



WALTON CHASERS ORIENTEERS

Regional Event 17th February 2008

Beaudesert

Final Details

Parking and Assembly are at Beaudesert Scout Camp (accessed at SK049125) to the north of Cannock Wood. The event will be signed from the A460 Hednesford/Rugeley road at GR SK006132. Turn off the A460 SP Castle Ring into Rawnsley Rd, after approx. 0.7 miles turn left SP Hazelslade into Rugeley Rd, continue along this road then turn right immediately after The Hazelslade PH into Cannock Wood St. Once you pass the Windmill Service Station (car dealer) on your RHS turn left SP Cannock Wood into New Hayes Rd. Continue along this road to a T-junction at The Rag PH and turn left. Follow this road through Cannock Wood until you reach the entrance for the Beaudesert Scout Camp (which is straight on as the road bends sharp left – please be aware of residential traffic at this junction). Please note **Dogs are not allowed** in the Scout Camp under any circumstance. Sorry for any inconvenience, this is a condition of our use of the facilities.

Toilets – water flush toilets with hot and cold running water are available in the assembly area.

Enquiries is in the Cal Day Centre building at assembly.

Registration for Colour Coded courses only is in the Cal Day Centre building at assembly. Please do not wear O-shoes in the building. Registration will open from 10:00 to 12:00 for Colour Coded only. White, Yellow, Orange, Red and Light Green courses available at £5 for BOF members, £3 Juniors and £7 non BOF members. (Please bring current membership card to registration for verification) CC Course details and Registration slips will be available in the Day Centre Building.

No EOD for Regional Event.

SI Dibbers can be hired on the day £1. Pre-entries with reserved dibbers can collect them from enquiries

String Course will be adjacent to car parking and is free

Terrain, Mixed woodland with ponds, lakes, marshes and streams running down the main east-west valley which has numerous minor valleys leading off. The area has a good network of paths and rides. Courses 1 and 2 cross a minor road which will be unmarshalled. Traffic is generally light and infrequent, but nevertheless is present. Light vehicle impact hurts just as much as heavy vehicle impact! Please take care crossing this road.

Warning! The area contains a deep and dangerous marsh, courses have been planned to avoid it and competitors are unlikely to encounter this marsh unless lost!

Black and yellow tape will be used to identify this area. Please be aware should you become disorientated during your run.

Out of Bounds The above marshes are shown as OOB on the map

Start is to the north west of assembly and is accessed from the western end of the car park, follow taped route. Please allow 15 minutes. Approx 800m. Call up will be at – 3 minutes. We will be operating a punching start system, late competitors will be started at the starters discretion Start lists will be available in the assembly area and at the start.

Maps Scale 1:10,000 all courses. 5m Contour intervals. All maps are pre-marked and bagged. Survey updated 2007/2008
Please ensure that you pick up the correct map for your course and only take one map.

Whistles all competitors **must carry a whistle, a check will be conducted – no whistle no go!** This is West Midlands policy and competitors should respect the event officials decision.

Download is on a hardstanding area immediately after the finish at the western end of the car parking area, where drinks will also be available. Please remember to download even if you have retired. This is the only method we have to know that you are safely back. Failure to download may result in unnecessary search procedures having to be undertaken.

Courses Close at 14:30

Control Descriptions will be IOF (pictorial) for courses 1 to 8 and written for courses 9 to 14
Descriptions can be downloaded at www.walton-chasers.co.uk. Spare control descriptions will be available at enquiries.

There is an 'outward bounds' type play area within the scout camp which is strictly out of bounds. please advise children not to use this equipment. Thank you.

Event Officials

Entry Enquiries - Mike Thompson 01785 660716, before 9:30pm please

Organiser – Mike Thompson 01785 660716 before 9:30pm please or e-mail mike.p.thompson@ukgateway.net. Please put Beaudesert in the message title if e-mailing.

Planners

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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 are reminded that they take part at their own risk.

All competitors who start must report to the Download Tent even if they do not complete their course.

Finally, thanks for reading this far and I hope you have a very enjoyable day.

PS. (The earthworks you see on the way to your final control and finish are the remains of an Iron Age hill fort, Castle Ring. This area is probably one of the earliest parts of the district to be populated with the impressive earthworks of the monument being built over 2000 years ago. The shallow coal and iron deposits of Cannock Chase were very influential in settlements in this area. One of the most striking hill-forts in England, Castle Ring stands on high ground commanding the country in every direction. Its internal area is 8½ acres.)

