

Guildford Orienteers Christmas Cracker event,

Sunday 18th December

Final details



This is our annual local festive event which aims to be a fun outdoor opportunity for the whole family. Beginners and experts alike will be welcomed, with club members available to provide guidance and support. A festive string course will be available for our youngest participants and Santa is coming too. The event takes place at Newlands Corner, the well-known beauty spot on the North Downs, east of Guildford. Mince pies, sausages (including veggie) and mulled wine will be available for a small donation. Christmas trees are expected to be on sale near the visitor centre.

Directions/parking

Directions, car park accessed from the A25, GU4 8SE

Park at the far end of the Newlands Corner Car Park.

What3words: manual.money.moss

Public transport

See website for travel details including the nearest bus on a Sunday. Sadly there is no bus service to Newlands Corner on Sundays. It is a 16 minute uphill cycle from Chilworth Station.

Courses

- String ultra-easy course aimed at the youngest orienteers (no entry fee for String course)
- Yellow (easy. Controls on paths, aimed at beginners) 1.4km, 35m climb
- Orange (a little more technical, controls just off paths), approx. 2.7 km, 50 m climb
- Short Green (technical), 3.4 km, 90 m climb
- Short Blue (technical) 4.8 km, 135 m climb

If it's your first event as a family with children under 10, we recommend a yellow. If the children are 10 or over we recommend an orange.

Registration

Online entry only via <https://racesignup.co.uk/site/event.php?eventid=3172>

If you're going as a group, only pay per map reader i.e. juniors can be shadowed by adults and only pay for the junior.

The deadline for entries will be on the day, 11.30 am subject to map availability

Start times

10.30 am -12.30 pm. Courses close at 14.30 pm

Map details

1: 7500

Contours 5 m intervals

Last fully updated 2017. Some editing 2021 and 2022.

Terrain description

Open south facing slopes. Woodlands to the north. Areas of pits, old bracken and some brambles. Every effort has been made to avoid extensive areas of brambles.

Facilities

Free parking in the public car park.

Public toilets and café in the car park

Event centre for enquiries, dibber hire, first aid and festive refreshments.

First aid, key and baggage drop at event centre.

Miscellaneous

Dogs allowed on leads.

Please wear enough clothes to keep warm - the wind can add a real chill factor. Please also wear trainers or boots that won't slip in the mud.

Contacts

Planner : Sophie Gordon

Organiser: Marion Payne-Bird. Please contact eventorganiser@guildford.org for further information

Important event information

Safety

Every effort will be made to ensure the event is safe for competitors, volunteers and the public. All competitors MUST download even if they do not complete the course. Runners must have covered legs. Cagoules may be made compulsory in adverse weather. Participants to bring their own water and ensure adequate hydration pre and post event.

Newlands Corner is a popular visitor destination, please take part in this event responsibly.

A comprehensive risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser and is available. Participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Personal information

The personal data you provide will be used by the event organisers and their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing entries and results. We may share your personal info with insurers if it is required to validate your cover.

Covid

Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, who is living in a household with someone who has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, or who has been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace should remain at home.

