



HARLEQUINS ORIENTEERING CLUB INVITES YOU TO A
World Orienteering Day Activity at
CALLOW HILL, WYRE FOREST
Saturday 20th May 2023

Venue: Wyre Forest Visitor Centre is located at Callow Hill, 3 miles west of Bewdley on the A456. The site is well sign-posted. SO750740. <https://what3words.com/hello.wobbles.oddly> Look for the HOC flag between the Visitor Services caravan and playground.

Transport: Bus routes 192/292 between Birmingham and Ludlow, and 291 between Kidderminster and Tenbury. Parking: £4 up to 2 hours, £5.50 up to 4 hours, £7 all day.

Terrain: Lovely area of mixed woodland (beech, oak and conifers). Steepsided stream valleys and flat plateaus in between with lots of reentrants offer a true orienteering challenge.

Start Times: 11.00-14.00 (finish by 15:00)

Activities: This is a collaboration between the Callow Hill Rangers and HOC to celebrate the happy coinciding of National Nature Reserve week and World Orienteering Day. There will be two activities on offer:

- **A National Nature Reserve week themed orienteering trail**
A 1.1km orienteering trail designed for families and complete beginners
- **Wyre Forest MapRun launch**
A brand new set of MapRun courses using the Callow Hill POC. Six colour coded courses will be available: Yellow, Long Yellow, Orange, Short Green, Green, Blue.

Guide on using MapRun on your smartphone or Garmin watch:

<https://wmoa.org.uk/wp/getting-started-with-maprun-for-participants/>

Maps: Maps for the MapRun courses are A4 size, 5m contours 1:7,500 (1:5,000 for Yellow and Long Yellow). Updated by Paul Basher 2023, original map by Alison Sloman. Pre-marked but not water-resistant.

We should have access to unlimited map supplies, but to guarantee a map for your preferred course (and make things easier for the organisers) it would be appreciated if you could reserve your map by e-mail to harlequins@tillerresearch.co.uk

Fees: FREE

Facilities: Café and toilets by the carpark. Many other activities available on site, including Go Ape and a children's playground. <https://www.forestryengland.uk/wyre-forest/activities>

SAFETY: Full leg cover recommended if attempting any MapRun course except Yellow or Long Yellow, as there are extensive brambles. You will encounter dog-walkers and members of the public walking/cycling. Please give way to other forest users. Participants take part at their own risk.

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