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Knole Park Regional Event – Sunday 18th March, 2018

Final details

Entries

Please note that this event is pre-entry only because of parking restrictions detailed below. We are, as a result, unable to offer on the day entry. Pre-entry is by Fabian 4 by midnight on Thursday 15th March.

Parking

Because of the loss of much of the main car park in Sevenoaks Town Centre through redevelopment, we were forced to postpone our event at Knole Park on 4th February. We have now managed to re-schedule the event for 18th March with new, albeit restricted parking; as explained below.

Generally, because of the restrictions we are working to, we would strongly encourage car sharing where at all possible.

Firstly, we have 60 car park spaces at Sevenoaks Prep. School, Park Lane, Godden Green TN15 0JU. Parking will be available from 9.30 am – please do not come earlier unless you are a Saxons helper. These spaces will be reserved for vehicles with at least 2 (human) occupants and will be filled on a 'first come first served' basis. **This will strictly be enforced, and sole car drivers will have to be directed to park elsewhere.** There will be a £1 fee for parking at the school, collected on entry, so please have your money ready. The route to 'Registration' and the start will be taped from here and will involve an approximate 10-15 minute walk each way.

Secondly, there is some on-street parking in Godden Green, from where there is a footpath to the park which will, again, be taped and will involve an approximate 15-20 minute walk each way. Competitors parking here should do so considerately to maximise the number of vehicles which can be accommodated; and not block access to the pub and houses in the village.

Thirdly, if use is necessary, there is some on-street parking along St. Julian Road on the southern edge of the park, where there is a footpath into the park through an access gate. The location of this will be shown on a map of Knole Park which will be available at the school, to any drivers needing to use this parking. Competitors parking here will need to use a copy of the map to navigate their way (between 15-20 minute walk each way) to the start/finish area which will be shown on the map. The route will follow an estate road north-east for about 400m, then north along paths through an open area.

'Registration' / download and SI

Because of the multiple locations for parking, 'registration'/download will be situated in the park, close to the start and finish area; and where a clothing drop will be available, at user's risk.

Hire SI dibbers will be available here. Replacement cost for lost dibbers is £20 so please take care of them. Please note that we are not using contactless SIAC at this event.

Map

Map scale is 1:10,000 for Brown, Blue, Green and Light Green courses and 1:5,000 for Orange and Yellow, with 5m contours, A4 size for all courses. All maps will be pre-printed on waterproof paper. Maps will be issued in the start lanes, though Yellow course competitors may study their map, with the overprinted course, before starting.

Terrain

Knole is a beautiful open deer park around the historic National Trust Knole House, with areas of established, largely runnable, woodland and a good ride/path network. There is very little in the way of undergrowth or bracken likely to be encountered on courses, though the recent severe weather has caused the undergrowth to die down more than usual. There are deer tracks through much of the dead bracken. Some areas shown on the map as having undergrowth are therefore more runnable than indicated on the map.

There are many knolls in the area. Only the most significant ones have been mapped

Facilities

We will not have toilets at the event. There are public toilets at various locations in Sevenoaks Town Centre. We will not be able to provide refreshments at this event, so please bring your own. There will be a first aid box at 'Registration'.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed in the school grounds and Knole Park if on a lead and under close control. Please clear up after your dog.

Safety

The area is extensively used by the public, and there are horse riders, walkers and cyclists - please give due consideration to them. The deer are an endearing feature of Knole Park and are unlikely to be dangerous but should not be approached! Whistles are advisable for your own safety. Courses have been planned to avoid the golf course but be careful if you inadvertently stray and hear a cry of 'fore'!

Please note that if you have competed in three orienteering events registered with British Orienteering and have not joined an orienteering club which is a member of British Orienteering, then you are not covered by our public liability insurance. If you are not a British Orienteering member, please leave your contact details at 'Registration'.

You must report to download, even if you do not complete your course.

Ash Dieback precautions

Please arrive with all kit cleaned following use at a previous orienteering event as per British Orienteering guidelines on Ash Dieback precautions.

Control descriptions

These will be available in the pre-start area and will be overprinted on maps. Please note that the control descriptions will be pictorial for the Brown – Orange courses, but the Yellow course will have written descriptions.

Starts

Starts will be over the period 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. A punching start will be used. Courses close at 2.30 pm. We are not allocating start times, so just turn up and go.

Courses

Final 'controlled' courses are -

Course	Distance	Controls	Map Scale
Brown	8.1	26	1:10,000

Blue	6.2	16	1:10,000
Green	4.6	14	1:10,000
L. Green	3.5	9	1:10,000
Orange	2.5	13	1:5,000
Yellow	1.7	8	1:5,000

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