

GRADE-3 PLANNERS COURSE

This two-day course will cover the BOF grade-3 planner's syllabus and is aimed at anyone who wishes to plan local orienteering events. There will be an optional session on the functions of the OCAD course setting computer software. This course is aimed at people new to orienteering planning or those with limited experience who have not attended a formal course.

Dates: Saturday 6th and 20th March 2010

Venue: BelhusWoods Country Park, near Aveley.
Approximately 5 miles from M25 J29 or J30.

Times: 10am to 3.30pm both days.

Costs: Course fees £30 including course materials.
A £2 Essex County Council car park charge will apply.
British Orienteering members should contact their own clubs about funding for attending this course.

Eligibility: The course is open to everyone but priority will be given to members of EAOA and SEOA clubs.

Prerequisites:

Some knowledge of orienteering and an understanding of the colour coded system used for courses. Experience of competing at events on courses at Light Green standard or above is sufficient for acquiring this knowledge. Reasonable computer skills will be needed for those attending the OCAD course setting session.

Contact: If you have any questions or would like to reserve a place on this course, contact Janet Biggs:

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Course Content:

- The role of the planner
- Technical difficulty of legs
- Technical difficulty of courses
- How to start:
 - course lengths
 - start / finish locations
 - taping control sites, includes practical exercise
- Roles of the controller / organiser
- Final maps and descriptions
- The event:
 - preparation
 - control hanging
 - control collecting
- Event timetables
- Safety
- OCAD course setting functions
- Using SI equipment