



Regional (Level C) Orienteering Event

Sunday 8th March 2020

Linacre Reservoirs

(An event in the 2020 East Midlands League)

Terrain: There are three reservoirs at Linacre, built between 1855 and 1904 holding more than 240 million gallons of water. The woodland surrounding the reservoirs is a mixture of runnable areas and slow run with ground vegetation. Some parts area steep sided. There are some open areas particularly to the West. Linacre was last used as a competition area in November 2018.

Car Parking and Assembly: Parking and Registration are at Holmebrook Valley Park, Water Meadow Lane, Chesterfield. This will be signed off the B6051.

Nearest Post Code: S41 8XP

Lat: (WGS84) 53.253425

Long (WGS84) -1.468736

Grid Reference: SK 355 730

Parking is free. There are two car parking areas, upper and lower. There may be football matches taking place so the park maybe busy. In the event of the car parks becoming full please park courteously on the approach road or adjacent housing estate.

Courses:

	controls	length	climb
Brown	22	7.7km	260m
Blue	18	6.3km	190m
Green	15	4.8km	120m
Sh Green	13	3.1km	80m
Lt Green	12	3.4km	105m
Orange	9	2.8km	50m
Yellow	9	2.4km	35m
White	9	1.7km	35m

Entries and fees: Entry on the day only.

Adults on Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, Brown courses: £9 (members of British Orienteering); £11 (non-members) (*Adults on White, Yellow, Orange courses: £5.00*)

Children and Students: £4.00 (the Maze course is free)

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

(*Family groups with a Child on White, Yellow or Orange will pay £4.00 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.

Start Times: From 10.30 am to 12:30 pm

Courses close at 2.30pm Please report to Download even if you retire.

Registration and Download: This will be in the Sport Pavilion. Please no muddy shoes or metal studs inside.

Notes: Due to a lack of parking at Linacre we will be using a similar system to the previous event where competitors will park and register at Holmebrook Sports Pavilion then be transported to Linacre by minibus. This is a journey of 2.2 miles and should take under 10 minutes. There will be three 16 seater minibuses running constant shuttles. The first one will be leaving Holmebrook at 10:00hrs. The pick up point is in the top car park. There will be a DVO helper marshalling this point. Please listen to any advice and watch out for other vehicles using the car park.

The drop off point at Linacre is in a small upper car park/turning circle. Again there will be DVO helpers on hand. We are intending to have a clothing dump adjacent this car park. This will not be permanently monitored so anything left is at your own risk.

The start is only 70m away but does involve crossing the car parks access lane. Please take care both when crossing and whilst in the car park.

The finish is approximately 150m downhill from the drop off point. The walk back to the pick up point utilises the car park access lane. Please watch out for vehicles on the lane or parking. We are not anticipating any undue delay in getting competitors back to download/assembly but there could be a few minutes between buses hence the clothing dump. The last minibus back from Linacre will be at 14:30hrs.

The area is popular with walkers, runners, horse riders and cyclists, please be aware and act courteously when sharing paths.

Refreshment: There is a cafe in the Sports Pavilion however due to lack of customers because of the recent stormy weather it has not always opened at the weekends. Hopefully it will be open this Sunday but this cannot be relied on.

Toilets: There are two sets of toilets in the Sports Pavilion, one can be accessed from the inside and the other outside near the cafe. There are also toilets 300m downhill from the Minibus drop off at Linacre. These will not be checked or serviced by DVO so it may be better to utilise the Holmebrook ones. If using these please stick to the roadway as the woods to the right are in the competition area.

Map: 1:10000 5m contours updated by Richard Parkin 2017

Dogs: (Dogs are not allowed on courses, they are permitted in car park/assembly but must be on a lead and any poo removed)

Safety:

Planners notes-*“Please note that legs crossing the reservoirs will be marked with unbroken lines. As the reservoirs and connecting channels have very deep water and are strictly out of bounds, competitors will be expected to make their own route choice around the edge of these. Out-of-bounds water features will be marked on the map by thick black line edges. Do not attempt to cross any of these.”*

Whilst not a remote area this is a winter event. Please come prepared to carry/wear a waterproof hooded jacket should there be adverse weather in the build up to the event.

A risk assessment will have 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.

Competitors must wear clothing fully covering torso and legs. Shorts are not permitted. A whistle should be carried and a mobile phone is also recommended.

Courses close at 2.30 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.

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.”

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