

Rushall Woods Regional Event Level C

12th April 2026

Incorporating 2025 SCO A Championship presentations

Welcome to our Berkshire Orienteers event in beautiful Rushall Woods.

Location Rushall Woods near Yattendon, between Junction 13 and 12 of M4

Directions / Parking

Parking is along Burnt Hill Road at RG7 6DX, SU567735, what three words trapdoor.having.mountains.

Due to narrow lanes please arrive from north via Yattendon Lane, then turning South onto Burnt Hill Road.

Please Note: Scratchface Lane which passes through the centre of the mapped area passing Rushall Farm is out of bounds to competitors.

Parking is limited so if possible please car share.

From the road follow signs and tape through field and into wood to reach Assembly – approx. 700m

Terrain Description

The Rushall Wood area is mixed commercial woodland interspersed with open areas and a few dwellings. The Westernmost area is runnable sloping woodland changing to slow run at the southern end. The central area is generally runnable with several re-entrants and open areas. The eastern area is flatter with several areas of recent tree felling. Throughout the area are several significant expanses of undergrowth which are best avoided. Whilst there are no controls in these areas it is your choice if you wish to cross them!

There are no significant stream crossings but there are several ponds and normally brown features that are currently blue so please take care. DO NOT cross any ponds – they could be deep.

Enjoy this great area and the primroses and bluebells that should be out for the event.

The Map

The map is at 1:10,000 scale for all courses with 5m contours, on waterproof paper and conforms to ISOM2017-2. The area was extensively remapped in 2019 by Peel Land Surveys with minor updates in 2022(Katy Stubbs BKO), 2024 (Alan Kersley BADO) and 2026(Mark Thompson TVOC).

Entry and Start Times

PRE ENTRY ONLY.-- NO ENTRY ON THE DAY

Pre-Entry until 23:59 10/4/2026 via Race Sign up.

Late entry - **Subject to availability of maps**- is until 23:59 Friday 10/4/2026

Please can Juniors start by 11.30 where possible

Start times are from 10:30 to 12:30. Note that courses close at 14:30, by which time you must have downloaded. When selecting your start block, please ensure you allow yourself adequate time to complete your course.

Courses

Course	Length	Climb	No of controls
Brown	8.8 km	220m	23
Blue	6.7 km	155m	20
Green	4.9 km	105m	14
Short Green	3.3 km	80m	12
Very Short Green	2.2 km	45m	9
Light Green	3.4 km	65m	14
Orange	2.7 km	45m	10
Yellow	2.0 km	45m	9
White	1.6 km	30m	10

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions are printed on the map. Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

Entry Cost:

Upto 23:59 5th April:

BOF Senior: £13.00

BOF Senior Novice (White, Yellow, Orange courses): £6.00

Non member additional charge: £2.00

BOF Senior Chip hire: £2.00

Junior/Student: £6.00

Junior/Student Chip hire: £0.00

From 6th April up until 23:59 10th April:

Subject to availability of maps

BOF Senior: £15.00

BOF Senior Novice (White, Yellow, Orange courses): £6.00

Non member additional charge: £2.00

BOF Senior Chip hire: £2.00

Junior/Student: £6.00

Junior/Student Chip hire: £0.00

Juniors are under 21 on 31st December.

Please look after our SIAC dibbers – it will cost you £72 to replace a SIAC if lost.

Facilities

The following facilities will be available at the Assembly

- Toilets
- First Aid – at Assembly close to download & Enquiries
- Bag drop
- Key Drop at Enquiries
- Download

There will be no post race water or squash. **Please bring your own drinks**, and any refreshments needed.

2025 SCOA Championship presentations

The presentations will take place at 1.30 at Assembly

Medical Conditions If you have a medical condition, please download and complete a medical form, seal it in an envelope with your details on the front and deposit it with ENQUIRIES whilst you compete. This will only be passed to the First Aid team if required (and shredded after the event if not collected).

https://www.britishorienteeing.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/officials_handbook_safety_firstaid_medical_form_280514.doc

On the Day

- Assembly is approx 700m uphill from the car parking in Burnt Hill Road.
- There is Bag and clothing drop at Assembly
- Start is a further 400m from Assembly
- The Finish is 200m back to Assembly via a manned road crossing - the crossing will be manned until all Junior competitors have downloaded
- SIAC. Those hiring should collect their SIAC from Enquiries tent at Assembly before going to the Start.

Start

- Both normal SI dibbers and contactless SIAC dibbers can be used
- The Start block you chose In Racesignup serves the purpose to spread out competitors. If you are late for start, do not worry. The start team will slot you in.
- A Punching Start is used for all including SIAC users
- And similarly all users must dib to punch at the Finish
- Courses close at 14:30. **You must report to download by this time even if you do not complete the course.**

Safety Bearing

- a) If BEFORE Manned Road Crossing: Head North East until you reach lane – then north along lane
- b) If AFTER Road crossing: Due North until fence or track alongside M4 is reached and THEN GO WEST to each Assembly Do Not cross the M4 bridges

Safety issues

- **Road Crossing** – All courses cross a minor road which usually has little traffic via a MANNED road crossing . This crossing is mandatory for all courses and as such a 2 minute 30 second timeout is given for the crossing and the subsequent footpath . Please take note of the warnings from the marshall. This road is narrow and quiet but please take care crossing.
- **Public Access.** Rushall Woods are used by the public for walking, running, dog walking, cycling and horse riding on public paths. Please be courteous towards other users, especially those with dogs and horse riders – our future use of these areas depends on this. And please try to keep your distance from others.
- **Clothing and Safety Equipment.** Competitors' torso and legs must be covered. For safety reasons we strongly recommend you carry a whistle. The distress signal is six short blasts, wait one minute, and then repeat.
- **Emergency Number.** All maps will be overprinted with a phone number which can be used on the day to contact the Organiser in the event of an emergency.

• **Nearest A&E.** There is a Minor Injuries Unit at West Berkshire Community Hospital, London Road, Thatcham RG18 3AS – **phone NHS 111 first.** The nearest A&E is at Royal Berks Hospital, Reading London Rd, RG1 5AN.

Results

Results will NOT be displayed at the event. We hope to have live results on the BKO website.

After the event results will be posted on the BKO website at <https://bko.org.uk>

Further Information

In entering this event you have signed up to a Participant Code of Conduct

Everyone taking part must follow the Participant Code of Conduct at all times. The Code of Conduct can be found on the British Orienteering website. The key considerations include:

- Acting as an ambassador for the sport of orienteering at all times and considering how their actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or members of the public.

Officials

Organiser: Peter Entwistle, BKO E-mail: events@bko.org.uk

Planner: Alan and Judy Nesbit, BKO. Email: events@bko.org.uk

On the day Planner, Beatrice Li

Controller: Mark Thompson TVOC

Thank you to the Landowners for their support

Yattendon Estates for the woodland and Mr Breakspear for the route across his fields to Assembly

Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of inclement weather. In the event of cancellation some or all of your entry fee may be retained.

The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & 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.