



SOUTH MIDLANDS ORIENTEERING CLUB

National Trust Stowe Event

Sunday 25th October 2020

Final Details

Middle Distance Event (Level 'C')

Key points:

- Access to the event is via Stowe School NOT from the National Trust entrance
- No loose Control Descriptions available (please download and print from the event page)
- Toilets available
- No key or bag drop provided
- No water provided to competitors
- We are very grateful to the National Trust for hosting our event, and we must all be good citizens in order to not jeopardise this area for future events (or indeed Orienteering's good relationship with the National Trust and landowners).
- When on the course, please respect social distancing, especially at control points and when sharing routes with NT visitors. If you need to wait, then wait.

Location and Directions

Please note that entrance to the event is not via the standard National Trust entrance on Stowe Avenue. Instead, access to the event is via the entrance to Stowe School on Ouse Valley Way. Please note that you will need to pass through security.

Nearest postcode: MK18 5EH. The what3words location is: truffles.secret.carting

Stowe is just to the north of Buckingham.

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. Follow the road round and do not go up the long driveway to the National Trust carpark but stay on the road until you will see event signage leading you into the entrance to Stowe School.

Parking

Parking is free at this event. Please pass through Security (where you will have your temperature checked) and look out for our marshals who will get you parked. Parking is approximately 200m from the Start and Toilets.

Medical Services

Professional First Aid will be available at the event, in the location of Download (which is also very close to the Start / Finish). The nearest A&E is at Milton Keynes General, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD approximately 12 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

There is no entry on the day.

Arrival and leaving

In order to limit contact, and to avoid having too many people congregating, we are asking competitors to only leave the car park and enter the competition area when they are ready to join their start block. The start is very close to the end of the car park (less than a minute to walk).

Download will be at the Temple of Concord & Victory. There will be NO key drop or clothing dump.

Dibber hire

All competitors who have pre-hired a dibber will be able to pick this up at the entrance to the event area, which is located next to the car park. These will be pre-bagged.

Start and Start Times

Starts will be between 10.00am and 12.44pm. There are two starts, both of which are c.200m from the entrance to the Gardens from the car park.

Start A: Brown, Blue

Start B: Green, Short Green, Light Green, Orange, Yellow, White

Competitors are pre-entered in 15 minute start blocks. Please refer to Fabian4 or our Event page to see your start block. For obvious reasons, we

can't have large groups congregating in the park. So, please arrive shortly before your start time, and only enter the event area from the car park when within 15 minutes of your start time.

Once you have entered the event area from the car park, please note that the access to the start area is marshalled, and you will only be able to approach the start area when appropriate given your starting block. We really need to avoid people congregating in the gardens.

The event operates under a Punching Start. All controls are SIAC enabled, with the exception of Start which must be punched. The finish will be SIAC enabled.

IOF pictorial control descriptions will be used for all courses.

On the course etiquette

Please respect the other users of the gardens, and please maintain social distancing at all times. This may mean being patient at control points, or waiting for members of the public.

Finish

All courses finish near to the start and download.

Courses close at 2.30pm. You **MUST** report to download even if you retire.

Map

The map has been updated (Summer 2020) and is drawn 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. Please note that the **Green, Blue & Brown** courses have double-sided maps with Part 2 on the reverse.

Legends will be not be printed on 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.

Terrain

All courses remain within the gardens of National Trust Stowe which contain a surprising variety of terrain including rough pastures, recently reclaimed golf course, intricate planting and occasional patches of woodland. There are numerous follies, statues, arches, temples and columns to maintain interest. Expect fast running with the main challenges being navigation at speed and route choice.

Out of bounds & 'Forbidden to cross' vegetation

The area contains areas of out-of-bounds relating to the school and National Trust works. Fences are only to be crossed at marked crossing points. These are shown clearly on the map. Any competitor seen crossing fences other than at marked crossing points will be disqualified.

Longer courses may enter two areas of 'forbidden to cross' vegetation. It is important that competitors do not cross where this is marked as these are requirements that the National Trust have set. It may appear you can cross this area 'easily', but this is not permissible and will result in disqualification.

Courses

Course	Length	Climb	# of controls
White	1.1km	25m	12
Yellow	1.8km	35m	15
Orange	2.9km	50m	17
Light Green	3.8km	80m	21
Short Green	3.3km	90m	18
Green	4.1km	90m	22 (double sided map)
Blue	5.3km	110m	26 (double sided map)
Brown	6.2km	120m	29 (double sided map)

Safety

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

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

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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