

November Classic 2025

Sunday 12th October

FINAL DETAILS

Late Breaking News

Any late breaking news will be posted on racesignup.co.uk/november-classic and the SOC Website

Essential Information

Timings: Event Centre opens at 09.00; Enquiries and hired SI/SIAC dibber collection from 09.00; Starts 10.30 to 14.00; Courses close 16.00.

Event Centre and Parking: Burley Park, on Chapel Lane, Burley near the Queens Head Pub.

- Postcode: BH24 4AA

- what3words: suave.pounding.intersect

- Lat/Long: 50.827557,-1.7018752

Please drive slowly, take care of pedestrians and follow the marshals' instructions.

First Aid/Paramedics Medical cover is provided at the Finish.

Weather and Clothing: The current weather forecast is for a chilly, overcast day with moderate wind. If we have extreme cold or wet weather conditions on the day, we may require all competitors to carry a lightweight waterproof hooded running jacket or similar waterproof clothing and a whistle, Please bring these with you just in case.

Getting to the Start: Please come to the event knowing your Course Number, Class and Start Time. These are shown in our table of entries below.

The route between the Event Centre and the competition area is along a narrow road with some traffic. Please leave the Event Centre via the marshalled pedestrian gate near the Enquiries and Download tents. Hi-vis vests will be available for use by children when on the route to and from the competition area. Pick up at the pedestrian exit from the Event Centre and drop at the clothing dump, and vice-versa for the return.

Please be aware that a large, non-competitive cycling event is taking place. Cyclists will be joining our walking route about 200m before the clothing dump/finish location.

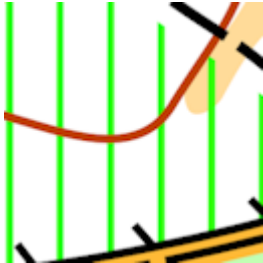
Allow yourself plenty of time for the flat walk to the Start (1.8km, walk time approx 20 minutes). There is a clothing dump at 1.5km, next to the Finish area. The Start area is a further 300m. You must only enter the competition area through the gate marked by a large Start flag.

Between the clothing dump and the gate into the start, there is a large area between the road and the forest fence that can be used for warm up.

Map: All courses will be on a map scale of 1:10,000 with contours at 5m intervals and control description over printed. Courses, 1,2 and 3 will be on a single sheet of A3 portrait waterproof paper. All other courses will be

on a single sheet of A4 landscape waterproof paper. Loose controls descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

The map has been completely redrawn by Peel Land Surveys for 2025, with minor subsequent updates Summer/Autumn 2025. The map is drawn to ISOM 2017-2 standard with no special man-made symbols. The legend is printed on the map. The symbol "Vegetation: slow running, good visibility" has been used to denote areas of low bramble or brushings, as well as high seasonal bracken as shown below:



Courses: Details are shown below. Courses 10,11, 12,& 13 pass near a small forest car park. Competitors will encounter a short taped route with smiley faces to guide them safely through. There is a dwelling in the competition area with a tarmac access road. Please check for traffic before crossing this seldom used road.

The safety bearing is South. The competition area is bordered at the North by the busy A31. Do not attempt to cross the fences onto this road. If you get lost head South until you reach a minor road, then West to return to the finish area or event centre.

Timing System: Sport Ident. Contactless punching for SIAC dibbers is enabled for all controls and the FINISH. All competitors must punch the START. There will be a SAFETY control after the finish. All competitors must punch (dib) at the safety control.

Download is at the Event Centre, 1.5km from the Finish. If you have a concern about your result, please raise it immediately with the download team. Please return hired cards to the download team after you have downloaded.

If you retire from the event you MUST report to Download so that we know you are back safely.

First Aid cover is at the finish

Other event and safety information is shown below. Please read it and enjoy your day in the New Forest.

Courses

Course 1 12.5km 230m climb Controls 24
M21, Black

Course 2 10.9km 165m climb Controls 21
W21, M20, M35, M40, Brown

Course 3 8.3km 135m climb Controls 18
W20, W35, M18, M45, M50, Short Brown

Course 4 6.7km 65m climb Controls 17
W18, W40, W45, M16, M55, M60, Blue

Course 5 5.9km 60m climb Controls 14
W16, W50, W55, M65, M70, Short Blue

Course 6 4.9km 65m climb Controls 16
W60, W65, M75, Green

Course 7 3.5km 25m climb Controls 12
W70, M80, Short Green

Course 8 2.9km 40m climb Controls 11
W75, W80, W85, W90, M85, M90, Very Short Green

Course 9 4.3km 50m climb Controls 14
W14, M14, Light Green

Course 10 5.8km 60m climb Controls 17
Long Orange - suitable for novice adults. Novice fee applies for over 21s

Course 11 3.3km 30m climb Controls 13
W12, M12, Orange
Novice fee applies for over 21s

Course 12 2.8km 25m climb Controls 11
W10, M10, Yellow
Novice fee applies for over 21s

Course 13 2.4km 25m climb Controls 12
White
Novice fee applies for over 21s

Event Information

Facilities at the Event Centre include

- Enquiries, Hire card issue, Key drop
- Download
- Toilets
- Traders - Tom Wilkinson, Naughty But Nice Catering and Compass Point

Clothing and equipment

Full leg and torso cover and footwear suitable for the terrain must be worn. Trail shoes or sturdy walking boots are recommended. You are strongly recommended to carry a Whistle for use in case of emergency.

Some parts of the area are moderately exposed and it is possible that competitors will be required to wear a cagoule or similar waterproof top. Please make sure you have a waterproof top with you just in case.

Terrain and Out of Bounds

An area of open undulating heathland with some marshes and a large runnable woodland with occasional areas of ficht, all crisscrossed by rides/tracks and paths. There are a few gated and fenced enclosures. The heathland is mainly heather and some areas of gorse. Controls on thickets are mostly rhododendrons in the forest and mostly gorse in the open.

Large and small areas of environmental interest along with many rides have been specified as out of bounds by Forestry England. These areas are marked on the map and you must keep out of them. The out of bounds rides are marked on the map with the forbidden route sign, purple crosses. You are not allowed to run along the forbidden routes.

Results

Provisional Results will be available online during the event at socweb.org/sites/default/files/results/

First Aid

First Aid is provided by Dorset Medical Centre. The medics and vehicle will be located at the Finish. A First Aid kit will be available at the Event Centre if you need to self-administer first aid for scratches or minor sprains.

The Environment

Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. After your run please follow the guidance that helps us protect our precious environment: Check - Clean - Dry.

Please read and follow [The New Forest Code](#). Smoking is not allowed in the Event Centre, on the walk to and from the Start & Finish or in the competition area.

Risks

Orienteering is a physically challenging sport. Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Vehicles will be moving in and out of the parking area at all times during the event. Competitors are at risk of injury from moving vehicles.

Adders are spread throughout the New Forest. If a bite is received from an adder, medical advice needs to be sought promptly. It's worth noting that most bites to humans (around 100 per year for the whole of the UK) happen when the person is attempting to pick the adder up. Probably best not to try that!

Please be aware of the risk of ticks and Lyme disease. The area is frequented by ponies, deer and livestock and the usual precautions to avoid infection apply. Please avoid disturbing or frightening the livestock as best you can. Be aware of the risk of kicks and bites. The area is popular with cyclists, walkers, dog walkers and horse riders so please be respectful of the general public and their animals.

A main gravel cycle route runs the length of of the competition area, SW to NE. Be aware of cyclists travelling at speed. There is a tarmac access road running from the SE to the centre. It is seldom used but please be aware of vehicles.

Please do not pick up litter or unidentified objects in the competition area.

Medical Conditions

If you have a high risk medical condition you want the organisers to be aware of please download and complete [this form](#) and place it in a sealed envelope with your name on it. This can be left at registration. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency. Unopened envelopes should be collected after the event. Any unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed after the event.

COVID-19

Before attending any sporting activity you should self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19. You should follow any NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation.

Hand sanitisers will be provided at the toilets and enquiries.

Photography and Safeguarding

Photography is not allowed in the toilets or any "changing area" including the car park. Any concerns with photography or the behaviour of anyone toward any child or young adult must be reported to the event organiser or other official. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, play your part, report any concerns and follow good practice. For details see the [British Orienteering Safeguarding information](#).

The Start Procedure

Start Call-up will be 4 minutes before your start time. The Start is a flat 1.8km walk from the Event Centre via the clothing dump, so please leave in good time for your call-up. You may warm up outside the forest gate leading to the start call-up area. Please follow the taped route from the gate to the start lanes.

Start times are allocated and you should make every effort to be on time. If you are late, report to a start official. You may have to wait for a start slot on your course.

Competitors on courses 12 and 13 (Yellow and White) will be issued their maps after passing through call-up. An adult may accompany them through the boxes to the start line.

Loose, waterproof control descriptions will be available at -3 mins. Blank maps will be available at -2 mins.

As you leave the start you must punch one of the START controls. Proceed to the labelled map boxes to pick up your map. Make sure you pick up the correct map for your course number.

Event Cancellation or Postponement

If the event is cancelled SOC reserve the right to retain part or all of the entry fee to cover committed costs. If the event is postponed your entry will be transferred to the rearranged event. For a specified period you will be allowed to withdraw your entry from the rearranged event and receive a partial refund of your entry fee.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed in the event centre and must be kept under control at all times due to the number of people and vehicles in the area. Dogs are not allowed on the courses. Please be aware of the [New Forest Dog Walking Code](#).

Event Officials

Planner: Iain Robinson SOC assisted by Bob Norley SOC

Controller: Charles Daniel BOK

Organiser: Peter Davis SOC assisted by Julia Loring SOC