

WHELDRAKE WOODS

Regional Event

Sun 5 Mar 2023

Venue: Wheldrake Woods (YO19 6BG) is popular with the public, dog walkers and horse riders. It is a working forest, which once housed Forestry Commission offices, with a good path/track network and a mixture of trees, holly and rhododendron bushes. It is surrounded by Swallow Hall Golf Course to the south and Elvington Airfield, home of the Yorkshire Air Museum, to the north.

Directions: Use the public entrance into Wheldrake Woods from Wheldrake village. The event will be signed from the village by the Primary School at the junction of North Lane and Broad Highway (YO19 6BB). Follow Broad Highway for approximately 1.7 miles before turning into the woods. Broad Highway is a single-track road with passing places, so please take care. Once through the public car park and into the woods follow the forest road for 0.6 mile and park on the road side. Be aware that this is the competition area and competitors will be crossing this road from 10.30 am. Assembly will be at the front of the parking line. There are numerous forest road junctions where you will be able to make a u-turn to exit.

Terrain: Wheldrake Woods has been used for orienteering for many years. A typical working woodland that is ever changing. Flat as a pancake with a network of tracks and paths, great for beginners. Rhododendron bushes are numerous and the planner has used them in some areas which are interesting and avoided them in others. Some unique trees are mapped but remember that they perhaps don't look so unique at this time of year without their leaves. Narrow rides are shown mainly for navigation, there are some branches on the ground mainly where rhododendron bushes have been cleared, be careful because these are extremely slippery.

There is a public road which competitors on the Brown and Blue courses will cross. This is the access road for the public car park and the road competitors will be driving on to gain access to the woods. This road has light and relatively slow traffic. Please drive with care and please be aware of cars when on your course.

All the farmland and golf course outside of the woods is "Out Of Bounds"

Entries: Pre-enter via Race Sign Up.
Adults £8 (BOF member), £10 (non BOF)
Juniors £4 (BOF member), £5 (non BOF)
Family £20
Pairs or family groups welcome, just pay one entry fee for one map.
Full time Students are charged at the Junior rate.
SI card (dibber) hire £1, 50p for juniors. (a dibber is required to record your run).

Please enter by midnight on Sunday 26 Feb to guarantee a map. We will print extra maps for all courses but after this date entries will have a supplement of £2 and only last while the extra maps are available. There will

be entry on the day if maps are available so if you want to guarantee a map please pre-enter.

Courses:

COURSE	DIFFICULTY	DISTANCE	CONTROLS
BROWN	Hard Long	8.6km	23
BLUE	Hard Medium	6.8km	22
GREEN	Hard Short	4.5km	15
SHORT GREEN	Hard Very Short	3.0km	11
LIGHT GREEN	Intermediate	3.6km	12
ORANGE	Learner	2.7km	11
YELLOW	Beginners	2.2km	6
WHITE	Beginners	1.7km	7

Map: The map has been completely redrawn for this event. 1:7500, A3, no contours (the occasional form line), printed on waterproof paper. All cultivated areas and farm land are out of bounds. The golf course is out of bounds. If you find any golf balls please hand them to the Organiser who will pass them onto the Planner, they could be his!

Assembly: Located at the head of the car parking line. Assembly will open at 10 am for Enquiries, Entries, SI card hire.

Starts: Starts available from 10.30 to 12.00. The Start will be a short distance from Assembly. Loose descriptions lists for your course will be available. Maps for White and Yellow courses will be available at prestart for newcomers or young juniors to examine before they start. All others will receive their map when they start. The Start lanes will be split with some courses starting 180 degrees from others so please ensure you are in the correct lane. It is a punching start.

Finish: Finish will be in the Assembly area. It is a punching finish. Courses will close at 13.30.

Download: Download for the SI timing will be at Assembly. Ensure you download your dibber before leaving the event, even if you have not completed your course.

Results: Results and Routegadget will be on Eborienteers website.

Officials: Organiser Johnny Booker
Planner Steve Corrigan
Controller Dennis Hooton