

Birches Valley MTBO. – Saturday 4th November 2006 **Walton Chasers in partnership with Forestry Commission**

Event car park is Birches valley Forestry Centre (SK018171) WS15 2UQ

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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 13.5 km (navigationally more difficult, lots of climb, gnarly trails)

Medium - approx 8 km (as above but less distance and climb)

Easy - approx 6.5 km. (easier navigation, less climb and no gnarly 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 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.

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 has been substantial forestry thinning and felling in parts of the forest. Some major tracks are very muddy. We will try to make you aware of any particularly bad bits.

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.

Facilities

Toilets – Toilets are available at the forestry centre at the bottom of the car park

Café – There is a small café at the forestry centre

Shops – There is a Swinerton cycles shop and bike hire centre at the edge of the event car park. They also sell refreshments.

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 club section for more details.