

WALTON CHASERS MAIZE MAZE DAY NIGHT EVENT

SATURDAY, 9TH 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 at postcode DE13 9SJ. It will be signposted from the B5234 between Abbots Bromley & Burton on Trent. 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, There are marquees available in assembly for shelter, and will also be used for registration & download. This is a working farm: absolutely no dogs anywhere, please, at the request of the farmer. Please don't jeopardise our use of future Maize Mazes. Start, finish and toilets are adjacent to/in assembly.

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. Hire SI cards can be collected from here.

IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD PRE-ENTER ON-LINE. ENTRIES ARE OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY NIGHT, AND IT WILL HELP WITH MAP PRINTING, SI/COMPUTING AND MANNING REGISTRATION. MANY THANKS.

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. The tracks have been made wider this year, and the summer has been drier, so the tracks are in good condition. However, light rain can make them treacherous, 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, and make sure any approaching runner has seen you. 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 2.30pm & 5.30pm. There are 2 different qualifying races that must both be completed – “Left” & “Right”. The courses can be run in any order. Cumulative time for the qualifiers place you in the seeded finals. The qualifiers will start at one minute start intervals, with courses starting alternately. 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, A, B and C. Start times will be allocated as soon as possible after the qualifiers with fastest from qualifying in each final starting last. Start times 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:

Left course	0.87km, 16 controls
Right course	0.82km, 16 controls
A Final	0.79km, 14 controls
B Final	0.67km, 10 controls
C Final	0.63km, 11 controls

Overall distance covered is in no way related to the straight line route and will be considerably further!

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. No hot food will be available after 7pm. There will also be a cake stall run by one of Chasers' juniors who is fund raising for a Charity trip to Vietnam & Cambodia next summer. She has been baking for lots of events for the last 12 months or so, & hasn't killed anyone off yet – the rocky road is especially popular, & the brownie is highly recommended! Please support both the farm and Hannah.

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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