



## Regional (Level C) Orienteering Event

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January

### Chatsworth Middle Distance Event



**An event in the 2022 East Midlands League and part of UKOL**

**Terrain:** The varied terrain behind Chatsworth House makes for quite a navigational challenge. Starts are located near the Aqueduct (a folly consisting of four huge arches and an impressive waterfall), courses then weave up and along the steep escarpment, which features narrow paths, rocky outcrops, and rhododendron, plus glimpses of Chatsworth House itself. Senior courses pass near the Hunting Tower (a landmark built in the 1570s) on their way to Dobb Edge, a wooded gritstone edge and the fast parkland dotted with mature oaks.

**Car parking and Assembly:** Parking will be on the hardstanding (gravel) car park near to the House (The Rookery). Signs and Marshals will direct people to the parking area. Please park close together as car numbers are expected to be high.

There will be no fee for parking. Registration and Enquiries will be in the car park.

**Nearest Post Code:** DE45 1PP

Chatsworth is indicated by brown tourist signs from junction 29 on the M1 and many other main roads in the area.

**Courses:** Subject to final controlling:

	Course length	Climb	Controls	UKOL age classes
White	1.2	5	9	-
Yellow	1.9	25	11	
Orange	2.3	70	12	
Light Green	2.5	60	13	
Short Green	3.3	80	14	M75,M80,M85,W65,W70,W75,W80,W85**
Green	3.9	135	16	M65,M70, W16,W45,W50, W55,W60*
Blue	4.9	155	21	M16, M55, M60, W35, W40
Brown	5.9	205	23	M18,M20, M21, M35, M40, M45, M50,W18,W20 W21

\*W55 & 60 moved up from Short Green. \*\*W70+ moved up from Very Short Green

#### Map Information

Map by Richard Parkin. Scale 1:7500. Contours 5m. Fully up-dated in 2018. Revised and redrawn (using pointcloud LIDAR) in 2021. Survey at 1:10000, blown up to 1:7500 for this event. ISOM2017-2.

Special features defined in the legend:

black cross = horse jump (can be constructed from tree trunks)

green cross = very large dead tree (upright or fallen)

The Aqueduct is mapped as a 'narrow ruin, filled with grey canopy.' It is out of bounds, but not marked as such, for the sake of legibility. You will not need to cross it. The map makes use of the new symbol "532 Stairway" to represent a long flight of stone steps that climb/descend a steep slope – slippery when wet and icy so take care. Other shorter flights are to be found along the escarpment but have been mapped as paths for the sake of legibility.



Aqueduct



steps

## Additional Note

Areas of recent tree felling are indicated on the map (red hashed lines) please stay out of these areas and do not use the footpaths in these out of bounds areas: these areas have been felled to control ***Phytophthora ramorum*** a highly destructive tree disease particularly for larch, oak and sweet chestnut. Make sure to clean O'shoes.

Make sure to use the crossing points over walls and fences as indicated on the map.

**Entries and fees:** Pre-entry through the DVO website using Stripe. Pre-entry close 6pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Limited entry on the day will be available.

**Adults** £8 (members of British Orienteering); £10(non-members). There will be a £1 surcharge for entry on the day.

**Children and Students:** £4.00

**Family** £20 (members of British Orienteering); £24 (non-members)

Family groups with a child on White, Yellow or Orange will pay £5.00 for one map and can purchase additional maps for 50p.

**Please include your British Orienteering membership number on your registration form.**

**Timing:** The event will use Sportident electronic punching. Contactless (SIAC punching) is enabled. If you do not have a Sportident card, you can hire one at Registration. Hire fee of 50p for adults, free for children & students. SIAC cards available to hire for £2.

**Registration on the day only:** 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. Limited to map availability.

**Start Times:** From 10.30 am to 12:30 pm. The starts are both approximately 1km 50m steep climb from car park. The Finish is about 400m from car park.

**Courses close at 14.00.** Please report to Download even if you retire.

**Toilets:** There will be toilets in the carpark, public toilets are also available near the House – NO orienteering shoes to be worn in these please.

**Dogs:** Dogs are not allowed on the courses; they are permitted in car park/assembly but must be on a lead and any poo removed.

**Safety:** The Estate is generally a benign environment, but care does need to be taken in certain areas:

- **Water hazards:** The ponds and lakes in the east of the area (top of the escarpment) are deep and potentially dangerous. Courses have been planned to mitigate accidental risk of falling in and competitors should avoid entering the water.
- **Traffic:** The public will be accessing the car park throughout the event and care should be taken when crossing the roads to and from the starts and finish. All courses cross Estate roads (closed to the public) that may have infrequent staff car movements. *Always exercise caution when crossing roads.*
- **Livestock:** Sheep and deer roam freely over the Parkland area. They are gentle natured and use to people but should, none-the-less, be given a wide berth to avoid spooking.
- **Covid-19:** Particular care should be taken to maintain social distancing at registration, the start and in toilet queues. Additionally, care must be taken on the courses to avoid close contact with members of the public on footpaths and at gates etc.

**Nearest Accident and Emergency:** Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Chesterfield Road, S44 5BL (24 hours). Or Whitworth Hospital (8am to 8pm minor A&E) 330 Bakewell Rd (A6), north of Matlock DE4 2JD.

Competitors must wear clothing fully covering torso and legs. Shorts are not permitted. Carrying a whistle is compulsory.

**Waterproof** - Due to the time of year and exposed nature of the area the carrying/wearing of a hooded waterproof may be compulsory – signs will be placed at the entrance to the car park and on route to Starts. Do come prepared to run with a coat. Carrying a mobile phone should be considered.

**Courses close at 2.00 pm**, after which controls will be collected. You must still report to download even if you miss the cut-off time to avoid a search being instigated.

**A risk assessment has been carried out by the Organiser and all reasonable care has been taken by the Organiser and Planner to ensure the safety and well being of competitors. However, participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.**

**Covid-19:** We request that people take a lateral flow test before attending - With the high infection rates and the ease of transmission of the Omicron variant, a negative result will give some reassurance that we have done a bit more to reduce the risks of infection.

You must not take part in any form of orienteering if you have tested positive for Covid, have Covid symptoms or have been asked to self-isolate. We advise a sensible approach to Covid restrictions with social distancing and the use of hand sanitisers.

For the public perception of our sport at this popular tourist attraction - courteously announce your presence and pass at a distance any members of the public that you come across particularly on the narrow footpaths.

**Medical.**

If you have a specific medical condition, you should notify Registration who will make a record to be used only in an emergency situation.

**Water:** Competitors should bring their own water and ensure adequate hydration pre and post event.

**Photography:** You are welcome to take photographs or record video at this event, but please respect people's privacy and avoid photography close to first-aid and toilet facilities, or in areas where runners are changing. Photographs may be posted on the internet. If there are particular reasons why an individual should not be photographed, please discuss the issue with the Organiser in advance of the event. Report any concerns about inappropriate photography to the event Organiser.

**Organiser:** Ann-Marie Duckworth 07724091531 (before 21:30 )

**Planner:** Chris Millard

**Controller:** Brian Shaw (SYO)

