



# Orienteering on Cannock Chase

West Midlands League and Regional Event  
 Sunday 8 February 2026  
 Shoal Hill, Cannock

<b>Directions to event:</b>	The competition area is to the southwest side of Cannock Chase and just north of Cannock town. GR: SJ 978105. Parking at Cannock Leisure Centre, post code <a href="#">WS11 4AL</a> . Accessed from the A513 between Stafford and Rugeley. Car park - What3Words: <a href="#">rubble.oldest.leaps</a>
<b>Parking:</b>	Leisure Centre car park is large but if full nearby town centre car parks may be used (many are free – see website – <a href="#">www.parkopedia.com</a> and use the postcode above).
<b>Courses:</b>	Full range of courses: White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Very Short Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, Brown.
<b>Terrain:</b>	An outlying hill that had a coal mine on one edge and a sandstone quarry in the centre now landscaped. A mixed area with oak and holly woods, conifers, and birch heathland with a range of runability and contour detail. Extensive path network.
<b>Start times:</b>	10:30 to 12:30. (Courses close at 2.30pm).
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	Seniors £12 (plus £2 for non-BO members). Juniors £5. There is no car parking charge. Pre-entry for league courses through Pre-entries ( <a href="https://pre-entries.app/">https://pre-entries.app/</a> ). First closing date Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February. Late entries (+£2) subject to map availability. Discounts for new orienteers (not BOF members) available for entry on the day - please contact the organiser for more details. Limited EOD available (map numbers permitting - see PreEntries for map countdown) (seniors £14 & juniors £7 plus £2 for non-BO members) if maps remaining.
<b>Type of punching:</b>	Sport-Ident (SI) Electronic (SIAC enabled). Hire of Basic SI card is free.
<b>Map:</b>	1:10,000, 5m contour interval.
<b>Dogs:</b>	Dogs to be on leads please.
<b>Organiser:</b>	Gearóid ó hEidhin (WCH)
<b>Planner:</b>	Olivia Stamp (WCH)
<b>Controller:</b>	Alastair Powell (OD)
<b>Safety:</b>	The organiser has carried out a risk assessment. Participants take part at their own risk & are responsible for their own safety during the event. <b>Important:</b> From January 2026, non-members are <b>not insured</b> under British Orienteering's public liability policy. By entering this event, you acknowledge that you are <b>participating at your own risk</b> . Whistles must be carried (we can lend you one if you need one). Goggles may be required in case of severe bad weather. <b>Full leg cover is mandatory</b> for your own protection in the terrain – no shorts.
<b>Queries</b>	Please email <a href="mailto:WaltonChasersEvents@gmail.com">WaltonChasersEvents@gmail.com</a>
<b>Photos:</b>	Photographs may be taken at this event. These images may be used by WCH and British Orienteering to promote the sport and celebrate the success of the event. We recognise that some people might object to this. If so, please contact the Event Organiser prior to or at the event. Every reasonable effort will be taken to identify and respect participants who object.
<b>Cancellation:</b>	WCH reserve the right to retain part or all of pre-entry fees to cover committed costs.
For details of the club, events, and results: <a href="http://www.walton-chasers.co.uk">www.walton-chasers.co.uk</a>	



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## Course lengths

Course	Length (straight line km)	Climb (m)
White	1.7	45
Yellow	2.1	55
Orange	2.7	70
Light Green	4.0	85
Very Short Green	2.4	65
Short Green	3.6	85
Green	4.4	130
Blue	6.7	200
Brown	8.6	255

Colour	Level (Technical Difficulty)	Description
White	TD1	Very easy, designed for children/absolute beginners. Controls are on very obvious linear features (paths, fences).
Yellow	TD2	Easy, for beginners. Controls are on line features or very close to them, such as paths and earth banks.
Orange	TD3	Moderate, for intermediate beginners. Introduces simple route choice and controls slightly off paths.
Light Green	TD4	Moderate/Hard, for experienced beginners / improvers. Controls may be on smaller, less prominent features. Navigation skills needed.
Green (Very Short Green, Short Green, Green)	TD5 (or as high as the area allows)	Hard, for experienced navigators. The shortest technically difficult courses. Use contour features, 'point' features. Used mostly by experienced under 18's, and adults wanting a short but challenging course.
Blue	TD5 (or as high as the area allows)	Hard, long, and challenging, for experienced orienteers.
Brown	TD5 (or as high as the area allows)	Hard, very long, and demanding, for experienced orienteers.

**Course Selection:** Newcomers are advised to start with White, Yellow, or Orange depending on age and confidence.

**Please ask if you are unsure!**