

# Ancient Wiltshire Weekend



North Wiltshire Orienteers  
(NWO)



SWOA Galoppen Level C Ranking  
Event & Yvette Baker Trophy  
Qualifier

Savernake Forest, Marlborough  
Sunday 30 April 2017

Day 2 of the Ancient Wiltshire  
Weekend



## FULL DETAILS V1 22/04/17

**Welcome:** North Wiltshire Orienteers welcome you to Savernake Forest. Please consult the website and these details just before the event in case there have been any changes.

**Acknowledgements:** Access is by kind permission of The Savernake Estate and The Forestry Commission.

**Venue:** Savernake Forest is located SE of Marlborough and will be signed off the A346 main road at GR SU 210 663 at Cadley. The nearest Postcode is SN8 3HW but drivers are advised that satellite navigation systems may be directed to the wrong location.

**Access and Parking:** **PLEASE CAR SHARE IF YOU CAN.** Access to car parking and assembly will be via Great Lodge Drive, a gravel forest track with grass verges. A one way system will be in operation. Please drive slowly and be considerate to competitors using Great Lodge Drive to access starts as well as other forest users.

It is a condition of our access that vehicles avoid parking beneath veteran oak trees to protect their roots. Please follow the directions of car parking officials.

Car parking will be in a well drained grassy compound and on one side of Great Lodge Drive.

Motorhomes, minibuses and other large vehicles will be directed to the available hardstanding areas in the compound. Please contact the organiser if you are bringing a larger vehicle to allow us to assess available space.

**Exiting the Event:** The exit from the event will be different to entry. Vehicles will be directed east along Great Lodge Drive to the 'Eight Point Star' in the centre of the forest, then turn left to exit the forest northwest along Grand Avenue. Exit from the forest will be on to the A4 main road at GR SU 210 683 where vehicles can turn left towards Marlborough (onward travel north/south/west) or turn right towards Hungerford (onward travel east).

There is a temptation to drive at excessive speed along Grand Avenue. This causes a lot of dust as well as being a danger to pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists, and other forest users. **PLEASE OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MPH.**

**Safety Information:** Please take care when crossing and walking along Forest roads. There is public access to Savernake Forest, please respect the rights of others, particularly the horse riders, dog walkers and mountain bikers.

Please report to download even if retiring as this will ensure we can check you have returned safely. Competitors travelling alone are encouraged to leave a set of keys at registration.

Full leg covering is mandatory and gaiters are advised. Competitors are advised to carry whistles. The organisers reserve the right to insist that cagoules are carried in the event of bad weather.

Please do not climb on timber stacks and avoid forestry machinery if present.

The nearest A & E Hospital is at Swindon Great Western Hospital SN3 6BB.

**Biohazards:** Ticks may be present. Please check yourself thoroughly after the event.

Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. Before leaving the event check your clothing and equipment and remove any mud, soil or leaf litter. Once home thoroughly clean your footwear and clothing and then leave it to dry for as long as possible. Many invasive non-native species are able to survive in damp corners for very long periods of time, but are less able to survive if the equipment is thoroughly dried.

Please take any litter home with you.

**Dogs:** Dogs are permitted on leads in the car park and assembly area but not on courses. Please ensure you clear up after your dog.

**Pre-Entry:** **Pre-entry is via Fabian4 at [www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk) by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

**Entry on the Day:** Limited entry on the day while maps last. Please contact the Organiser if you wish to reserve a map.

All entries on the day will need to complete an entry form at registration.

**Fees:** **Seniors** £12 **Seniors on Novice Courses** £6 (white, yellow, orange)  
**Juniors** £3

**For pairs and groups one entry fee is charged. Additional maps are £1 each.**

**Punching:** **EMIT. Card hire fee £1.50 per competitor. Lost card charge £47.**

**Registration:** All enquiries on the day should be directed to the registration tent located in the assembly area.

**Hired E-cards and entry on the day available from 0930-1200.** Hired EMIT cards should be handed back at Download.

Competitors who have pre-entered and have their own E-card may go directly to the start.

Spare back-up cards will be available from registration for those with their own EMIT cards.

A demonstration control will be available outside registration.

**Facilities:** The following facilities will be available at assembly:  
Toilets  
First Aid Tent staffed by trained club volunteers  
Caterers – O-Nosh  
Ultrasport

Please bring your own drinks or purchase them from the caterers.

Club tents may be erected in the assembly area where directed by event officials.

**String Course:** A free string course will be provided close to the assembly area.

**Start:** **Start times between 1000-1230.** It will be a punching start. Please allow YBT runners and event officials requiring a run to have priority if needed in your course start queue.

There are two starts. The Near Start (White and Yellow courses) is 200m from assembly.

The Far Start (Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, Brown courses) is 1300m from assembly. Please allow sufficient time to walk to the start.

Call up will be at minus 4 minutes. Late starters may have to wait for a time-slot to become available on busy courses.

Loose control description sheets will be available in the start lanes.

**Yvette Baker Trophy:** For Yvette Baker Trophy competitors, individual start times for Yellow, Orange, Light Green, and Green courses will be published by the Yvette Baker Coordinator in advance of the event via Club Captains.

YBT Start times will be between 1030 - 1130. Start slots will be at 10:30, 10:35, 10:40 etc at 5 minute intervals.

**Maps:** Map scale 1:10,000. Contour intervals 5m. Updated Spring 2017 by John Parfitt and Michael Reynolds. Courses will be overprinted on waterproof paper.

Our thanks to John Parfitt (BOK), who surveyed and drew the original map in 2009, for very kindly volunteering his time in March to re-survey the forest.

**Terrain:** Mainly mature woodland.

**Courses:** White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, and Brown. All courses apart from White are offered to participate in the SWOA Galoppen League.

Course	Length (km)	Ascent (m)	Technical Difficulty
White	1.5	10	Easy
Yellow	2.5	15	Quite easy
Orange	3.3	80	Moderate
Light Green	4.2	90	Quite Difficult
Short Green	3.6	70	Difficult
Green	5.2	95	Difficult
Blue	7.7	135	Difficult
Brown	8.6	140	Difficult

**Finish:** There are two finishes. The Near Finish (White and Yellow courses) is close to assembly.

The Far Finish (Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, Brown courses) is 650m from assembly. The walk from the Far Finish to the Assembly area will for 200 m use a path also used by runners on the Yellow and White courses. The path is quite wide so this should not be a problem, but it is important that the path is not blocked by any large group.

Follow the marked route back from the Finish to the assembly area and Download tent.

**All competitors must report to the Download tent even if they retire.**

**Course Close:** **Courses close at 1430.**

**Planners Comments:** I have really enjoyed my visits to Savernake Forest whilst planning for this event. There are some fine parts, with big trees and leafy forest floors, and in some places some quite intricate detail, and sometimes quite a remote feel - a pleasant place to orienteer.

Unfortunately, some of the northern parts of the map have suffered considerably from the encroachment of brambles in recent years. Therefore, in order to use the best parts of the forest the longer courses (Orange and above) have a 1.3 km walk to the start, and a 650 m walk back from the finish (which is in a different part of the forest).

The terrain is gently undulating and mainly wooded. The going under foot in areas marked as "runnable" is quite variable, and in places there may be an uneven surface due to grassy tussocks and unmarked extraction ruts, and there can also be a fair amount of forest debris, mainly fallen branches. Green screens show areas where the trees are less widely spaced, and an undergrowth screen (parallel green lines) is used for areas of brambles and nettles. **The courses are planned to avoid any significant areas of brambles;** runners on the longer courses are likely to encounter some brambles but it is generally easy to find a way through or round them. Nettles are much less prevalent than brambles, but were starting to appear at the beginning of April - there may be some significant patches by the date of the event.

Some holly trees have been mapped, especially where they are isolated and can be used as control sites. But many holly trees have not been mapped.

A small number of pheasant feeders will be used as control sites. These are mainly blue or black barrels or troughs, and are sometimes on the ground.

On the Yellow and White courses, some "sad faces" and "smiley faces" notices will be used to provide assistance in appropriate places.

The area of forest beyond the track towards the SE and S of the map is out of bounds. The track itself is out of bounds only in the south of the area - this is marked on the map.

**Results:** Individual and Yvette Baker Trophy results will be published on the website as soon as practicable after the event. Results will be provided to SWOA and British Orienteering for the purposes of Galoppen and national ranking respectively.

**Officials:**

<b>Organiser:</b>	Rob Buckby (NWO), 07825 161020 (before 9pm)
<b>YBT Coordinator:</b>	Ken Stimson (NWO), <a href="mailto:poc@northwilts.org.uk">poc@northwilts.org.uk</a>
<b>Planner:</b>	Michael Reynolds (NWO)
<b>Controller:</b>	Bernie Fowler (BADO)

**Photography:** The club has designated photographer(s) and details are available from registration. Photographs from the event may be used by the club and made available on the internet. Please speak to a club official at registration if you have any concerns.

*All competitors run at their own risk and must report to the download whether they finish or not. It is essential that legs are fully covered. Please note: NWO will make every effort to ensure the event goes ahead as planned. However, should the event be cancelled, NWO reserves the right to retain part of the advance entry fees to meet event costs already incurred or committed. Please check our website for any last minute information before you travel to the event. The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers only for the purpose of processing/publishing entries and results and as required by our insurers.*