



Mole Valley Orienteering Club
(affiliated to British Orienteering)
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BALCOMBE WATERSIDE

SCORE EVENT & JUBILEE PICNIC

Tuesday 5th June 2012



FINAL DETAILS

Mole Valley Orienteering Club welcomes you to the grand finale of the Jubilee Orienteering Festival at Balcombe Waterside.

Location

The car park is in a grassy field located one kilometre south east of Balcombe village at GR TQ323292 (nearest postcode RH17 6QJ).

By car – Access is from a minor road off the B2036. The event will be signed from the B2036 north of Balcombe and from the minor road. From the **north** join the B2036 at M23 Junction 10A and head south towards Balcombe. Turn left onto the minor road and go through the village. After two kilometres turn left onto a metalled track and into the car park. From the **south** take the minor road heading north from Haywards Heath and two kilometres after passing under the railway line turn sharp right at the O signs onto a metalled track and into the car park.

By train – The car park is around two kilometres from Balcombe station. Take care walking or cycling on narrow roads with fast moving traffic.

Entry on the day

There will be limited entry on the day between 10 – 10.30 subject to map availability. Seniors £9 (with £2 discount), Juniors (M/W20 and under) & full time students £3. SI dibbers available to hire for £1 (£30 charge for lost dibbers). Entries via www.fabian4.co.uk at lower rates remain open till midnight on Sunday 27th May.

Assembly area

This is located a short 100m level walk from the car park. Expect fine views and lots of space for tents, club banners and your picnic hampers, tables, chairs and rugs. The Start and Finish are in the assembly area. Portaloo's are available between the car park and assembly area. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Please bring your own liquid refreshment.

Map and control descriptions

Balcombe Waterside has been updated for this event by Mike Elliot. 1:10,000 - overprinted and waterproof. Control descriptions will only be on the map. This is a working estate. There is some work going on in the area and you may encounter newly felled trees or fresh brushings.

Course

There is one course – a mass start one hour score event beginning at 11am sharp. The aim is to get as many controls as you can within the hour. Please turn up ready to run by 10.45 and remember to clear your dibber. It will be a timed start so there is no need to punch at the start.

There are two maps printed back to back on a single sheet. On one side the controls have odd numbers; on the other side they have even numbers. The control codes are printed on the map. You may start with either odd or even numbered controls. You may turn the map over and switch whenever you like. When you have switched (from odd to even, or from even to odd) you may not switch back again. Any 'wrong' controls you punch after switching will not count in your final score. Controls are worth 10 points each. There will be a 20 point penalty for every minute or part minute you are late back.

The Start and Finish are in the assembly area. Don't forget to download even if you retire.

There is no String Course.

Under 16s

All juniors aged **under 16 on the day of the event** must declare themselves to registration before the start. You will be given a subset of the full controls set to avoid crossing the busy road. We apologise to any under 16s who may feel aggrieved by this, but it is a condition of British Orienteering's insurance cover that we keep you away from the road.

40 minute option – W/M60+ and W/M16-

W/M16- and W/M60+ may choose a 40 minute option. W/M60+ and juniors aged 16+ on the day of the event will receive the same map as other competitors. Under 16s will receive the subset which avoids crossing the road. This choice must be made before you start and it is your responsibility to self-declare your choice to the registration team. Your score will be multiplied by 1.5 for the results. We will not accept any declarations made after you have finished.

Fences, gates and pheasant pens

Fences are often three stranded barbed wire. You are not permitted to cross any fence regardless of whether it is mapped as crossable or un-crossable and what it is made from. Routes must be planned using gates and gaps, of which there are plenty. Anyone seen crossing a fence will be disqualified. Some but not all gates and gaps are overprinted as crossing points. Read the map carefully to work out the best route choices. Fences have not been overprinted with the red "not to be crossed" line as this would make the map unreadable in many places.

Gates must be left as you find them. If they are open please leave them open, if they are closed and you open them to go through, please ensure they are closed firmly behind you.

There are numerous pheasant pens on the area, all of which have un-crossable fences. Most have a single gate, but there are two which have more than one gate, and you are permitted to run through these pens. Take care of strands of wire across the gates at or above head height.

Safety

If you require first aid assistance then please report to registration/download. It is recommended that you carry a whistle.

During the event you may encounter a road and a railway line. It is forbidden to run (or walk or otherwise travel) along either. You may also encounter a saw mill.

The road - There is a single crossing point. The road is straight and traffic moves quickly. There will be a marshal at the road crossing but it is your responsibility to make sure you cross safely. The marshal will disqualify anyone progressing along the road rather than going straight across.

The railway - There are two railway crossing points and you must use these. Neither takes you near the railway line itself. There is a track level railway crossing in the northern section of the map. This is marked OUT OF BOUNDS on the map and must not be used under any circumstances.

The saw mill - directly to the west of the road crossing is a working saw mill. There is equipment in the vicinity – take extra care going through this area and do not climb or attempt to leap log piles.

South East Team Score Championships

This is the South East Team Score Championships 2012 with a SE club's best 12 runners counting towards the club total. Only one scorer counts from each age/gender class. For example - if a club's two best scorers are M21s, the second one does not count. Running up applies automatically in relation to both age class and gender so enter as your real age class and gender. We will take care of the running up in working out the result.

Results

Will be available via the Jubilee Orienteering Festival website
www.mvoc.org/Jubilee2012/home.htm

Jubilee Picnic and prizes

When you have finished your run and downloaded please join us for a Jubilee Picnic to celebrate the extended holiday and four exciting days of orienteering. And watch out for some fun spot prizes during the event.

Event Officials

Organiser: Tony Burton (MV) jubilee@mvoc.org
Planner: Sandra Vogel (MV)
Controller: Steve Jarvis (SO)

Last minute changes

Please visit the MV web site before travelling to check for last minute changes or new information about this event. www.mvoc.org

Acknowledgements

We are grateful to Simon Greenwood (Saxons) and the Balcombe Estate team for their support for this event.

You are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk

