



# Hardwick Park Informal Orienteering

Level D Day and Night Orienteering Events

**Saturday, 6 February 2016**

**Hardwick Park Centre, Chesterfield**

**Area:** Historic parkland around Hardwick Hall with ancient woodlands and wildlife-rich fishing lakes. Magnificent views.

**Car parking:** Visitor Centre Car Park - DO NOT follow brown signs for Hardwick Hall. Entrance to the park is at SK453638 (near bridge under M1. Remember to Pay & Display unless you have a National Trust member's sticker.

**Registration and Start Times:**

- **Afternoon event:** register from 1:30pm – 3pm, starts from 2pm – 3pm
- **Night event:** register from 5pm – 5:30pm, mass start at 5:45

**Entries:**

All courses are Entry on the day. You can just turn up, pick a course and fill in an entry form. There will be people on hand to help you if you have any questions.

**Costs:**

- **Adults:** £3
- **Juniors:** £1.50

**Dibber hire:** The event will use Sportident electronic punching. If you do not have a Sportident card (dibber), you can hire one at Registration. Hire fee of £1 for Adults, free for Juniors.

**Groups:** If you choose to go round in a group with one map and one dibber you pay for just one entry but you must put the names of everyone in the group on the one form.

**Second Courses:** If you complete your course in time you can do a second course without extra payment but you must complete another entry form (Only applies to afternoon event).

**Courses:**

- **Afternoon event:** White (0.9km), Yellow (2.2km), Orange (2.4km) and Light Green (3.1km).
- **Night event:** 30 and 45 minute Score.

*For explanation of the courses please see below.*

The start and finish are both adjacent to the car park.

**Toilets:** Are available in Visitor Centre.

**Dogs:** Dogs must be on a lead and any poo removed.

**Safety:** The courses cross parkland which may have grazing cattle, if you do come across cattle move away carefully and quietly. A waterproof jacket and hat should be brought if the weather is bad.

You must report to Download even if you do not complete your course. You must finish by the Course Closing time printed on your map. After that time controls may be collected in. If you miss the cut-off time *you must still report to the Finish and Download*, to avoid a search being instigated.

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**Orienteering Courses Available:**

Course	Distance	Navigational difficulty	Who is it for?
<b>Afternoon</b>			
White (Short)	0.9k	Easy, The course is entirely on paths and each time you have to make a decision - which path to take, there will be a control point.	A great course for children to start orienteering and good practice and warm-up before doing the Yellow Course
Yellow	2.2km	The next step up, this course will use paths but also other line features - Fences, streams etc. It will also no longer have a control every time you need to decide where you are going. For example you may need to make a couple of turns on paths between controls.	A good place for young teenagers to start, if you get round very quickly and easily you can try the Orange course.
Orange	2.4km	A little more challenging, the Orange course introduces:  Choosing routes - e.g. should I go round the paths to the left or right  Using 'Point Features' as control sites  Basic use of a compass to cut across between paths or other line features	Adults often start on an orange course.
Light Green	3.1km	Controls may be on any feature, there will be some choice of route and the length of legs will vary but there are collecting features to relocate on if you miss your control.	Anyone confident to navigate using a compass and without reliance on paths and other line features.
<b>Night</b>			
Score	30 mins Or 45 mins	Some controls are on or close to line features, others on point features requiring careful navigation in the dark..	You can choose to visit any controls so this is suitable for novice night orienteers as well as those with experience.