



SAXONS ORIENTEERING CLUB
Eridge Park Regional Event



Sunday 9th MAY 2010
ERIDGE PARK

By kind permission of the Marquess of Abergavenny and the Nevill Estate

FINAL DETAILS.

This event is taking place as part of 3 events of the HARVESTER WEEKEND:

Saturday 8 th May	afternoon	Chasing Sprint in Hargate Forest
Sunday 9 th May	overnight	Harvester Relays Eridge
Sunday 9 th May	morning	Regional event at Eridge

DIRECTIONS and CAR PARKING

The entrance to Eridge Park is from the A267, 6 km south of Tunbridge Wells, 2km south of Frant and 2km north of Mark Cross. Grid Ref: TQ 583 336. Post Code TN3 9HT. For traffic heading south, the police have requested you do not turn right into the Park. Please continue past the Eridge Park entrance and find a safe place to turn. The right turn is on the brow of a hill. (This is the same entrance that was used for the JK Relays.) There will be a £2 fee for parking which will be collected as you enter the parking field. Parking will be either side of the estate road as directed by the official taking your parking fee. Although there is a large area of grass on which to park, please park sensibly.

THE ASSEMBLY AREA

See layout map below. There will be a registration and enquiries tent for those entering on the day. This tent will also include the compulsory signing of a disclaimer form issued by the Nevill Estate. This is a condition of land access. All competitors need to sign this form which will say:

I accept that I take part in all activities in Eridge Park at my own risk and that the Estate does not accept any liability for any loss, damage or accident howsoever caused.

Water will be provided, but will be limited, so please try and bring your own. There will be caterers and Ultrasport in attendance. Toilets (Portaloos) will also be provided.

Sorry **dogs** are not allowed on the estate.

FIRST AID

There will be a FIRST AID POINT in the marquee.

The nearest A&E is Kent and Sussex Hospital in Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, **TN4 8AE** (which is 6km away). Map directions will be available.

MAP

A3 in size and 1:10,000 with 5m contours for longer courses.

A4 in size and 1:10,000 with 5m contours for shorter courses.

All maps will be printed on waterproof paper with course details and control descriptions overprinted. Area updated by Roger Maher in 2008 with planners update spring 2010

There will be no legend on either size of map. Loose legends will be available at enquiries

Special symbols: x (blue cross) water tank o (black empty circle) shooting butt x (black cross) hide o (green empty circle) distinctive tree ▲ (solid brown triangle) platform

Areas of danger have been marked with black and yellow tape in the forests.
All competitors must carry a whistle.

ROAD CROSSINGS

There are no road crossings.

FENCES AND CROSSING POINTS

There are many high deer fences in the north and south forests. Only cross these fences at the crossing points marked on the map.

REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES

Registration for entry on the day will be open from 09:30 – 11:30 in the registration tent which will be near to the car park. Enquiries support and advice for beginners will also be available in this tent. The disclaimer form will also be in the enquiries tent. **All competitors will need to pass through this tent on the way to the start to sign the disclaimer mentioned above.**

STARTS

There will be two starts. See details below:

Start	Distance from middle of car Parking area	Courses starting from this start
North	Approx. 900m, mainly downhill	Short Blue, Green, Short Green, White
South	Approx. 500m, mainly downhill	Black, Brown, Short Brown, Blue, Light Green, Orange, Yellow.

Half hour start blocks will be used. If you have pre-entered you will be given a start block time. The start blocks will be 10:00 to 10:30, 10:30 to 11:00, 11:00 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 12:00. Please turn up to your start within your allocated half hour and follow the start official's requests. People who have entered on the day will also be given a start block time. They will also be issued with a start slip which will need to be handed to the start official before they will be allowed to start.

FINISH

There will be two finishes. In order to ensure course lengths are appropriate a separate finish has been provided for the white and yellow courses, approximately 250 metres north of the other courses' finish. Be aware that there will be two finish banners and check you punch at the correct finish. The white and yellow course competitors will follow tapes along the side of the estate road to join the route followed by the other finishers to download which is approximately 500 metres from the white and yellow course finish. Neither finish will be manned.

TERRAIN AND PLANNERS NOTES

Eridge Old Park is a private (working) Estate, the central area of which is an open deer park. Surrounding the park is extensive mixed woodland cut by significant valleys containing streams and areas of marsh. The deer park is surrounded by deer fences which in most places are high and extremely difficult to cross. They have not been marked with 'not to be crossed' overprint as this would make the map and courses confusing. Where the courses cross the deer fence, the line joining controls has been bent to go to a gate which will either be open or 'openable'. You must not cross the deer fences at any other place. Any competitor found crossing a deer fence at any place other than the marked crossing point will be disqualified. The only exception is where the ruined fence symbol is shown. Only the Black Course crosses a ruined section of deer fence. Other fences can be crossed, but please take care not to cause any damage to fences (or yourself). Any damage to fences should be reported at the download tent.

Some courses cross cattle grids – please take care on these.

The open areas of the estate have numerous 'grassed tracks' which are the result of estate vehicle movement. The most significant of these are mapped as footpaths and are used at the

start of both the white and yellow courses. The yellow course has a taped route between two controls where no track is visible. The open areas also have numerous very small fence enclosures around newly planted trees. These are not mapped.

Longer courses will skirt a clay pigeon shoot area on the western part of the map, which contains a number of temporary buildings. These are not mapped. This area is in-bounds and no shooting will be taking place on the day of the event. There is also a small camp site in the woodlands in this area – again in-bounds. Whitehill Wood, on the North West portion of the map, is used extensively (albeit unofficially) by mountain bikers and there are numerous unmapped small mountain bike tracks in that area running down the hillside. These three areas will be shown on ‘blank’ maps in the start lanes.

There has also been some recent felling in Whitehill Wood and the area, which courses have been designed to avoid, is marked on the map with the usual purple overprinted ‘L’ symbol.

Finally, the controller has noticed (and been bitten by) ticks on the estate. Please check your bodily parts after the event to ensure none are still enjoying your time at the event.

COURSE INFORMATION (subject to final controlling)

Colour	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Number of controls	Age Classes	Short Classes	Start
Black	10.5	335	26	M21		South
Brown	9.0	285	18	M35, M40		South
Short Brown	7.1	215	18	M18, M20, M45, M50, W21	M21S	South
Blue	5.8	230	17	M16, M55, M60, W18, W20, W35, W40	M35S M40S	South
Short Blue	4.8	175	15	M65, W45, W50	M45S, M50S, M18S, M20S, W21S	North
Green	4.1	145	13	M70, W16, W55, W60	M55S, W35S, W40S	North
Short Green	3.3	115	13	M75, M80, M85, W65, W70	M60S, M65S, W45S, W18S, W20S	North
Light Green	3.3	115	12	M14, W14		South
Orange	3.1	55	11	M12, W12		South
Yellow	2.8	40	10	M10, W10		South
White	1.8	30	13			North

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Control descriptions will be printed on the map and will also be available at Registration

PROTESTS

Protests should be given in writing to the organiser. A Jury will consider the protest according to BOF Rules.

To help the organisers clear up afterwards, please take your rubbish home with you.

For further information about Saxons events please visit www.saxons-oc.org

OFFICIALS

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COMPETITORS TAKE PART AT THEIR OWN RISK AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY

Assembly Area Layout

From white and yellow finish

From other finish

To N Start

To S Start

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Ultrasport & Catering

Coppice

Registration and Enquiries
Sign disclaimer here

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