

# Wilverley and Yew Tree Bottom - Sunday 8th October

## Final Details

The weather is set fair for the day. Please ensure you bring water with you and keep yourself well hydrated.

A large road cycling event is taking place on Sunday and the route goes past the car park entrance and the road-crossing on the Blue course. We are expecting the cyclists to pass through between 12 and 2. It is not a race but no doubt many of them will be travelling at high speed. Please be aware and take care.

The final details are below. Newcomers may need to know that leg cover is compulsory and, in the unlikely event the weather takes a turn for the worse, we may ask you to wear a cagoule or similar.

We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks and enjoy your run.

Pete Davis  
Organiser  
Southampton Orienteering Club

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## Event Information

### COVID

COVID still poses a significant risk to some. Please make yourself aware of and abide by the [British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct](#).

If you, or a member of your household, is testing positive for COVID please do not attend the event.

### Location, travel and parking

Parking and registration are in the Wilverley Plain Car Park:

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- Grid Ref SU253010
- [Google maps](#)

Trains run from Southampton Central and Bournemouth to Sway station which is 2.5 miles from the car park.

We are sharing the car park with the general public and space may be a bit tight. Please park only in the spaces provided. Do not park on the verges or on the sides of the entrance roads.

Registration and the start are on the north eastern side of the car park near to the toilet block.

Please note this is a busy car park. Please take care when walking through it.

### Timing

Help, advice and EMIT hire cards: 09:45 - 12:45

Starts : 10:00 - 13:00

Courses close: 14:00

Start at any time. If you have your own EMIT you may go straight to the start.

The start and finish are within 300m of the car park.

### **Map and Terrain**

1:10,000 map on A4 waterproof paper, 5m contours. Surveyed 2007. Minor updates for this event.

Mixed undulating forest with a good network of line features. The Blue course will venture out onto the open heathlands and bogs of Yew Tree Bottom.

### **Facilities**

There is a permanent toilet at the Eastern end of the car park.

### **Clothing and equipment**

Full leg cover and footwear suitable for the terrain must be worn. Trail shoes or sturdy walking boots are recommended.

The weather forecast is for a warm, sunny day so it is unlikely that competitors will be required to wear a cagoule or similar waterproof top, however these would certainly be recommended in the case of extreme weather conditions on the day. Please make sure you have a waterproof top with you just in case.

### **Road Crossings**

The Blue course crosses a road with good sight lines. Under 16s on this course must run with or be shadowed by an adult.

There is a cycling event using the road that is crossed. Please take care.

### **Use of the New Forest**

The area is used by the general public for leisure, dog walking and cycling, please be aware and courteous to other forest users.

The area is frequented by ponies, deer and livestock and the usual precautions to avoid infection apply. Please avoid disturbing or frightening the livestock as best you can. Be aware of the risk of kicks and bites.

### **Hazards**

Please be aware of the risk of ticks and Lyme disease.

Please do not pick up litter or unidentified objects in the competition area.

### **Dogs**

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead and under control at all times.

### **The New Forest Code**

All participants should make themselves aware of and comply with [The New Forest Code](#).

### **Photography and Safeguarding**

Photography is not allowed in the toilets or any "changing area" including the car park. Any concerns with photography or the behaviour of anyone toward any child or young adult must be reported to the event organiser or other official. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, play your part, report any concerns and follow good practice. (For details see British Orienteering O-Safe Policy)

### **Download**

Please report to download, even if you retire. This is so we know you are back and don't start searching the woods to find you!

## **Results**

The results will be posted on the SOC website as soon as possible after the event.

## **Officials**

**Planner:** Paul Thwaites

**Organiser:** Pete Davis