



Event Information
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Harlequins Orienteering Club
Invite you to a Summer Evening Event

At

Eymore Wood

On

SATURDAY 15th APRIL 2023

(VERSION 3)



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

**Venue &
Travel**

Eymore Woods near Trimpley Reservoir (which is “Brown Signed” on several approaches from Kidderminster and Bridgenorth).

Nat Grid S0775792 / S07756279225
Nearest Post Code DY12 1PJ
Lat,Long (WGS84) 52.410562012558856,-2.3312866958344833

Parking:

Early arrivals - park in the lower car park - on the south side of the road just before the road becomes “Severn Trent Access Only” and 300m beyond the upper car park (north side).

If full - then use the upper car park. Please don’t park on the road side - leave this for dog walkers and etc.

Terrain:

Typical Wyre Forest terrain - mixed and fast deciduous woodland and coniferous plantation with an extensive path and track network, streams and steep slopes. Falling 140m from the East to the River Severn in the West. Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QfKQUE2mCE14RQes6>

There is some light bramble, but the woods are surprisingly runnable - much improved over recent years, possibly due to the presence of Muntjac deer. The undergrowth slow run screen mostly indicates areas a bracken - which is well down following the recent snow. I’ve not seen Eymore this good since the 1980’s - if you find yourself crossing a bramble patch - you’ve gone wrong.

Map:

A4, 1:10000 with 5m contours, updated 2022-23 by Alison Sloman. Printed on waterproof paper

Courses:

One course, 21 controls 7.2km, 330m climb, little path running with a choice of **60** or **90** minutes time limit - declare at registration.

Out of respect for control collectors - if you wish to run the 90 please start by 11:30.

Out of respect for the organiser please report to the finish within 75/105 minutes of starting (60/90), otherwise I will worry that you are injured, or otherwise incapacitated, and start to organise a search party.

Competitors must take controls in the rising numerical order, but can miss out controls as they wish. 10 points per control. 1 point lost each 6 seconds or part thereof if back late. Eg. controls 1,3,4,7,15 scores 50 points but 1,7,2,12,9 only scores 30 points.

Course is not suitable for unaccompanied younger juniors (road crossings) and those not confident at light green standard (TD4). Please contact the organiser to determine suitability for your juniors **before** travelling.

To avoid “panic” road crossing as your time runs out, there will be two finish controls - on opposite sides of the road - punch either but not both. See note about road crossings in the safety section.

Entries:

50 competitor limit - so 50 maps will be printed. To reserve a map email eymore2023@ddwilliams.net (Name, class, club, SI #, SI hire) and I’ll add you to the list...

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gKWw_w89kOwjAOUhbXzEN8p9JYyOQEBSGdhLiFP

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Registration: 10:30 to 11:30 to **Start** 11:00 to 11:30 (90)
11:00 to 12:00 (60)
Course closes at 13:15.
Controls will be sequentially collected in starting at 13:00

Punching: Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00 - **by prior arrangement**, replacement fee £30 if lost.

Fees: Seniors £5 Juniors/students - £2. Please bring exact cash amount. No change will be available.

Dogs: Dogs welcome

Facilities: None

Officials: Organiser David Williams 0793 - 478 - 9689 eyamore2023@ddwilliams.net

COVID19 You must not attend if you or a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace,

By entering you confirm that you have read, understood and will abide by the Participant Code of Conduct at all times:

<https://bof2.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/Competitions/EcY4YtgbMHdKv4IC-qNoEagBQQVTzhzxMq4yCLhC7ILxww?e=k0V6qh>

If that link does not work for you...

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19_Safe_Orienteering and scroll down to the appropriate section.

Safety

- **Close to streams there are steep slopes - take care on descents** - after wet weather the terrain is muddy and slippery. It is possible to avoid these steep slopes by deviating slightly from your chosen route.
- You will encounter dog walkers.
- If the River Severn is in spate then the path on the west of the map may be unsafe - this will be checked the day before the event.
- To the immediate East of the river there is one **extremely steep slope** - with rock features and loose earth/mud. Direct routes down or up to controls will be physically challenging for the more senior competitor. Level/gently sloping approaches are practical - at the cost of more distance travelled.
- There may be active forestry operations - take note and give machinery, equipment and log piles a wide berth. Steer clear of pheasant pens, equipment and shooting paraphernalia
- A minor road divides the area. Going out, competitors will cross the "no public access" section. Traffic should be light at the weekend (dinghy sailors and anglers) but beware that **contractor vehicles typically drive fast on this road** "I'm on a deadline, its not my vehicle". Coming back the optimal crossing/finish is just at the end of the public access section but on a gentle bend. Sight lines are fair and turning public vehicles should be going slow but again beware of high speed pickups, vans and reduced visibility due to parked cars. You may meet residents' vehicles in the woods.
- Competitors take part at their own risk. A **whistle** must be carried.
- In case of bad weather competitors may be required to carry **water- and wind-proof tops (aka cagoules)**.
- It is recommended that you **carry a phone**. Organiser number is on the map. Coverage (O2) is fair, falling to poor/nil in stream valleys.

Website & Cancellation: Check for <http://www.harlequins.org.uk> for final details, updates and changes before travelling.