



SARUM ORIENTEERING CLUB



New Year's Day Score – 1 Jan 19

Venue: Foxbury Plantation – One and a half miles north of Junction 2 of the M27 on the A36 between Ower and West Wellow G.R. SU3017

Travel: The entrance to the plantation is the Half Moon Car Park, Blackhill Road G.R. SU297177 Post Code – SO51 6AQ

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:

The A36 is a very fast road. If approaching from the north, please take care when turning right into Blackhill Road. After the event, anyone wishing to go to the M27 and Southampton is strongly advised to turn left out of the Assembly area onto Blackhill Road and to travel about a mile to the crossroads where you will turn left towards the village of Newbridge – 1.25 miles. Go through the village and continue until you pass under the motorway and reach a T-junction. Turn right and go to Cadnam where you can join the M27. Although this is a few miles further, it is a very scenic route and avoids the accident black spot where Blackhill Road joins the A36.

Terrain: Foxbury measures 2.4 Km by 1 Km and is largely open terrain with some small areas of woodland alongside the eastern boundary. There are a number of water channels throughout the area which are linked to indistinct marshes, often indicated by the presence of reed grass. The runnability across these areas will depend on the quantity of rain that has fallen in the previous weeks. The open areas are populated by low tree stumps and small areas of dense vegetation and low saplings. Although climb is limited across Foxbury, there are subtle contour changes which, along with screening vegetation, interrupt visibility across the area. The area is crossed with a number of fences and gates. Given the fragile nature of the fences in some areas, **no fences are to be crossed**. Crossing may only take place at gates, or stiles that have been specially built for the event. The bracken which is prevalent in some areas of the map is dying off and should present less of an obstacle than indicated on the map at the date of the event. The forest has been partially cleared and is now more runnable than the previous event in 2017. An area of woodland in the southeast corner has been cleared and a tree survey has yet to be conducted. In the event of very windy weather, this area will be put out of bounds. Competitors will be notified on the day in this case. Four ponies are enclosed in the southern enclosure, the gates for which will need to be closed after passing through. Signs will be placed on the gates as a reminder.

Parking: Car Parking is on all weather matting adjacent to the Assembly area. Arrival and departure is via Half Moon Car Park. Please drive with care and park as advised by the car park officials.

Registration: From 1130 – 1215. Entry for all courses is only available on the day at the registration tent.

Fees: Seniors £6. All Juniors £3. Hire of EMIT cards: Seniors - £1.50 Juniors £0.50.

Electronic Punching: The event will be using EMIT on all courses. A lost card will be £45. To ensure correct “punching” competitors **must** touch the EMIT control unit correctly with their EMIT card. Competitors are encouraged to use back-up cards and to press their EMIT cards down onto the control unit to ensure that they register a pin mark at each control. Competitors whose EMIT cards do not show that they have visited a control will only be given those points with evidence from the back up card. These cards can be obtained at the Emit tent.

Course details:

- a) **Score course.** The main event is a score course with competitors required to visit as many of the 38 controls marked on the map as possible in any order and return to the finish within the one hour time limit. Each control will have a different value between 10-50 points. The score values of controls worth more than 10 points are marked on the map. In addition, there will be two “roving” controls along the main tracks held by festively dressed members of Sarum. They will each be worth 30 points. Competitors arriving back late will have points deducted from their score at a

rate of 10 points for each minute or part of a minute late back. Controls on the White and Yellow courses will not score and punching will risk exceeding the maximum number of controls that can be held on an EMIT card.

- b) **White and Yellow courses.** Two courses are provided for beginners as follows:

Course	Length	Climb	Technical difficulty
White	2.1 km	20 m	Easy
Yellow	2.4 km	30 m	Quite easy

Smiley or Sad Faces will be used to help beginners stay on the right path.

Map: Map updated in 2018. Scale 1:10,000 5m contours. Courses and control descriptions will be overprinted on A3 waterproof paper. No loose control descriptions. While the map has been updated to reflect changes in the last 12 months, work in the plantation is ongoing and changes may have been made in the last few weeks. Any known changes to the map required as a result of this work will be briefed at the Start.

Starts: 1200 – 1230. The start for all courses is 200m from the Assembly area. There is a punching start - you go when you are ready.

Finish: The finish for the Score course is 150m from Assembly. The finish for the Yellow/White courses is 250m from Assembly

Results: Results will be posted on the Sarum web site www.sarumo.org.uk in the evening.

Facilities: There are no toilets on site – Please plan accordingly. Nearest toilets are at McDonalds at the southern end of the A36. First Aid Tent will be in the Assembly area. There will be hot chocolate at Assembly.

Safety: **PLEASE DO NOT CROSS ANY FENCES. They are barbed wire and sometimes in poor repair. USE THE GATES OR STILES. All gates will be unlocked. Additional stiles have been built and are marked on the map. Failure to comply will lead to disqualification.**

Full lower body cover is compulsory. In the event of bad weather cagoules and whistles will be obligatory. The First Aid tent will be at Assembly. Car keys may be left at Registration. All competitors MUST download even if they do not complete the course. Ticks may exist so please check after the event. The safety route for anyone lost in the area or wishing to retire is to go NORTH where you will reach tracks heading back to Assembly. The nearest A & E Hospital is at Odstock, Salisbury (01722 336262) or Southampton General (02380 777222). Details will be with the Organiser.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted in the plantation, however, they can be on a lead in the Assembly area. If you want to exercise your dog, you can take them out the main gate (50m from Assembly) into the forest where you can walk wherever you wish.

Members of the public: There is one public footpath in Foxbury running east west across the middle of the area (Coopers Lane). It is rarely little used.

Officials: **Planner: Mark White** **Controller: Jeff Butt**
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Conditions: 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. In the event of cancellation, all or part of the entry fee may be retained to cover costs already incurred. All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Thanks. Sarum Orienteering Club is grateful to the National Trust for the use of Foxbury and to the resident grazer Richard Manley who has agreed to contain his livestock in an enclosure at the northern end of the area.

Sarum Web Site: www.sarumo.org.uk **DO NOT FORGET TO DOWNLOAD**