

SAXONS ORIENTEERING CLUB
HARVESTER OVERNIGHT
RELAYS
8/9 MAY 2010
ERIDGE PARK
FINAL DETAILS



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DIRECTIONS

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, which could be as far as Mark Cross. The right turn is on the brow of a hill.

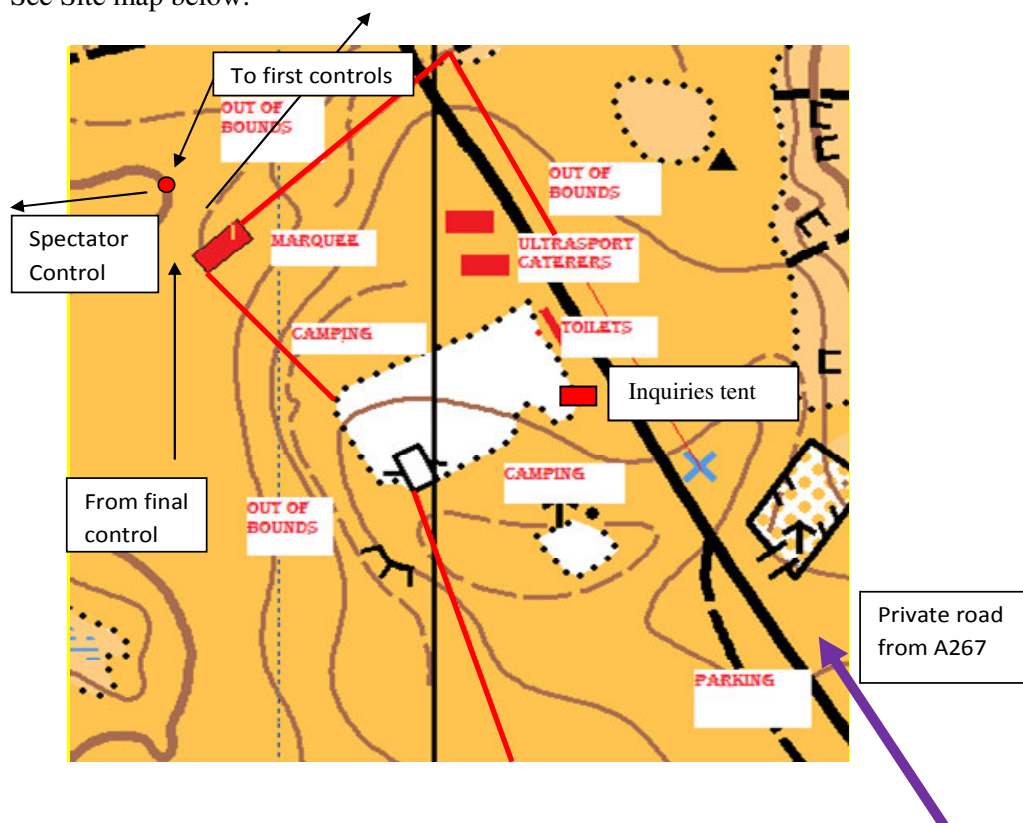
This is the same entrance that was used for the JK Relays.

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	Main Harvester Relays Eridge
Sunday 9 th May	morning	A Regional event at Eridge..

ASSEMBLY FIELD:

See Site map below:



For extra information on TRAVEL between the events,
SHOWER and SWIMMING POOL facilities
Tunbridge Wells Restaurants
Go to the Saxons website and download the Harvester Weekend information.

CAR PARKING

Please follow directions from the marshals. £2 per car

CAMPING , **free**, available at Eridge Park from 12noon Saturday.
Please follow directions from the marshals
NO BARBEQUES OR OPEN FIRES

WATER

There will be VERY limited water available in the assembly field. Please bring your own supplies.

FACILITIES

Toilets

ULTRASPORT

Continental Catering (hot sausages, burgers, tea, bacon rolls, cake)

A marquee will be available for handover and spectators.

FIRST AID

There will be a FIRST AID POINT in the download marquee.

The nearest A&E is in **Kent & Sussex hospital** Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, 6km. **TN4 8AE**, 6km, Map directions will be available.

MAP

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

All maps will be printed on waterproof paper with course details and control descriptions overprinted.

Area updated by Roger Maher in 2008 with minor revisions by David Kingdon

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

PLANNER'S NOTES & TERRAIN

Eridge Park is steeped in history being reputedly the oldest enclosed Deer Park in England. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book and at that time was owned by Odo of Bayeux, the half-brother of William the Conqueror. The Nevill family inherited the Estate in 1448 and have been here ever since.

Surrounding the park is extensive mixed woodland cut by significant valleys containing streams and areas of marsh. The deer park is surrounded by high deer fences which can only be crossed at points marked on the map, except where these are shown with the 'ruined fence' symbol. Other fences can be crossed, but please take care not to cause any damage to fences (or yourself). Any damage to fences or gates should be reported at the download marquee.

Course A Leg 7 crosses a cattle grid – please take care.

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. The open areas

also have numerous very small fence enclosures around newly planted trees. These are not mapped. The grass is kept short & very fast (if you can ignore the contours) by a herd of Fallow Deer, three highland cattle (regarded as pets by the estate staff, despite their horns) and a few secretive Red Deer.

Course A Leg 7 will skirt a clay pigeon shoot area on the western part of the map, which contains a number of small temporary portable 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 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 with associated knoll like jumps. These three areas will be shown on ‘blank’ maps at the marquee.

There has also been some recent felling in Whitehill Wood. This part of the wood is being returned to parkland by felling the smaller trees and scrub while leaving the specimen trees. In places this has been mulched leaving fast going, but elsewhere the trees have been left as they fell or pulled into large heaps. Courses have been designed to avoid this area which is marked on the map with the usual purple overprinted ‘L’ symbol.

The thicket symbol has been used for Rhododendrons, thorns, holly & some fallen trees. The holly sometimes has a browse line that gives visibility at low level.

Courses are longer than advertised to allow for the fast going in the park.

SAFETY

Known areas of danger have been marked with tape.

All competitors must carry a whistle. This will be checked at map issue.

Competitors can carry a mobile phone for extra safety. There is good mobile coverage throughout the area and an emergency number will be printed on the map.

Road Crossings

There are no road crossings.

Fences & Crossing Points

The deer fences are, in most places, high (8 feet +) and extremely difficult to cross. They are marked as "high fences" and have NOT been marked with the "not to be crossed" overprint as this makes the map and courses very confusing. Where the courses cross a 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 points will be disqualified and the team will not be allowed to continue the race. The team captains should make all team members aware of this.

The courses that cross the ruined deer fence do so at points where it is marked as a "ruined fence" or "fence" not a "high fence"

Deer Ticks

Please check for deer ticks after your runs through the forest.

REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES

From the Inquiries tent, collect your team bag containing competitor bibs and safety pins.

Registration will be open from 17.00 until 21.00 in the Marquee. Fill in a team declaration form, (on Saxons website), and hand it to registration, or preferably, send to the email on the form beforehand. Changes to the previously registered team names can be made on the Saturday evening.

STARTS AND MAPS:

On entry to the Assembly Marquee, each competitor will be issued with the map that matches their bib number, and must keep it folded until their race starts. On entry to the marquee each competitor must also sign the following disclaimer:

ERIDGE DISCLAIMER:

Every competitor will be asked to initial their name on a list as they enter the assembly marquee.

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.

Dibber clear and check clear will be available in the changeover marquee.

FIRST LEG STARTS

The A and B first leg MASS Starts will take place approximately 25m from the assembly marquee. There will be a call up and call forward to the start. DO NOT BE LATE.

A RELAY - Call-up and map issue 00:00 walk to start 00:20 Start 00:30

B RELAY - Call-up and map issue 01:30 walk to start 01:50 Start 02:00

CHANGEOVER PROCEDURE

Enter the assembly/changeover marquee.

You will be given the map for your team leg matching your bib.

You need to sign the Eridge Disclaimer.

The changeover area is just outside the marquee. The spectator control is visible from here.

There will be a display showing runners punching at the penultimate control, 490m away with 25m climb.

If the weather is inclement there will be sufficient room to shelter in the marquee until your team mate arrives.

You may retreat from the changeover area but you must return your map to the officials.

FINISH

After changeover incoming runners must continue on to punch at the finish so that leg times are recorded.

Then proceed to download.

Runners are not allowed back on the course after handover.

Your maps will be collected for handout after the last mini mass start.

As it is a relay, course A leg 7 and course B leg 5 will be counted across the finish line for the actual race positions.

You must still punch at the finish.

MINI MASS STARTS

These will take place from the changeover area. Mini-Mass-Starts will take place at a time dependent on the progress of the race. At least 15 minutes warning will be given at the assembly/changeover area. A final Mini-Mass-Start for all remaining runners will take place at 08:30.

Both A and B courses, regardless of leg, will close at 11.00

SPECTATOR CONTROLS

All competitors, except Course B Leg 3, pass through a spectator control a bit over half way round the courses. Course A Leg 7 pass twice at about 1/3 and 2/3 distance. This is located adjacent to the changeover area. The approximate distance between the spectator control and the finish for each leg is shown in the course details.

COURSE DETAILS

Course A

Leg	Distance km	Climb m	Controls	Spectator Control to Finish km
1	7.7	235	24	3.3
2	5.7	185	16	2.4
3	9.2	290	28	4.8
4	7.7	235	24	3.3
5	9.2	290	28	4.8
6	5.7	185	16	2.4
7	12.3	340	33	7.8 & 3.8

Course B

Leg	Distance km	Climb m	Controls	Spectator Control to Finish km
1	5.7	185	16	2.4
2	7.7	235	24	3.3
3	3.9	55	9	
4	5.7	185	16	2.4
5	7.7	235	24	3.3

Course A Leg 7 has too many controls for an SI-Card 5 to record them all. SI-Card 5 will record all times up to control 30 and then only the control number itself for the remaining 3. Some SI-Card 8 are available and those wanting all their splits recorded should pre-book one with the organiser.

Course A Legs 3, 5 & 7 have a butterfly loop on their final loop. Take care that you take the controls in the correct order.

Courses subject to final controlling.

PROTESTS

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

Complaints and Protests

Any competitor who wishes to make a complaint should go to Enquiries to discuss the matter with the Organiser. If the competitor is not happy after the Organiser's decision he/she can raise a protest. Protests should be addressed to the Controller accompanied by a fee of £5, which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The protest will be dealt with in accordance with BOF Rule 9.3. If required, a jury will be convened and a written report made.

PRIZE GIVING

The prize giving will take place as soon as all 7 class winners have finished. Prizes will be awarded according to BOF guidelines for the Harvester Relays.

Your competition maps will be available after the last mini mass start.

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Control descriptions will only be on the map..

DOGS

The car park and courses are on a managed estate - no dogs allowed.

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

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

OFFICIALS

Organiser: Jerry Purkis & Simon Holford , Email: development@saxons-oc.org

Planner: Simon Greenwood Saxons

Controller: Mike Elliot MVOC

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