Tonbridge Castle & Haysden







Location/Parking

Tonbridge. Park in Upper Castle Field. Nearest postcode: TN9 1BH W3W///:surely.player.sofa. Pay and display car parking

About the Tonbridge Castle & Haysden

Dating back to the Norman Conquest in 1066, Tonbridge Castle is located in the centre of Tonbridge and is managed by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. The land surrounding the Castle is flat and low lying, and the courses extend to Haysden Country Park which contains 2 lakes with part of the River Medway running through it.

Tonbridge Castle Facilities

Castle Visits available. Gift shop sells hot and cold drinks and some snacks. Toilets available. Picnic on the Bailey lawn.

Start/Finish location

Steps on the Bailey lawn just outside the Tourist Information and Gift Shop.

Find Your Way / Virtual Orienteering Courses

No physical controls - your position is recorded by your smartphone's GPS using an app called **MapRun6**. Download for free onto your Android or iOS device. Simple registration (name etc).

Select 'Events near me' or press 'Select Event' and navigate to: - UK > Find Your Way > FYW Kent > Tonbridge Castle. There are 3 linear courses to choose from.

Short / easy	2.1km, 10 controls
Medium	3.3km, 15 controls
Long	4.4km, 16 controls

See "How To" pages for help and phone setup at https://www.findyourwayvo.org.uk/how (see QR code)

You can use the map on your phone, but it is easier to use a paper map

- download from Saxons Website - www.saxons-oc.org



About the Map

Scale is 1:7,500 so is larger than Ordnance Survey. Map also shows more detail – fences, knolls, depressions, distinctive trees, and uses different colours to aid navigation – yellow is open land, white is runnable woodland, light through to dark green represents woodland that is increasingly difficult to pass through.

Safety & Important Information

The courses extend into Haysden Country Park which has lots of water features with 2 main lakes, the River Medway, and many other minor water channels. Please take care around the water.

Otherwise there are few hazards other than:

- trip hazards, and uneven ground
- other park users and dogs
- some courses cross minor roads and car parks, look out for moving vehicles

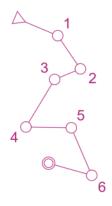
Please note specifically:

- Haysden Country Park is on a **flood plain**, in times of heavy rain some of the courses may not be accessible due to standing water.
- some of the courses may involve crossing sports pitches and areas used for occasional events. **Please go round the edge of these areas if in use.**
- Tonbridge Castle occasionally hosts private and ticketed events which may restrict your access to the sites at times. Details can be found by contacting the Castle Tourist Information on telephone number 01732 770929.

Once the course is selected, click 'Go to Start' and head to the red triangle. The triangle will go green and your phone will bleep to register you have started.

Make your way to Checkpoint 1 (the virtual control) and each of the other controls <u>in number order</u>. The circle will go green and your phone will bleep each time you successfully find the control. Once you have visited all controls, head to the finish, (the double circle) for your final bleep.

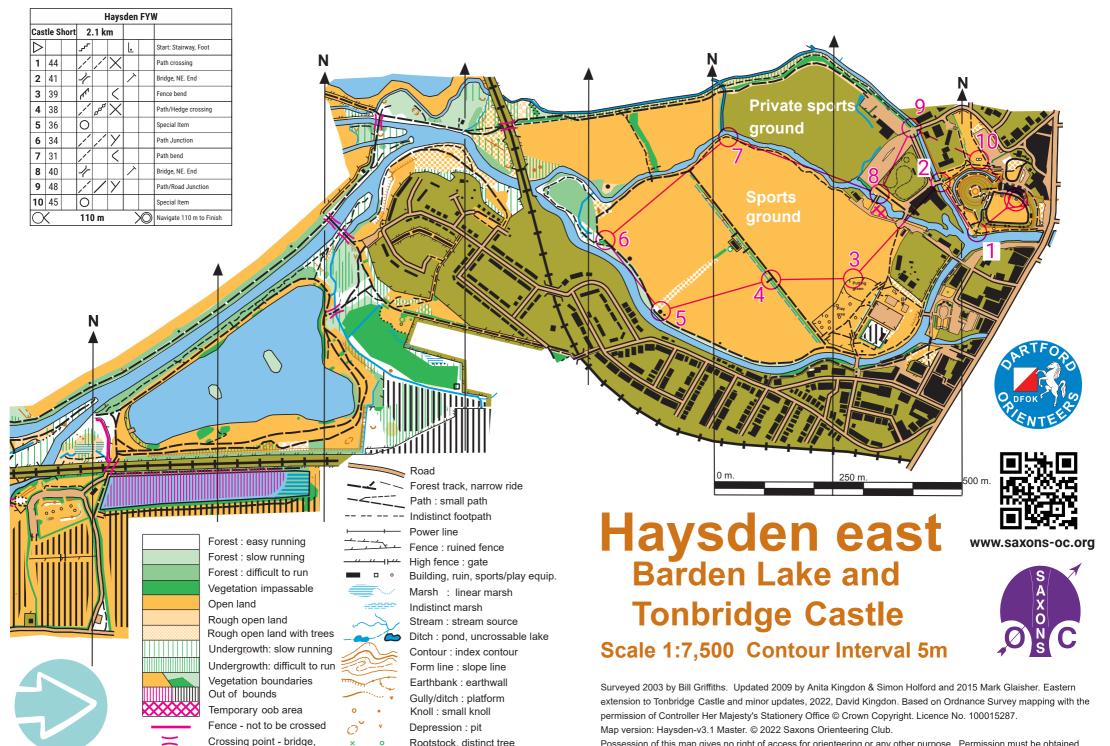
Click on "Show Results" on the app and you can see how you did! Can you complete the course faster or try a longer, more difficult course?



Links to other activities

If you enjoyed the Find Your Way activity, there are many others to try in Kent - goto https://www.findyourwayvo.org.uk/southeast/maps. For details of orienteering events in Kent visit www.saxons-oc.org

New FYW/Virtual courses will be uploaded depending on usage.

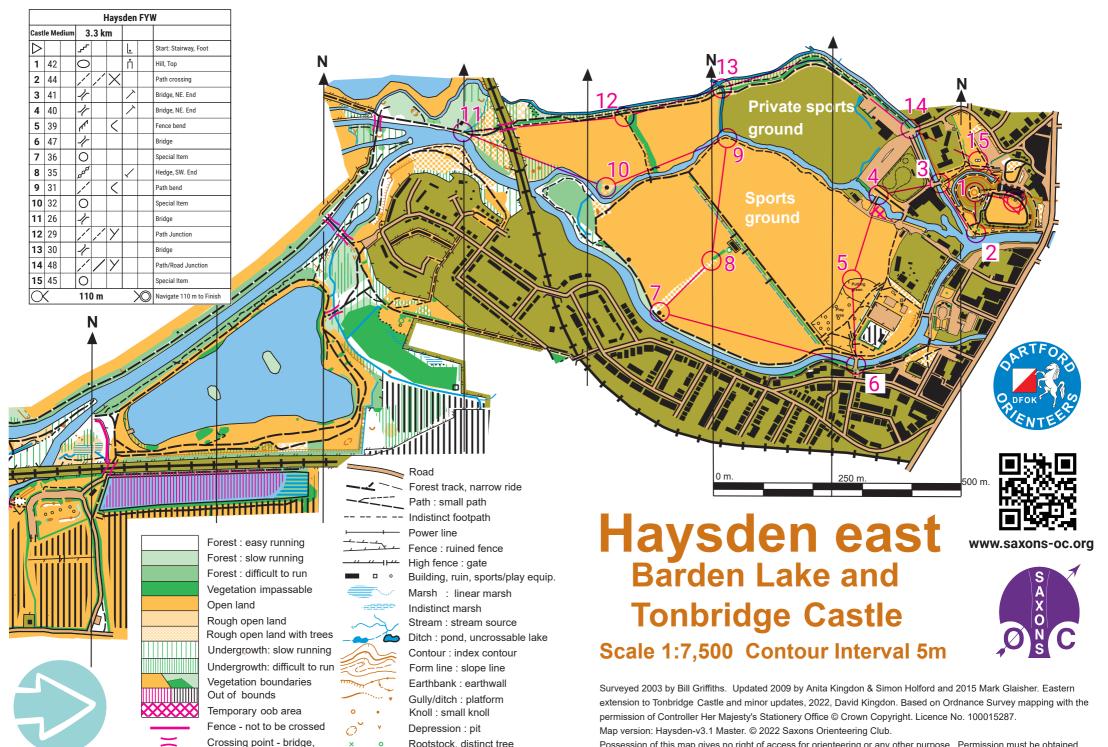


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Cliff. hide

underpass in Country Park

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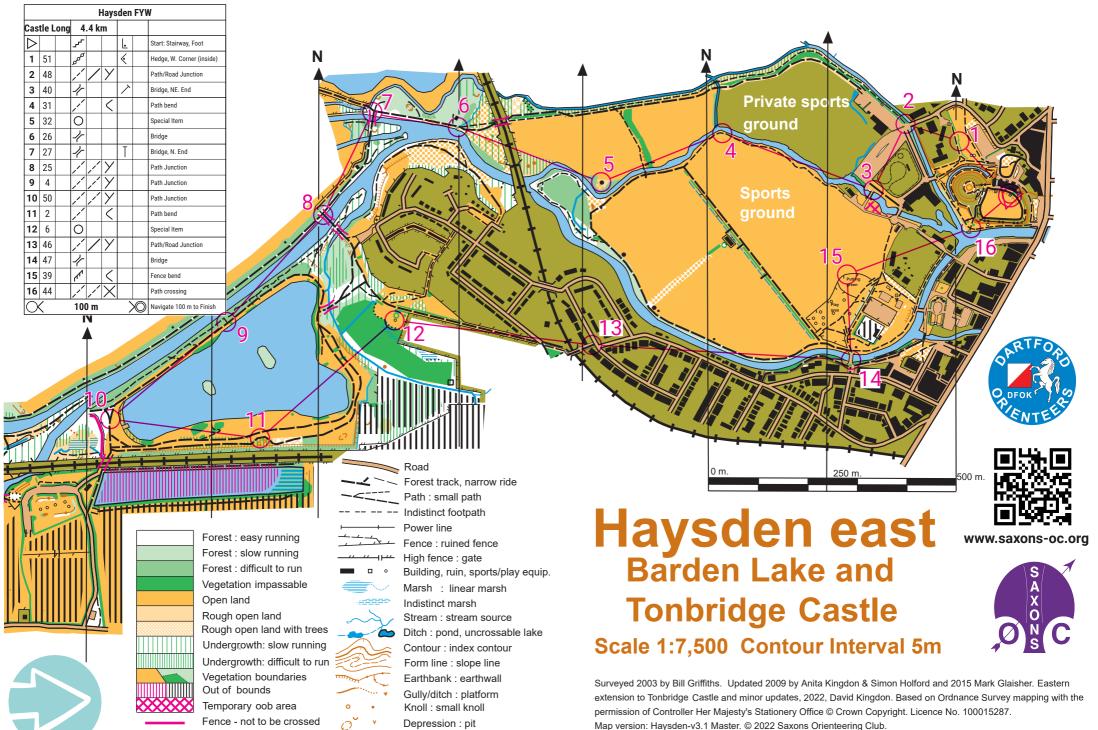


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Crossing point - bridge,

underpass in Country Park

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