



SAXONS URBAN WEEKEND
CANTERBURY SPRINT EVENT
UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY
SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2012
FINAL DETAILS

DIRECTIONS & CAR PARKING

The event will be based at the University of Kent's Blean car park, which is at the extreme north-west corner of the University's Canterbury campus. OS ref 179; GR130598

We recommend that unless you are particularly familiar with the campus, you approach Canterbury from the west, from junction 7 of the M2. Travelling east, you should leave the A2 at the second exit (after 8km) signed for Canterbury and Harbledown. After 1km turn left at first set of traffic lights and follow this road to the very end. Turn right at mini-roundabout towards the City Centre and after 350m turn first left into Giles Lane. Follow this 1km through the University campus until a pelican crossing, after which turn immediately left (at mini-roundabout) into Parkwood Road. Follow Parkwood Road to the very end (1km) and the event car park will be found at the far end, to the right. Parkwood Road has numerous speed humps, so take care and keep your speed down please.

Parking is free on Saturdays in the event car park ONLY. But be aware that elsewhere on the University campus parking is very heavily restricted, expensive and strictly enforced; SO make sure that you ONLY park in the event car park. You have been warned!

The University is 2km from Canterbury West Station; follow the A290 Whitstable Road.

The event centre will be adjacent to the car parking and will include: EOD Registration, SI Dibber Hire & Download. A member of Saxons will be on hand at registration to offer advice and guidance. The finish will be close to the car park and will offer scope for spectators to see the finishers. Toilets will be available in the University sports pavilion (300m from the car park), and close to the route to the Start, which will be a 1km walk from the car park. No muddy shoes or spikes in the pavilion please.

LATE ENTRIES, REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES

Late entries and entries on the day will be accepted while overprinted maps last.

Late entries and competitors wishing to enter on the day should go to the Registration point on arrival. Registration 11:30 – 13:00 Starts 12:00 – 13:30

Fees for late entry and entry on the day are as follows:

Seniors £8.00: Non BO seniors £10.00 Juniors £4.00: Saxons juniors FREE

Pre-entered competitors who have **not paid** should go to Registration to pay **SI Dibber Hire** will be at Registration. Dibber hire £1.00

START

The Start will be approximately 1km from the car park, initially back along Parkwood Road, which has wide verges but no pavement in many parts, so take care of traffic. Follow tapes to Start. There will be no car parking adjacent to the Start.

Sportident (SI) punching will be used for this event. We shall be using a “punch and go” system for the start. Accordingly, competitors should treat the periods of 12.00 to 12.30 (early), 12.30 to 13.00 (mid) and 13.00 to 13.30 (late) as 30 minute start blocks according to their preference, in which they may start at any time at the discretion of the start officials.

COURSES

Three courses will be available. An exciting event is planned with the longer two courses comprising a line course section followed by a free order course section (on the reverse of the map) where ALL the controls have to be visited, but this can be done in any order of your choice. The final control on the line section will be the start on the free order section, so just turn the map over and continue: no need to punch twice here – there will be no event official at this point. The course time will only be recorded at the completion of the free order section. The shortest course (3) will be a line only event. Subject to final controlling the three courses will be in the order of:

Course 1 – 4.2km (optimal route)

Course 2 – 3.5km (optimal route)

Course 3 – 2.2km

Running speeds can potentially be very high, but as the location is a university campus area it is occupied by others who may not be going so fast, or be aware of the event or the control points, so please have regard and be courteous to any pedestrians etc that you may encounter.

MAP/TERRAIN

The map will be at 1:4000 and drawn to ISSOM standards with a 2.5m contour interval. Original survey by Graham Gristwood with 2012 updates.

All sprint races will cross minor roads within the campus; traffic should be light but please check before running across any roads. Course 3 will only cross very minor roads. The University has been built on a hillside and some paths on the longer courses have steps. For clarity not all sections of steps have been shown.

All courses will largely be on hard surfaces and short grassland. Metal studded shoes are not recommended, rubber studs may be sensible if wet. Shorts are allowed.

The University is currently undertaking extensive building work and this is marked as OOB purple stripe on the map. Courses have been planned to avoid the worst affected areas, but the safety fencing is moving regularly, so please be aware of this and do not cross any safety fencing.

Control descriptions: Sprint pictorial control descriptions are used for courses 1 and 2; text descriptions are provided for course 3. The control descriptions will be on the map only.

FINISH

You must punch at the finish control and then proceed to Download at the event centre.

You must report to Download before leaving, even if you retire.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Competitors take part in this event at their own risk. A **First Aid kit** will be available at registration. Anyone arriving alone who wishes to be checked back in, please leave your car keys at Registration. Dogs are not permitted at this event.

In the unlikely event of the cancellation or curtailment of the event, the Club reserves the right to retain part or all of entry fees paid to defray costs incurred.

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