

East Midlands Championships 2021

Chinley Churn

Sunday 27th June



The East Midlands Orienteering Association welcomes you to the East Midlands Championships 2021, hosted by Derwent Valley Orienteers

Final Details 21st June

Covid-19: In planning and preparing for this event we have followed government regulations and current guidance from British Orienteering to make the event Covid-safe for all participants.

Please do not attend the event if you or anyone in your household have any Covid-19 symptoms or have been asked to self-isolate or required to quarantine.

Please read and follow the British Orienteering Covid-19 Code of Conduct.

<https://bof2.sharepoint.com/:b/g/Competitions/EROi4YzLVXdJm3BU38cycDoBYbv0MYNT6RmHRagKc2tonA?e=vyQWAH>

Travel: Chinley Churn is in the Peak District National Park, approx. 8 miles north of Buxton and 14 miles south-east of Manchester.

Car parking and assembly are at Piece Farm SK22 4QL.

Grid reference of turning from track into Piece Farm: SK022852; <https://streetmap.co.uk/postcode/SK224QL;what3words///brew.sweeper.blocks>

To get to the event, **please follow these directions, not Sat Nav.** The event will be O-signed from Hayfield. Please approach from the A6015 Hayfield to New Mills road. It is important that all traffic approaches from Hayfield to avoid making a very sharp right turn on to the track to the farm. From the Hayfield direction on the A6015 at Birch Vale, turn left (O signed), follow the tarmac then gravel single track south along Over Hill Road for approx. ¼ of a mile where signs will send you left to Piece Farm. Please park as directed by marshals.

Please note the last section of track before the Piece Farm turning is rough and may present problems to cars with low clearance.

There will be a one-way system along the track, no entry after 12.00 and no departure before 12.30.

Entries: No entries on the day. For queries about your entry, please contact Entries Secretary, Mike Godfree, by email mike.godfree@btinternet.com

Assembly: There will be an Assembly area close to the car parking, where you will find: Toilets; Enquiries; CompassPoint gear stand; Download tent (hire SI cards to be picked up here); First Aid station (Peak Medicare); and East Midlands Championships Trophies displayed.

Toilets: Portaloo's. There will be ample hand sanitiser available.

Dogs: Dogs are allowed on short leads under close control in the parking field and assembly area. Please pick up any mess.

Traders: CompassPoint will be attending with their gear stand.

There will be no caterers in attendance. Please bring your own supplies and remember plenty of fluid to stay hydrated, especially if the weather is hot. There will be no drinks provided on courses or at the finish. Be prepared to carry your own if you are on a long course or expect to be out for a long time.

Results and East Midlands Championship trophies: In view of the Covid regulations there will be no results display or prize-giving, though we hope to have frequently updated results at www.dvo.org.uk. We will ask East Midlands Championships class winners please to collect their trophy from the display tent.

SI cards: Hire cards should be collected from the download tent.

Black, brown and short brown courses have more than 30 controls. If any competitor on these courses has an SI card 5 or SI card 8, that only record 30 punches with times, they can borrow a SIAC card, but must let mike.godfree@btinternet.com know beforehand.

An SI card 5 could be used on Brown or Short Brown, but you will not get all splits.

Starts: Punching start. Start times will be from **10.30** to **12.30**. There are two starts, Near and Far. Please check which is your Start, allow enough time to get there, and arrive promptly 5 minutes ahead of your start time.

Near Start: courses White, Orange, Light Green, Short Brown, Brown, Black.

Far Start: courses Yellow, Very Short Green, Short Green, Green, Short Blue, Blue.

From the car park, the Near Start is 1.3km (125m climb); the Far Start is 2km (140m climb). The Near Start is a short detour off the route to the Far Start.

The routes to the two Starts will be marked out with flags. There are some steep sections of path.

The Starts are in large open areas. Please maintain social distance from each other, especially if you arrive early.

Clothing can be left near the Finish on the way to the Starts. From the Finish back to Assembly the distance is approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ km, downhill.

Timing: SportIdent - SIAC contactless punching will be enabled at all controls.

Map: Scale 1:7,500 for all courses other than Black & Brown. Black and Brown use 1:10,000. Contours 5m.

Survey and cartography by Richard Parkin, 2015; updated in 2019 to ISOM 2017; updated 2021.

In the quarried areas there are many retaining walls that are marked as crags on the map.

Terrain: Fast and runnable rough grassland with little bracken or heather. Areas of old quarrying with knolls, boulders, crags and depressions provide complex and challenging navigation on steep, sometimes rocky slopes.

The eastern part of the area comprises a terraced scarp slope with quarry workings and other rock features. The north-western area is a more gently inclined dip slope with depressions and linear marshes. The connecting ridge rises above 400m, with views east to Kinder Scout and west to Manchester.

The whole area is grazed by sheep, with very few trees.

Typical to the area, there are many dry-stone walls. Whilst some are ruined, **all intact walls must only be crossed at the clearly marked crossing points, e.g. gates and stiles.**

One gate on route to the start will be marshalled. This gate is also used by some of the longer courses.

If you are heading to the start, please allow competitors to pass through unobstructed.

On courses Orange, Light Green and Black there are two temporary ladder stiles side-by-side to be crossed over a wall. Please show consideration to other competitors who may be less agile.

Chinley Churn is a popular walking area crossed by footpaths and bridle paths. On a summer Sunday there are likely to be walkers as well as mountain bikes on the tracks and possibly groups of people bunched at gates. Please be aware of other users and show courtesy to all members of the public. If you politely ask, "excuse me, please," people will normally give way to you gladly.

Courses:

Colour	Men's Classes	Women's Classes	Course Length (climb) Subject to controlling	Start	Map Scale
Black	M21		11.2 k (515m)	Near	1:10,000
Brown	M35, M40		9.7 k (490m)	Near	1:10,000
Short Brown	M18, M20, M45, M50, M21S	W21	8.2 k (475m)	Near	1:7,500
Blue	M16, M55, M60, M35S, M40S	W35, W40	6.5 k (300m)	Far	1:7,500
Short Blue	M65, M18S, M20S, M45S, M50S	W18, W20, W45, W50, W21S	5.0 k (260m)	Far	1:7,500
Green	M70, M55S, M60S	W16, W55, W60, W35S, W40S	4.5 k (135m)	Far	1:7,500
Short Green	M75, M80, M85, M90, M65S	W65, W70, W18S, W20S, W45S, W50S	3.8 k (115m)	Far	1:7,500
Very Short Green	M70S, M75S, M80S, M85S	W75, W80, W85, W90, W55S, W60S, W65S, W70S	3.1 k (95m)	Far	1:7,500
Light Green	M14, M16B	W14, W16B	3.4 k (100m)	Near	1:7,500
Orange	M12, M14B	W12, W14B	2.8 k (80m)	Near	1:7,500
Yellow	M10, M12B	W10, W12B	2.2 k (25m)	Far	1:7,500
White	M10B	W10B	1.5 k (5m)	Near	1:7,500

NOTE: Blue, Short Brown, Brown & Black will have double-sided maps.

Safety: The Event Organiser and the DVO Safety Officer have carried out a risk assessment, including of risks in relation to Covid-19. We have taken all reasonable care in the planning of the event and courses and by providing information in these Final Details to address the possible hazards identified. However, competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own personal safety.

The terrain on all courses rises above 400 metres and is exposed to the elements. Please dress appropriately. Even in June the weather can be unpredictable and change very quickly. If the weather is forecast to be hot, please come prepared with sunscreen as well as plenty of fluid to keep yourself hydrated.

Full leg and torso cover must be worn.

Competitors must take great care on the rocky terrain and be aware that there are dangerous crags.

In the event of extreme weather, carrying a waterproof running jacket or similar may be made compulsory. Carrying a whistle is recommended and may be made compulsory in the event of bad weather. Look for notices at the entrance to the car park / route to start.

In the event of a serious accident or medical emergency on the hill, find someone with a mobile phone. Call 999. Ask for Police, then Mountain Rescue. For non-emergencies, the Organiser's mobile number is printed on the map.

You **MUST** download even if you retire so we can be sure everyone is back and that we do not need to start a search and rescue.

Courses close at **15.00**, after which controls will be collected. You must still report to download even if you miss the cut-off time.

The nearest A&E department is at Stepping Hill Hospital, Poplar Grove, Stockport, SK2 7JE. 0161 483 1010.

Officials:

Organiser: Nicola Hart 07717 335606 nicjhart@gmail.com

Planner: Chris O'Donnell

Controller: Mark Garside (WCH)

Event Safety Officer: Ranauld Macdonald 07900 213800

Photography: Official photographer, Peter Cull (MDOC) will be taking photos at the event. Please let the Organiser know if you do not wish to appear in the online albums that will be published on the DVO website.

You are welcome to take photographs or record video, 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. Please report any concerns about inappropriate photography to the Organiser.

Acknowledgements: We wish to thank Jason Hallam and family for allowing us to use Piece Farm as the event base and to run on their land. We are also grateful to the other landowners on the area, George and Steven Wainwright and Judge George Needham.

