

## **Abrahams Valley MTBO. – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2006** **Walton Chasers in partnership with Forestry Commission**

Event car park is Rifle Ranges (SJ999173)  
Signed from A34 at SJ971144 (Pottal Pool) & A51 at SK040181(Rugeley)

### **Start times 11am till 1 pm**

No pre entry –just turn up, but please email mark@stodgell.co.uk with which course you intend to ride so we can get an idea of map numbers.

### **Costs**

TCA full members £7.00

Non / assoc TCA members £2.00 surcharge

Walton Chasers Orienteering Club Members £2.00 discount.

Students and Juniors £3.00 discount

### **Race Information**

SI electronic punching will be used. Hire cards available and are included in the entry fee. However a fee of £20 will be payable if it is lost.

### **Course lengths**

Long - approx 14.5 km (navigationally more difficult, lots of climb, gnarly trails)

Medium - approx 9 km (navigationally more difficult, medium climb and medium trails)

Novice - approx 5.5 km. (easier navigation, less climb and easy trails)

You will be given an entry slip on arrival at the event, please fill this out and take it to registration.

Please ensure that you read the WCH MTBO rules and guidelines document. The area is riddled with bridleways – please only cross them at the marked crossing points. There are a couple of crossing points which are slightly staggered – please give extra care on these. They will be signed as a staggered junction on the ground. The Long course will have two timeouts and the Novice one. All of these will be a short section along a Bridleway. Please give way and ride at below racing pace, but do not dawdle to gain advantage. Your total timeout will be displayed clearly on the results. The legs which are timed-out are clearly shown on the control descriptions – please check them before you start to know which ones they are. On the map they are marked using the fixed route symbol – dashed purple lines indicating the route you must take. These are the only legs you are permitted to ride along a bridleway.

The Map will be a 1:150000 MTBO map based on Walton Chasers Orienteering maps of the areas and has been updated for this event. It will be issued on the start line.

The area is very muddy at the moment, and many of the smallest tracks are borderline rideable. There is one point on a track toward the end of both the Long and Medium course that has a dangerous feature – a blind crest followed by a large hole. This will be the only point in the area that has “Care” signs up – please slow down otherwise you will probably need a new front wheel/teeth.

Loose control descriptions will be available at registration.

The Long Course has two maps, both will be given out at the start. A4 map bags will be available at the start.

Please go to the start when you are ready and please report to the finish even if you retire.

There is a foot orienteering event on the Sunday. Please be aware that controls will be going out for this event during the Saturday whilst the MTBO is taking place. There are no controls with the same code.

Results will be available on a live screen after you have downloaded. Full results and splits will be available on the WCH website early on Sat evening.

**Toilets:** No toilets will be available. There are toilets available within 1 mile at Birches Valley Forestry centre and at the Marquis Drive Visitor Centre .

**Prizes:** The first three on each course will receive a Chasers shot glass.

### **Safety:**

This area is undermined and liable to subsidence. Areas marked out of bounds must be strictly avoided. Care must be taken as new fissures could suddenly occur away from these areas

Competitors take part at their own risk ..... Whistles should be carried

**Walton chasers Orienteering Club is looking for new members. If you are compete in MTBO and do not belong to an orienteering club, we can offer membership to one of the biggest and most successful orienteering clubs in the UK. We plan to offer MTBO training evenings on top of our normal foot O and social calendar for next year. See [www.walton-chasers.co.uk](http://www.walton-chasers.co.uk) club section for more details.**