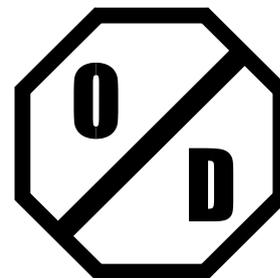


# OCTAVIAN DROOBERS

The Orienteering Club for Warwickshire and Coventry



West Midlands League Event  
OD Club Championships  
Brandon Wood, Coventry  
on  
Sunday 5th December 2021



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## Final Details

**Travel:** **The A46 Eastern Bypass will be closed from Friday 8pm to Monday 6am (from the B4082 roundabout to the Tollbar end junction) with diversions in force. Expect delays on the signed diversion routes... Leave plenty of time and think carefully about the best route to get to Brandon Marsh.**

From the A45 (W or E bound) use the Tollbar End roundabout onto the A45 East (heading SE) and after 220m turn LEFT into Brandon Lane. After 2.1km (1.3miles) turn right into an entrance road signed for Brandon Marsh Nature Centre.

From the North (M6 Jn.2 or M69) you will need to find an alternative route; the best option is probably to find a route onto the B4455 Fosse Way and approach Brandon Marsh from the east leaving the B4455 at Bretford and then use the one-way system in Brandon village to get onto Brandon Lane. Brandon Marsh is on the left after 2.4km.

**Car Park:** Mostly hard standing parking. Map Ref SP386762 or Postcode CV3 3GW. Toilets are available at the Nature centre from 10:00. (350m from the carpark entrance).

**Starts:** Start times from 10.30 to 12.30. The Start and the Finish are across a minor road from the car parking and 500m from the car park entrance. The road will be marshalled but children should be accompanied.

**Entries:** Seniors £10 (non-BOF Seniors £12). Juniors £2. SI hire (non-SIAC) £1  
Online entry via Fabian4. Closing date: 28th November.  
There may be limited late entry depending on availability of maps however please email the organiser before the day to check & reserve a map.  
If you are new to orienteering or a School / Group you may enter by contacting Karin Kirk on 01926 632189 by 26th November for more information and to reserve maps.

**Electronic punching:** SI / SIAC electronic punching will be used. SI cards are available for hire if you don't have your own (non-SIAC). Hired cards should be collected at the start.

**Map:** The map scale is 1:10000 with 5m contours and the majority of the area has been updated based on Environment Agency LiDAR flown in Dec 2020. Symbols are to ISOM 2017-2 at 150% size.

**Mapping Notes:** Please note that on White and Yellow controls will be placed so as to lead the competitor in the correct direction. There will also be smiley and sad faces placed to help you go the correct way.

Paths may be indistinct due to leaf fall and ditches vary from dry to very wet depending on the rainfall in the previous days.

All courses use Brandon Wood in the centre of the map. Short Green to Brown visit Piles Coppice to the West.

Blue and Brown also visit Brandon Little Wood and an old quarry to the East with intricate detail and some steep & potentially slippery slopes: please take care.

The main stream separating Piles Coppice and Brandon Wood should only be crossed at the obvious bridges and courses are planned to that effect.

Mapped undergrowth is generally areas of bramble (walk undergrowth may tend towards fight so should be avoided) but the courses are planned so that paths may be used to avoid the worst of any undergrowth! There are a few areas of bracken also mapped with the slow run undergrowth symbol. Full leg protection is compulsory.

The area can be busy with walkers, please show respect. Some of these may be Friends of Brandon Wood who kindly allow us to orienteer in their wood, your good behaviour will allow us further access.

### Course

#### Details:

White	1.6 km	10 m climb	12 controls	Pictorial & text descriptions
Yellow	2.5 km	10 m climb	13 controls	Pictorial & text descriptions
Orange	2.9 km	25 m climb	12 controls	Pictorial & text descriptions
Light Green	3.1 km	30 m climb	14 controls	Pictorial descriptions
Short Green	3.3 km	30 m climb	15 controls	Pictorial descriptions
Green	4.6 km	35 m climb	20 controls	Pictorial descriptions
Blue	7.3 km	45 m climb	27 controls	Pictorial descriptions
Brown	8.8 km	70 m climb	28 controls	Pictorial descriptions

Blue and Brown have double-sided maps.

Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes (and printed on the maps).

### Special Symbols:

Black circles are used for Seats / Benches and Large Logs cut to work as a seat

Black crosses are used for man-made hides – mostly made of branches but one is from black plastic!

A black asterisk is a non-standard symbol and used to represent a restored historic timber cart to be found on the main E-W track in Brandon Wood

A black square (small ruin) is used to represent a ruined wooden structure

Brown triangles are used to represent prominent rootstocks. Many are still attached to a fallen tree. These are shown with a green line (hedge symbol) where they are not easily passable.

A green cross is used to represent a prominent tree stump

**Symbols: ISOM 2017-2 - 150%**

*except \**

*Special symbols:*

- *seat / bench / "log seat"*
- × *hide*
- \* *restored timber cart \**
- *ruined wooden structure*
- ▲ *rootstock*
- ▲ *rootstock with fallen tree*  
*(not easily passable)*
- × *tree stump*

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### ***Other info:***

#### **COVID-19 Precautions:**

The event will be held in a COVID-secure manner in accordance with British Orienteering's operational guidance. It is really important that all participants read and abide by the [COVID-19 Code of Conduct](#) before, during and after competing. It has been updated so please click the link below to read the latest version.

<http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/document/Code of Conduct June 20>

Before attending this event, orienteers should self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19. These are:

- A high temperature.
- A new, continuous cough.
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

If you, or anyone you live with, have one or more of these symptoms you should not attend the event, even if your symptoms are mild. You should follow NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation. If you have been informed that you need to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace (or are required to self-isolate in relation to travel), you must do so. You should not leave your isolation location to participate in sport and physical activity. You can find more information in the NHS guidance on how to self-isolate.

#### **Safety:**

The car park is on the road to a quarry where there is some quarry equipment. Please keep away from this and make sure children do not play on this equipment.

There are deep ponds in the area (avoid these!).

With significant areas of bramble together with some areas of bracken, full leg cover is compulsory. Please note that nobody will be allowed to start without full leg cover. Gaiters or bramble bashers are recommended!

Please be aware of other users of the area - walkers, dog walkers and mountain bikers (please show courtesy).

Heavy rain can make the main stream between Piles Coppice and Brandon Wood difficult to cross. Competitors should only cross it where there is a bridge shown on the map.

Carry a whistle and know the international code to summon help (3 loud 3 second blasts).

Beware that there may be sharp litter in the woods.

If you have a pre-existing medical condition, please leave details of it in an envelope containing your contact details with the Organiser before you go to the Start.

Avoiding potential exposure to Covid-19 is more important than saving a few seconds at a control. Please do not to congregate in groups and keep to social distancing guidelines. Please avoid touching the control units when punching

#### **Café:**

The car parking is adjacent to the Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve which is administered by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. The Visitors' Centre has a café, open from 10:00 to 4:00. Please support them. If you wish to see the menu it is available to view here: [The Badger Kitchen](#) pdf: [here](#)

# Event Layout Map

Scale 1:5000



Finish (to download 250m)

Pre-Start  
(550m from  
road crossing)

From  
Brandon

From A45 (2.3km)

D = Download  
RP = RAF / Police Registration  
S = School / Scout Registration  
(Pre-booked)

Marshalled road crossing

Parking along road  
into Concrete Plant

Visitor Centre:  
Toilets & Cafe

Access from event car park  
to Visitor Centre car park  
(for Toilets & Cafe)

Brandon Marsh  
Nature Centre

Concrete Plant  
(additional parking  
max 900m to Pre-Start)

