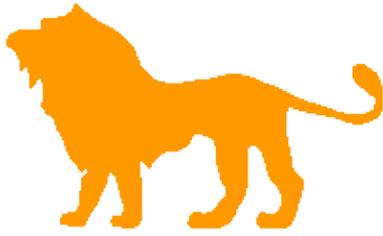


SOUTH MIDLANDS ORIENTEERING CLUB



National Trust Stowe Event

Sunday 12th August 2018

Final Details

Regional Middle Distance Event

Location and Directions

National Trust Stowe is reached via the main visitor entrance just north of Buckingham follow postcode MK18 5EQ. Brown National Trust signs will get you to the right place. Google maps [here](#). Event grid ref: SP681364.

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From the centre of Buckingham head west on the A422 (West Street) and take the second turning on the right (Stowe Avenue). Follow this road until it takes a sharp turn to the left where you need to turn right up the driveway towards the large arch. Follow the driveway into the National Trust carpark. Orienteers may be directed to the overflow parking.

Parking and Event Centre

Parking is free for National Trust members otherwise it is £2 to pay at the pay and display machines.

The Event Centre is located in the New Inn visitor centre. Please follow O-signs to ensure you enter via the correct door. Toilets are inside the visitor centre. Registration, Bib Collection, Dibber Hire, First Aid and Download will be located in the Bennett room at the Event Centre. Please remove dirty shoes and spikes before coming indoors.

Help will be available at the Enquiries desk, and at the start, for those new to orienteering.

Many thanks to **National Trust Stowe** for use of their facilities and gardens.

The nearest A&E is at Milton Keynes General, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK6 5LD approximately 11.6 miles away.

Dogs

Please keep dogs on leads at all times. This is a requirement of the National Trust at this location. The area is extensively used by dog walkers. Well-behaved dogs are allowed on courses.

Entries and Fees

Entries will remain open subject to map availability on Fabian4 until midnight Friday 10th August. Entry on the day is available subject to map availability. Currently we have ample maps available on all courses. An update will be posted to the event website should any maps run out before the day of the event.

Adults over 21: £8 (+£1 Late entry 6th-10th Aug/EOD +£1 Non-BOF Members)

Juniors below age 21 and students: £3.

SI card hire: £1.

Lost SI cards: £30.

There is no additional charge for entry to the National Trust property though should you wish to visit the gardens following your run normal National Trust charges will apply.

Could existing NT members please register as visitors by getting their NT cards scanned on arrival as it boosts the funding Stowe receives.

Keyne-O

This event is also one of our Keyne-O summer series events. Keyne-O participants with a Keyne-O Keeny Collector Card can enter a non-technical course at the junior rate. Please ask at registration which course is the most appropriate for you.

Start and Start Times

Registration will be open in the Bennett Room of the New Inn from 10am-12pm. Starts will be between 10.30am and 12.30pm. There is one start for all courses approx. 750m from the Event Centre. The walk will be signposted from the event centre and is just inside the gardens at the end of Bell Gate Drive.

Pre-entered competitors **must** come to the event centre before making their way to the start to collect a race number. **Entrance to the gardens will not be permitted without a race number.** Start times will be open, please proceed to the start when you are ready to start and take the next available start.

Separate control descriptions will be available in the start lanes. IOF pictorial control descriptions will be used for all courses.

Finish

All courses finish near to the start.

Courses close at 2.00pm. You **MUST** report to download even if you retire.

Map

The map has been resurveyed at 1:5000 scale since our last event in 2016. To better clarify the path network and show greater detail appropriate to a middle distance event it has been redrawn using sprint mapping symbols (ISSOM2007). The area used is entirely within the gardens of National Trust Stowe. Waterproof paper. 1:5,000, 2.5m contours. A4 for all courses. Please note that the Brown course has a double-sided map with Part 2 on the reverse.

Legends will be not be printed on all maps but please note the following special symbols:

Green open circle: Distinctive large tree, mainly deciduous

Green spot: Solitary smaller tree

Black dot: While usually used for boulders these are used to map the large number of statues found at Stowe.

x : Used to show a Picnic Table with benches.

Terrain

All courses remain within the gardens of National Trust Stowe which contain a surprising variety of terrain including rough pastures, intricate planting, occasional patches of woodland and well-manicured lawns. There are numerous follies, statues, arches, temples and columns to maintain interest. Expect fast running but rather more interest than a 'run in the park' with the main challenges being navigation at speed and route choice.

Out of bounds

The area contains areas of out-of-bounds including the school and golf course. Courses have been designed such that there is no advantage/reason to enter these areas. The exception is the longer courses where you may have a route choice around a major OOB area. There are also a number of fences with **must not be crossed**. These are shown clearly on the map with the sprint map double tag fence symbol. Marshals will be located around the course and any competitor seen crossing these fences other than at marked crossing points will be disqualified.

It is important that all competitors respect the OOB areas and the prohibition on crossing fences; failure to do so could risk future use of the area.

Courses

Course	Length	Climb	# of controls
White	1.6km	25m	13
Yellow	1.9km	45m	15
Orange	2.4km	50m	17
Light Green	2.8km	60m	20
Short Green	3.3km	70m	24
Green	4.2km	90m	27
Blue	5.0km	100m	27
Brown	5.9km	110m	25 (double sided map)

Safety

National Trust Stowe is a popular area for visitors and may be busy on a summer Sunday. Please treat all NT visitors with courtesy.

The nature of the terrain is such that shorts are permitted.

Please make sure that you close all gates behind you. Some areas of the gardens are used for grazing sheep.

In line with the policies of British Orienteering, the organisers of this event request that any person wishing to take photos or video showing children should register their details with event volunteers before taking any such photos or videos. The event organisers reserve the right to ask people to refrain from taking photos or video and may, if such warnings are ignored, refer the matter to the police.

You compete at your own risk, and you are responsible for your own safety. Competitor details will be stored electronically, and results will be published online. By submitting your entry you confirm your agreement to these conditions.

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