

TVOC 2-Day Easter Weekend Event, Penn Wood

FINAL DETAILS

There will be EOD, subject to map availability. Check the website for further info. Please pre-book if possible to avoid disappointment, using www.fabian4.co.uk . Pre-entry closes on Thursday 21st April

Directions

Penn Wood is situated just south of the A404 between High Wycombe and Amersham. The event will be signed from the A404 at SU925966. Parking is in a flat field SU925965 opposite Curzon C of E Combined School, Penn Street, HP7 0QL. Parking is limited so please share transport if possible. Charge: £1- per car per day, donated to Penn Parish Council.

Registration

On the day entry from 10:00 to 12:00, subject to map availability. Please pre-enter if you can.

Prices

Day 1: Pre-entry Seniors £8.00 (£10.00 non-BOF). Juniors £3.00.
Entry on the day £10.00 (£12.00 non-BOF). Juniors £4.00. FREE string course

Day 2: Pre-entry Seniors £7.00 (£9.00 non-BOF). Juniors £2.50
Entry on the day £9.00 (£11.00 non-BOF). Juniors £3.00

Emit card hire £1.00 per card per day – seniors and juniors.

Starts

If you have pre-entered, you can go directly to the Start. If you have pre-entered and hired an EMIT card, please collect it from the EMIT tent next to Registration.

Starts on both days will be from 10.30 to 12.30. Start times are arranged in blocks (Early: 10:30 to 11:10; Middle: 11:11 to 11:40; Late: 11:51 to 12:30).

Toilets

Toilets will be located in the assembly field.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted but must be kept under control.

First Aid

Abingdon Venture Rescue will be in the Assembly field.

No shorts

Results will be displayed near the Registration tent and should be posted on the TVOC website (<http://www.tvoc.org.uk>) during the evening.

General

Penn Wood is a new orienteering area and is one of the largest ancient woodlands in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is owned by the Woodland Trust, and this month featured in its magazine Broadleaf. Some 12 years ago plans to develop yet another golf course, and fell many of the trees resulted in a bitter battle to save the wood. The Friends of Penn Wood opposed the development and after public uproar, a national appeal and the support of royalty, 6 years later the 436 acre wood was saved. We are grateful to The Woodland Trust for granting permission for the events and to Penn Parish Council for allowing use of the parking field.

Terrain

The wood is mainly flat with some slopes on the western side. It is very varied with a mixture of conifer, beech and oak, and some semi open areas. There are many pits and depressions, some quite large, as a result of ancient clay and flint workings. There are a number of ponds which resulted from the land being used for grazing until the 19th century. There is a good network of paths, some with thick rhododendron bushes either side which produce a riot of colour later in the summer. The woodland is fast, flat and runnable. There are some brambles in open areas. Please note that indistinct paths are indistinct! Parts of the wood are enclosed with 5 strand barbed wire fences which are marked as **uncrossable** - the courses are designed to use the gates into these areas. Anyone seen crossing a fence will be **disqualified**. Future use of the area will depend on this. There are many small knolls and generally only those more than 1m high have been mapped.

Non-standard symbols:

Bench = **o** Hide = **x**

Please respect other forest users, the woods are used by many local people.

Map: A4 1:10,000 waterproof paper printed by PRINT5. Base maps will be on display in assembly & in the start lanes.

New map thanks to Pattie and Bob Beresford (2010, 2011).

Courses close 14.30 sharp on both days. You MUST report to download before leaving.

Competitors take part at their own risk

Day 1: Colour coded (Sat 23rd April)

Start and Finish: 500m to the start. Finish is 250m from the car park. Walk to the start passes close to the finish. No clothing dump.

FREE string course

White 1.9km 12 controls

Yellow 2.4km 8 controls

Orange 3.2km 9 controls

Light Green 3.5km 30m 11 controls

Green 4.3km 30m 17 controls

Blue 6.7km 50m 25 controls

Brown 8.3km 70m 27 controls

Loose control descriptions are available at Enquiries. White to Orange: text descriptions. L Green to Brown: pictorial.

Day 2: Score event (Sun 24th April)

Essential equipment – a watch!

Start and Finish are in the centre of the area (1.2km flat walk from assembly). Allow 15/20 minutes. No clothing dump, but space to leave gear (at your own risk) if weather poor.

Courses: Easy 30min (yellow/orange standard) 12 controls Optimal route 4km (text descriptions)

Hard 45min. 28 controls optimal route 10km (pictorial descriptions)

Hard 60min 28 controls optimal route 10km (pictorial descriptions)

The hard course uses the same map. **NONE** of the easy controls are on the hard courses so check the control number. The scoring could not be simpler; it's the number of controls gained within the time limit less any time penalties. If 2 competitors tie on the number of controls then the fastest time wins.

Penalty is the loss of one control for each minute late **or part thereof**. Don't be late back, even by a second!

Easy Score: This is designed to be orange/yellow standard, with controls mostly on path junctions, suitable for juniors or beginners. The idea is to get as many controls as you can and within the time limit of 30 minutes. Your time stops when you punch the finish. The optimum distance is a little over 4km.

Hard Score (45 or 60 minutes) Even and odd controls: After punching the start you have to make a decision whether to take the even or odd numbered controls first. You can change once, but once you change you cannot change back.

Thus if you start on even numbered controls, the first odd control you visit counts as the switch point. Other even controls visited after this will not count. The controller has very kindly marked the odd numbers in purple on the map, the even in blue.

Some controls are located to NE of an **uncrossable** fence trending NW-SE. You **must** use the gates. The courses have been planned to avoid the fences.

We would much appreciate your help by using route gadget after the event to help us plan in future.

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