

## Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to a local Night score event

The 1st round of the 2019-2020 Western Night  
League

# Worcestershire Beacon

(Malvern Hills)

On

Saturday 2nd November 2019



### Welcome

This night event is being held as part of the Western Night League (WNL) Series. We are grateful to the Malvern Hills Trust, who own and care for the hills and surrounding Commons for permission to use this area for orienteering.

### Venue & Travel

The event uses the Malvern Hills ridge between the Wyche Cutting and North Hill. Parking is at the Earnslaw Car Park is on the eastern side of the ridge at SO770441 (Landranger map 150) off the B4218 Wyche Road.

### Parking:

Parking is in the Malvern Hills Trust Pay and Display car park £4.40 (Except for holders of Residents Parking Permits etc). There is a Pay-and-Display machine at the entrance to the Car Park.

### Terrain:

The terrain comprises of open hillside, much of it steep, with scattered trees on higher parts, deciduous woodland mainly on the lower flanks of the ridge, and a wealth of good footpaths. At the northern end of the map, there is a temporary enclosure surrounded by an electric fence containing grazing sheep and cattle as part of the Malvern Hills Trust's land management. The competition area does not enter this enclosure.

### Map:

1:10,000, 5m contours on waterproof paper, drawn by Brian Hughes 2007. Minor updates to 2011 and 2019. There has been some thinning and clearing of vegetation so the vegetation screens on the map are not 100% reliable and the runability may be a shade darker so soon after the summer season undergrowth!  
There are a number of unmapped mountain bike tracks. Some of these are more prominent than mapped paths - check your map and compass bearing carefully!

### Courses:

This is a One Hour Score Event with a maximum score of 600 points. There will be a penalty of 1 point for every 6 seconds, or part of, for lateness, and the same bonus for collecting all controls in less than an hour. A number of controls (151 - 158 in order) will provide Yellow Standard course for novices of about 1.8km in length.

### Safety:

Competitors take part at their own risk.

- ALL COMPETITORS MUST REPORT TO THE FINISH EVEN IF THEY RETIRE.
- Whistles, backup lighting and mobile phones must be carried.
- The terrain (rock and grass) is steep, and slippery when wet. Good studded footwear is strongly recommended, and please run within your capabilities especially downhill.
- Competitors may be required to wear (carry) water- and wind-proof tops; the tops of the hills are exposed hill country. Carrying of hats and gloves is also recommended.
- Do not cross any fences or walls - these are to protect you from falling over quarry edges!
- The hills are used by mountain bikers at night too – beware, that oncoming head torch maybe a biker travelling at speed!
- SAFETY BEARING: Descend to the road, and if on the WEST side of the hills proceed in an ANTICLOCKWISE direction until you reach the car park, and if on the EAST side of the Hills proceed in a CLOCKWISE direction.
- COURSES CLOSE AT 20:00.

### Entries:

On the day only

### Registration:

1730 – 1830

Starts: 1800 – 1845

(or when dark  
enough)

### Punching:

SportIdent Electronic punching. **Please bring your SI-Card to registration.** SI-Cards for hire for £1.00

### Fees:

Seniors £5.00 Juniors and Students £3.00 (Juniors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

- Dogs:** Dogs are allowed but must be on lead near the electric fence containing the grazing animals.
- Facilities:** Pub of the Night: [The Wyche Inn](#) (Tel 01684 575396) which is a 400m walk up the road from the Earnslaw Car Park (Car parking is very limited at the pub; please leave your car in the car park ... and maximise use of your car parking fee!) Last orders for food taken at 20:30.
- Officials:** Organiser & Planner Richard Davies 07847 515089  
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**Website & Cancellation:** For the latest information check:  
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