

BERKSHIRE ORIENTEERS
BLACK PARK
REGIONAL SCOA LEAGUE EVENT
Sunday November 19th 2023

FINAL DETAILS

Berkshire Orienteers are pleased to welcome you to our event at Black Park Country Park. Beginners are particularly welcome. The Country Park is heavily used by the local community so please be courteous and considerate to other users of the park, and please take careful note of the **safety notices** below.

Directions

Grid Reference: [TQ005832](#)

Nearest Postcode: [SL3 6DT](#)

The event will be signed from the A412 Uxbridge Road approximately 2 miles North of the junction with the A4. The final approach along Black Park Road is narrow and potholed. Be aware that some satnavs may direct you beyond the park entrance, however this is clearly signed. Turn left after entering the carpark and park towards the northern end of the carpark – see map below



Parking

Parking is in the public car park at Black Park Country Park. This is a Pay and Display car park -

Up to 2 hours: £3.90

Up to 4 hours: £4.70

Over 4 hours: £5.70

Be aware that the parking wardens can be very active.

Assembly

The download and enquires area is just outside the northern end of the car park. Look for the BKO banner.

SIAC Hire collection

SIAC hire Collection: 10:00am - 12:20 pm

1. If you have your own SI/SIAC dibber you can go straight to the start.
2. If you are hiring a SIAC dibber, collect your dibber from the enquiries tent before going to the start.

Entries

Online entries are available via Racesignup – www.racesignup.co.uk until midnight on 15th November depending on map availability.

Fees:

	Entry by 12 th Nov	Entry by 15 th Nov	SIAC hire
BOF Senior	£10	£12	£2.00
Non-BOF Senior	£12	£14	£2.00
Seniors on White, Yellow & Orange	£6	£6	£2.00
Junior & Student	£6	£6	Free

Electronic punching

If you are using a SIAC card, contactless punching is enabled for all controls except for the start and finish which must be punched (dibbed).

Lost SIAC hire cards will be charged at £72.

Dogs

Well behaved dogs allowed both in the course and assembly, but must be under control at all times and on a lead in Assembly area.

Planners Notes

Black Park is a country park consisting mainly of mixed woodland with a good path network. The area is fairly flat, with little climb on any course.

- Forest Felling, Clearance and Filming Activities. Due to such many deep ruts have been formed, and are water filled and difficult to follow. Many paths and tracks resulting from the activities are growing over and leaf fall is obscuring them. They can be followed, however, they can be easily missed when crossing over them.
- OOB and SSSI Areas. These exist to the North and in the Middle of the map. When crossing, competitors must stay on main tracks and NOT take short cuts across open spaces and other places marked as OOB. All fences in the North OOB and areas to the West are uncrossable and are overprinted with the uncrossable boundary symbol. Gates are marked with a break in the uncrossable boundary line. Crossing points are not used for clarity.



Recent wet weather has left many areas in a very boggy state. The wet weather has bashed down many brashings making some areas crossable, however recent high winds has increased twig and branch fall. Brambles and other undergrowth are still prevalent across the whole mapped area.

Map

Waterproof A4 map. Scale 1:10,000, 5m contours.

This map has been extensively re-surveyed and updated though out March – October 2023. Please note there are seasonal paths and water ways have not been mapped to ensure clarification and not obscure essential details. Considerable thanks are due to Andrew Chalmers TVOC for his skilled input and that of others.

The Brown and Blue courses have a double-sided map. On reaching the last control printed on the first side of the map, turn the map over for the second part of the course.

All other courses have a single sided map.

Control descriptions are on the map. White will use text descriptions. Yellow will use both pictorial and text descriptions; all other courses use IOF symbols.

Non-IOF Standard Symbol. Competitor should note the following non- standard symbols!

X = large wood brashings pile

▲ = broken large tree stump.

X = prominent manmade feature – eg. Sculpture, water tank

● = seat or table

The latest IOF symbols 2024 have not been used.

The following non-standard pictorial description is used.

X = large wood brashings pile (equates to the Green X map symbol above)

Courses

Course	Length	Climb	Controls	Descriptions
White	1.5km	10m	11	Text
Yellow	2.0km	10m	11	Text & Pictorial
Orange	3.0km	25m	14	Pictorial
Light Green	3.9km	25m	14	Pictorial
Short Green	4.3km	30m	12	Pictorial
Green	5.0km	30m	15	Pictorial
Blue(double sided)	7.2km	30m	22	Pictorial
Brown(double sided)	11.0km	35m	29	Pictorial

Starts

Start times 10:30 – 12.30. Start blocks (30 minute) will be pre-allocated on Racesignup so please check the start list there. There should be plenty of start slots available so just turn op when ready. Blank maps and control descriptions will be available in the start lanes. All starters must clear and check their SI/SIAC card prior to starting for safety purposes.

The Start is about 450m walk from the east side of the carpark. The route will be taped. No clothing dump.

White and **Yellow** course maps can be collected at the pre-start so competitors may review them before starting their course.

Finish

The Finish is approximately 50m from download along a taped route.

Courses close at 14:30. Please ensure that you download even if you have not finished so that we don't send out a search party.

Safety Notices

The park will be busy on Sunday – please be aware of other park users, in particular dog walkers, mountain bikers and Segway riders, and avoid moving vehicles in the car park.

Parents are advised to take particular care of children in the car park, around Go Ape equipment and near the lake.

There is also a major road (out of bounds) along the south side of the Park.

Full arm and leg cover is required and cagoules may be required if the weather is bad. A whistle is advisable.

All competitors are advised to check body and clothing for ticks after the event. There have been occasional reports of adders in the Park, mostly on the heath area.

We have been advised by Black park that blue green algal bloom is active in Black Park Lake at present. Please don't go in the lake!

SCOA League Prizegiving

The SCOA League 2022/23 prizegiving will take place at 1.00 P.M. near download.

Facilities

Lakeside Café offers both hot and cold meals. Alternatively, you can grab a coffee and hot and cold snacks at the refreshment kiosk at the top of the car park adjacent to Go Ape.

You'll find public toilets at the eastern exit of the car park towards the start and at the Lakeside Café.

First Aid

First aid is provided by face2face medical.

The nearest A&E is at Wexham Park Hospital, Wexham, Slough, Berkshire, [SL2 4HL](#). Tel 01753 633000.

Results

Results will be displayed on BKO website shortly after the event along with splits and Routegadget.

Officials

Organiser: Simon Moore (BKO) events@bko.org.uk

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Controller: Helen Marsden (HH)

Competitors take part at their own risk.

The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers and their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure. In the event of cancellation we reserve the right to retain some or all of your entry fee to cover expenses.