



West Midlands League 2018 - Event 2

BRINDLEY HEATH

Sunday 4th February 2018

Level C Regional Event

Walton Chasers welcomes you to Brindley Heath, in the heart of Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Location

The event is located off the Brindley Heath Road, between the Marquis Drive Visitor Centre and Hednesford. The grid reference is SK 00405 14760, or if using satnav, the postcode WS12 4PW is for the visitor centre. Be aware of runners crossing the road when approaching.

From the visitor centre, continue south down Brindley Heath Road for about 800m until you reach the car park on the left.

If coming from the A460, at Hednesford turn west onto Bradbury Lane, then right onto Brindley Heath Road. The car park is about a mile further on the right.

Contrary to the misinformation on the event flyer, the assembly area is co-located with the car park, not over the road at Duffields.

Parking

Parking is at 'Fives' on hard standing and the cost is included in the entry fee. After turning off the main road, continue straight along the track for 500m. Please drive slowly and park sensibly!

Registration, download, toilets, Ultrasport and Podium catering are also located in the car park.

The start is about 10 minutes from registration. Follow the track back to the road and then cross carefully and only when instructed to by a marshal. The remainder of the route to the start is taped.

Registration and Start Times

Registration is open from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Starts are from 10.30am to 12.30pm



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Courses

The following courses are available:

Course	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Technical Difficulty
Brown	7.4	115	5 (hardest)
Blue	6.7	85	5
Green	5.1	65	5
Short Green	3.9	60	5
Light Green	4.2	55	4
Orange	3.5	40	3
Yellow	2.6	35	2
White	1.7	20	1 (easiest)

Those wishing to compete in the West Midlands League should run the correct course for the age group, which can be found at: www.wmoa.org.uk/competitions.html#westmidlandsleague

Entry Fees

	BOF Members	Non-BOF Members
Seniors	£8	£10
Juniors	£3	£3

Entry on the day only

Punching

SPORTident (SI) cards are to be used, and can be hired free of charge from registration. SI-Air is not being used.

Terrain

Brindley consists primarily of valleys and the surrounding rolling hills. The land is predominantly open heathland with wooded areas in the periphery and isolated spots. A network of footpaths and bridleways connect the valleys to the surroundings, which are generally less runnable.

Map

The map is at 1:10,000 scale with 5m contours. The map has been most recently resurveyed in 2017 using LIDAR data by Doug Peel, last updated January 2018.

Control descriptions will be provided at registration.



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Safety

Take extreme care when crossing the road between the car park and the start/finish, and only cross when advised by a marshal. During the race, all roads are out of bounds, and anyone seen on a road will be disqualified.

The area is popular with cyclists and horse riders. Please be particularly cautious when passing horses. There are more mountain bike tracks in the north.

Full leg cover is mandatory. A whistle must be carried and will be checked at the start, don't forget because it's a long way back to the car!

In the event of severe weather, coats / cagoules will also be mandatory, so bring one just in case. Otherwise I'm sure Ultrasport will be happy to help. Cold weather is forecast, so be prepared.

The competition area is undermined and liable to mining subsidence. Any areas marked Out of Bounds, close to known infilled fissure lines, must be strictly avoided. Care should be taken as new fissures could suddenly appear away from these known areas.

Competitors take part at their own risk.

Biosecurity

Due to the presence of the infectious plant disease phytophthora, certain areas are marked as out of bounds. These must be avoided to prevent spreading the disease, and in any case will not be an optimum route choice. This is a condition for continued use of Cannock Chase and to safeguard the environment for our future enjoyment.

To this end, please arrive at the event with clean footwear. In addition, disinfectant footbaths must be used before the start and after the end of the race. They will be located at the finish, which is also on the way to the start.

In an Emergency

In the case of an emergency, the nearest hospitals are:

Cannock Chase Hospital

Brunswick Road,
Cannock,
WS11 5XY
01543 572 757
(3.2 miles)

County Hospital

Weston Road,
Stafford
ST16 3SA
01785 257 731
(9.4 miles)

Toilets

Toilets are located in the Assembly area.



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Traders



Ultrasport will be on site selling quality orienteering clothes and kit at reasonable prices.



Delicious hot food will be provided by Podium Catering.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed, but must be kept on a lead.

Officials

Organiser: Tom O'Boyle (WCH) 07800 660282 tom_oboyle@btinternet.com

Planner: Matthew Hartland (WCH)

Controller: Bob Brandon (OD)