

Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.



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Parks Challenge 2010 - Event 1

Saturday 22 May 2010

Whiteknights Park, University of Reading

Berkshire Orienteers invite you to our new **Parks Challenge 2010**, a series of 4 events staged in and around parks close to the communities of Wokingham and Reading. Whether you are a runner or a walker, why not take this chance to try the sport!

Where?

Whiteknights Park, University of Reading

How do I get there?

Use the A327 Shinfield Road entrance to the campus, about 1 mile South of Reading town centre. The car park is a large temporary 'contractors' car park, just past the university sport centre. Grid Reference: SU731720

When?

Registration for the event is from 10.00 on the day with starts from 10.30-11.30. Courses close at 13.00.

What courses are there?

5 courses are available:

- **'White'**: For the novice and young junior (about 1.5 km/1 mile).
- **'Yellow'**: For the novice and junior wanting a longer challenge (about 2.5km/1.5 miles).
- **'Light Green'/The Junior Challenge**: For the experienced

junior or a novice adult wanting a tougher challenge (about 3.5km/2miles).

- **Short Senior Course**: A longer adult novice course which will include some campus road crossings (about 4.5km/3 miles)
- **The Senior Challenge**: A course designed to get the best orienteering out of the area. Also for adults as it includes some campus road crossings. (about 6.5 km/4.5 miles)

What age restrictions are there?

As the longer courses include unmanned campus road crossings, unaccompanied juniors (under 16) will only be permitted to enter the 'White', 'Yellow' and 'Light Green' courses

What map is used?

A special new orienteering map of

the campus has been surveyed and drawn during the start of 2010. Scale is 1:5000

What is the area like?

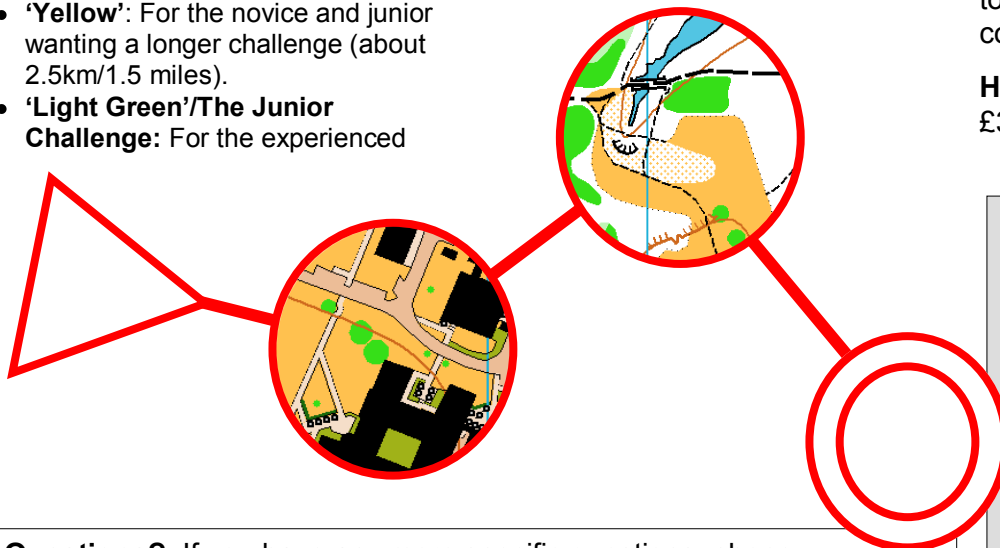
The terrain is a mixture of complex campus buildings, open parkland and areas of woodland. The two longest courses will pass through the 'Wilderness' which contains some interesting features - water channels, marshes and even a boulder field.

What do I need?

The 'White' and 'Yellow' course are designed to only use the main paths so any outdoor clothes will be suitable. The three longer courses, depending upon the weather, may encounter some wetter paths and go across rougher ground - runners may like to wear studded shoes. A compass may be useful.

How much will it cost?

£3.00 or £1.00 for Juniors



Questions? If you have any more specific questions, phone David Jukes on 0118 969 2514 (evening/weekend only please).

For more details on the **Parks Challenge 2010** and other events organised by **Berkshire Orienteers (BKO)**, see the web site at:

<http://www.bko.org.uk/>