



Event Information Event
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Harlequins Orienteering Club

Virtual Orienteering in the Wyre Forest (nr Bewdley)

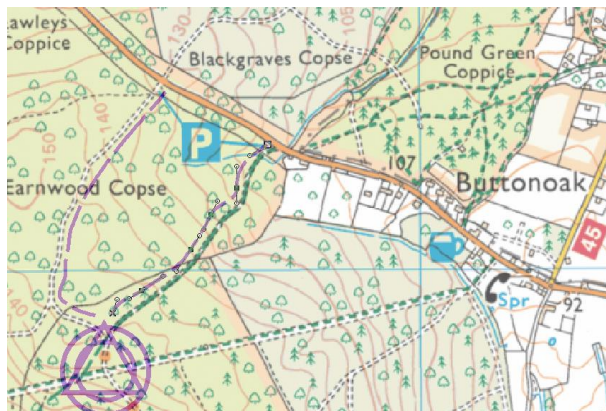


Orienteering in
Worcester, Hereford,
South Shropshire, Black
Country and
Birmingham.

Venue, Travel & Permission The Start & Finish are located in the North part of the Wyre Forest near Buttonoak which is located approximately 3 miles North West from Bewdley on the B4194 (Postcode DY12 3AQ).

This activity has been approved by Forestry England until **31st August 2020**. Please do not take part in this activity after that date.

Parking: Drive through Buttonoak and park at either of the car parks indicated below. The car parks are not obviously signed with the first appearing immediately on your left as you start to leave the village. The further car park (named Earnwood Copse) can also be found on the left of the road, a further 300m from Button Oak. It is also possible to park directly opposite on the Postensplain side of the road if Earnwood Copse is full. Please note that in good weather these car parks (and Bewdley) can get very busy at weekends.



Forest Information: The Wyre Forest has plenty of summer vegetation that is growing well at the moment although parts are still runnable. Most of the controls can be accessed via tracks or mountain bike paths.

Be aware that the Finish is likely to be uphill on your way back so make sure that you have enough time to avoid penalty points!

The Forestry Commission has placed No Entry signs near some areas of activity / felling - these are not marked on the map - please do not enter any of these OOB areas.
Roaming Cows - there are some free roaming cows to the north of the Start / Finish location. I understand that they are managed within an "invisible boundary" using some sort of technology. They appear to be quite docile even though they have large horns!
Roaming cows may also be present to the South West of the map depending when you run.

The area is frequented with Dog Walkers, Mountain Bikers and Horse Riders, please be courteous.

Map: A4, Scale 1:10000, updated July 2020 by Alison Sloman for this event.

Courses: One hour score course using MapRun. 34 controls of 20 points each. Penalty of 10 points a minute for late finish. See the instructions on the HOC website on how to use the MapRun app. If you don't have the app the course can be recorded on a GPS watch and can be sent to the MapRun admin to upload. Planner: Paul Basher

Start Location: From either car park follow the forest road / track to the start (route indicated above). Distance is approximately 600 - 700m. It is uphill to the start from the car park nearest to Buttonoak. The start and finish are co-located where the large ride crosses the main forest road.

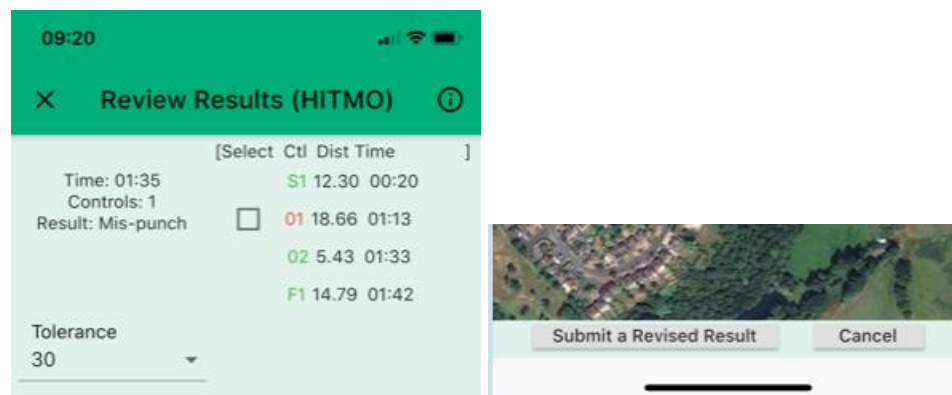
MapRun Information: Download the latest MapRunF app for your phone. Prior to travelling, the map can be found on the MapRun app by pressing the "Select Event" option and then navigating to: UK - West Midlands - Wyre Forest - Wyre Forest North Score. No PIN required.

There is very little / no mobile network coverage near the car parks so please download the event before you leave home.

A pdf of the course and control descriptions are available on the HOC website or via email (VOCs@harlequins.org.uk). Please print before leaving home

Using GPS in the Wyre Forest can be tricky at times particularly when the phone loses the mobile network. If this happens and you don't receive any punch confirmation do not spend too long looking for it (as long as you are confident of your location....).

After your run if you think that you should be credited with more controls, you can provisionally revise the controls visited by using the HITMO option accessed from the top right menu on the results screen (see screenshot below). You can select any controls highlighted in red and then submit your revised results using the button at the bottom of the screen. The MapRun admin will review and allow or disallow as appropriate based on your GPS track.



Dogs: Dogs welcome, please keep under control and respect other forest visitors. The area is frequented by walkers, runners, mountain bikers and horse riders.

Facilities: None.

Safety: Competitors take part at their own risk. These courses are not covered by British Orienteering insurance, so are at your own risk as if you were going out training on your own. Neither British Orienteering or Harlequins accepts any liability for your use of the course or map. Please use them safely looking out for yourself and other members of the public who may be in the area. Also please follow the latest government advice on social distancing.