If you are only competing in the TrailO, we will issue you a number.

Courses: There will be two courses - elite and standard. The standard course will be shorter and less technical than the elite course.

There is a timed out section in the middle of the course over a rough, but passable stretch of path, followed by the first timed control. Make sure you punch the 1st finish and 2nd start either side of this. There is no time limit for traversing this section.

Both courses will include two timed controls with two problems: one in the middle of the course during the timed out section and one at the end of the course. You may point to your answers on the map cards or speak. Only your first answer will be accepted. You must give your answer before moving onto the next map and cannot refer back to the previous one. ANT timing will be used for the first time at a domestic British ranking event!

Course Lengths:

Elite Course: 22 controls, 1.1 km, 99 minutes

Standard Course: 12 controls, 1.1 km, 69 minutes

Classes: There will be 3 classes – elite open, elite para and standard.

Scoring: One point is scored for each correct answer. There is a penalty of 1 point per 5 minutes (or part thereof) over the course time limit. The timed controls are used as a tie-break. At the timed control, your score is the total time taken to give your answers plus a 60 second penalty per wrong answer. If no answer is given to one or both problems, a penalty of 60 seconds will be given for each unanswered problem.

Map: 1:4000 (ISSOM 2007) updated 2018. 2.5 m contours. Mapped to ISOM 2017 by Trevor Crowe (BOK) and Peter Foster (BOK); converted to ISSOM with minor changes by Tom Dobra.

Special symbols: Earth banks at least 0.3 m high are mapped. Black circle indicates a concrete post. Black cross is a bench. These symbols are also used in the control descriptions.

◦ Concrete Post × Bench

Zero Tolerance: No kite may be deemed to be in the correct location if all kites are more than 3 metres away or are on different objects.

Timing: Course timing will use SI. Please bring your own dibber. There will be a limited number to borrow on a first come, first served basis.

Punching: Record your answers using the pin punches at each viewing point. Make sure you punch through both halves of your card. You must punch all the controls in the correct order. If more than one answer has been marked for a control, it will be marked wrong.

Wheelchair users: The surface for the majority of the course is well maintained forest roads and should pose no problems for wheelchair users in either traction or manoeuvrability. There is a short timed out section which is narrower, downhill and has some extruding roots which additional care should be taken on.

Toilets: No toilets will be provided at East Harptree Woods. You are asked to use the toilets at the Middle Championships at Stockhill where possible. Alternatively, you may use the toilets in the Crown Inn in West Harptree (BS40 6HA); it will not be signposted. There is level access into the toilets, but they are not officially suitable for the disabled. A wheelchair should fit into the gentlemen's toilet, but there are no grab rails; if you would like extraordinary access to the gents' toilet, please ask at the bar and they will temporarily close it for you. If this arrangement poses a problem for you, please contact the organiser as soon as possible, to enable us to make alternative arrangements.

Course Evaluation: Duncan Harris (DEE) will compose an evaluation of the elite course in order to start discussion about the competition. His analysis will be posted along with the results and further discussion will take place on the [British Trail Orienteering facebook group](#).

Safety: Even if participants do not complete the course they must go to the finish to record their finish time and hand in their control card. A first aid kit will be available at Registration. All participants take part at their own risk.

Helicopters have been known to land on forest tracks. In this instance competitors should allow the helicopter to land and appropriate mitigating measures will be taken to ensure fairness.

Photography: Steve Rush will be taking photographs. If you don't want a photo published, where you or a family member are in focus, please let him know via Enquiries. In accordance with British Orienteering Child Welfare Policy and Procedures, we request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close-range photography should make themselves aware of British Orienteering policy. Organisers reserve the right to challenge anyone who is giving cause for concern. If anyone has concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography, they should raise them with the Organiser. Persons may take photographs of their immediate family and friends without restriction. British Orienteering guidance on Safeguarding, image taking & the use of images is [here](#). Please do not go into the woods to try to take photos.

General information: Help and advice for those new to TrailO will be available at registration. Newcomers to TrailO may wish to study the IOF document '[Technical Introduction to TrailO for experienced foot orienteers](#)'.

Official pub: Crown Inn, West Harptree, BS40 6HA. Open until 19:00. Go grab a drink, have a roast there beforehand.

Officials:

Planner: Tom Dobra (UBOC)

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