

Mansty & Fullmoor 8th May 2016 - Final Details

(re-arranged from 17th April)

NB: 6th May update. Yesterday, we understood there would be sheep in the car parking field. Today, we have agreed to help round them up! So, dogs will be allowed on a lead in the car park after all.

Welcome to a relatively new orienteering area. This is only the second event held here and we hope you have a good day in what should be fast and enjoyable terrain.

Area

The event takes place in two woodlands, Mansty to the north & east and Fullmoor to the south & west. Both are private woodlands used for pheasant breeding; hence the pens, now empty but enclosed by high fences and out of bounds. The event will be signed from the Pottal Pool roundabout on A34 at grid ref. SJ972144 and on the B5012 east of Penkridge at SJ940139. There are many ditches in the area, many of them wet. After heavy rain some ditches may contain a lot of water. Don't step into them! There is a limited amount of bramble but the area is generally runnable and fast.

The revised map show areas of windblown trees. The landowners are keen that these areas are clearly shown on the map. Courses have been planned to avoid these areas and competitors are asked to avoid these areas for safety reasons.

Biosecurity

En route to the start as you exit the event field there are footbaths which the landowner has requested all competitors dip their footwear. You are also reminded to ensure all footwear is clean and free from mud before you compete. This is a condition of our licence to use the area and aims to reduce of spreading plant diseases. You will also be asked to dip your feet on returning into the event field after competing.

Dogs are not allowed in the woods, but may be in the car parking field as long as they are on a lead.

Car Parking

Cars will be parked in a large flat farmer's field, at Grid ref. SJ947116, providing there is not heavy rain before the event.

Registration

This will be in the event field. All competitors must complete the usual registration form. Punching starts will be used with no pre selected time slots.

Starts

There will be one **start** about 400m from the exit from the car park/event field. Allow 10 mins. The route to the start will be taped and exits the event field onto a minor road which can have fast traffic. Be careful. The start is across the road, marshalled, and through a narrowish gap in the hedge.

Courses

A full range of colour coded courses is provided. There is no string course.

Brown & Blue

Only Blue & Brown use both woods.

On exiting Mansty Wood through a narrow taped gap in a hedge there is time crossing over a marshalled road and a shortish section along a grass verge before commencing the second part of the course. This is a different marshalled crossing as that used to get to the start. Runners are allowed 3 minutes from the last control in Mansty Wood and punching the first control in Fullmoor wood. Distance is approx 300m.

All Other Courses will use Mansty only.

Course details are:

Brown	8.4 km and 29 controls
Blue	6.5 km and 21 controls
Green	4.5 km and 13 controls
Short Green	3.3 km and 11 controls
Light Green	3.3 km and 9 controls
Orange	2.8 km and 9 controls
Yellow	2.4 km and 12 controls
White	1.8 km and 9 controls

The area is relatively flat with a negligible amount of climb on all courses.

Finish

There are **two finishes** - one for blue and brown courses and one for all other courses. Competitors from the main finish return to the event field via a narrow gap in a hedge and across a minor road across which people will be going to the start. Please be considerate to other finishers/ starters. This crossing will be marshalled.

The walk back from the blue/brown finish is along the verge of a minor lane and is not marshalled.

After finishing please ensure you dip your feet before you download in the car park.

First Aid

First aiders will be present in the car park field the nearest hospital with A&E is Stafford Hospital. Phone number: 01785 257731

Child Safety

The event organisers reserve the right to ask people to refrain from taking photographs or video and may, if warnings are ignored refer the matter to the police. If anybody has concerns regarding the misuse of camera equipment they should report it to an event volunteer. If people want to take photographs could they please contact the organizer in advance.

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