

Everdon Stubbs Final details

Night at the Stubbs

The next OD event will take place at Everdon Stubbs and will offer both a day and night courses.

The Stubbs is a compact area of ancient woodland set on the side of a hill with beautiful surrounding countryside.

Historically it was coppiced and this is still visible in some areas. In spring there are extensive areas of bluebells.

There is an intricate path network with some undergrowth in areas but also open glades and, particularly in the south, the undergrowth has been cleared and it is more runnable than it has been in years.

The long range weather forecast is good and it is currently not too muddy.

It is the day before the CompassSport cup round (which we were not aware of when planning the event) but the courses are relatively short and I am sure will not wear you out too much.

It is also the week before the British night championships so an ideal opportunity to get your night orienteering skills finely honed.

Please see the club website for directions , the start is in the far SE corner of the woods.

Courses

Daytime - 'Odds and Evens' score course. Double sided Map with the Odds to be run first. The map can be turned over to Evens at any point but there is then no going back to the Odds.

The Odds are generally easier and can all be visited without crossing the road through the woods. It is necessary to cross the road for some of the Evens so younger juniors may be best sticking to the Odds (parents please advise appropriately).

The start times are designed to ensure everybody is back before sunset. 10 points will be deducted for every minute or part of over the 45mins with anybody more than 10 minutes late disqualified (due to sunset).

Night

Short course 2.2km , 14 controls

Medium course 3.1km , 18 controls

Long course 4.7km , 23 controls.

The short course does not cross the road.

The night courses will form part of the club league.

For those who have not tried night orienteering it's really just the same as day orienteering only more fun! Being out in the woods at night is a real treat. The critical skill is probably staying in contact with the map as relocating can be more difficult.

Carrying a backup light source is recommended and dress appropriately for a night in February. If conditions are bad a cagoule may be mandatory.

I have a spare head torch if anybody wants to borrow it.

Come along and give to a go.

For a pint/warmup/debrief afterwards the Kings Arms in Farthingstone just across the valley is recommended. Sadly The Plough in Everdon is shut.

Please feel free to contact me for any further details

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