

WALTON CHASERS MAIZE MAZE DAY NIGHT EVENT

SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL FOREST MAIZE MAZE

Car Parking:

In the official Maize Maze car park off Postern Road, Tatenhill at grid reference SK/236232, postcode DE13 9SJ. It will be signposted from the B5234 between Abbots Bromley & Burton on Trent and from the southern A38 junction with the A5121. The yellow AA National Maize Maze signs should still be up to guide you in too. Car parking will be charged at £1 per car and collected on entry to the car park field. Please park tidily in the marked car parking rows.

Assembly:

The assembly area is 50m maximum from the car park, with ample space for club tents. This is a working farm and children's play area: absolutely no dogs anywhere, please, at the request of the farmer. Please don't jeopardise our use of future Maize Mazes. Starts, finishes, download and toilets are adjacent to/in assembly.

Food:

A food stall will be provided by Postern House Farm, selling locally sourced/home grown hot dogs, burgers (this years burgers fed on last years maize maze!), jacket potatoes etc. Please support the farm, who have kindly delayed harvesting the maize until after our event.

Registration:

On arrival, everyone - even if pre-entered - must visit registration to sign the attendance form acknowledging the risk of head to head collision & the need to pass to the left.

Terrain:

The maze is a flat, intricate path network, with several bridges and viewing platforms. The total area mapped covers an area measuring 200 x 100m, and has over 5km of track network. It was very muddy earlier in the summer, but is currently hard-packed & uneven after a completely dry September (so far – this may change over the next week!), terrain shoes are recommended. People will be running in both directions along the sometimes narrow tracks and there is a risk of head to head collision at speed. Please pass oncoming runners to the left. Creating new paths through the maize is forbidden & will result in disqualification.

Map:

1:1,000 map, drawn to ISSOM standards printed on waterproof paper. The standards weren't developed for Maize Mazes, and people with red-green colour-blindness may be unable to distinguish the maize from the path. If you are colour-blind and anticipate difficulty reading the map, please email the organiser & the grey & yellow map will be provided for you. See examples below:



Actual map colours



Alternative map colours

Qualifiers:

Start times between 3 & 5.30pm. There are 2 different qualifying races that must both be completed. Cumulative time for the qualifiers place you in the seeded finals. One minute start intervals for each course, with one qualifying course starting on the minute, the other on the half minute, so people will be entering the maize at 30 second intervals. At the start, one of your hands will be marked to indicate which course you have run. There will be no allocated start times, just turn up & go at the next available slot, but please don't leave it 'til late to start as we don't want to run out of start slots & daylight!! There will be a map collection after the qualifiers and they will be available for collection at "tea time".

Finals:

There are 3 final courses, long, medium and short (which is also slightly easier). Start times will be allocated as soon as possible after the qualifiers, and are anticipated to be from 7.15pm onwards, or whenever darkness allows. High powered head-torches will not be allowed into the maize at the discretion of the start official – they will not give any advantage (you will rarely be able to see more than 10 metres ahead, anyway), and the risks of blinding the opposition by suddenly appearing from round a corner straight into someone's face are too high. It's difficult to give enforceable rules about the head torch, but please don't use anything that you think may not be allowed. There will be a map collection after the final until the last starter is out. Any runners who don't successfully complete both qualifiers will be allocated a non-competitive run in either the B or C final.

Course details:

Qualifier 1	0.93km, 20 controls
Qualifier 2	0.72km, 16 controls
A Final	1.01km, 22 controls
B Final	0.98km, 23 controls
C Final	0.66km, 16 controls

Straight line route is not related to overall distance covered, which will be considerably further.

Prize giving:

Will happen as soon as final results are available. There will be prizes for first male and first female orienteers.

Officials:

Organiser – Cath Williams (cath@stodgell.co.uk)

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