

Guildford Orienteers welcomes your entry to Farley Far To GO



for the **SE Long Championships**
a **National and SE League event**
on **Sunday 2 February 2024**

Check the Site
Map on the
last page

FINAL DETAILS (version 5 30/01/2025)

In case of poor weather, please check the Racesignup website before travelling

racesignup.co.uk/farley-far-to-go-for-se-long-champs

There are no longer any formal restrictions around Covid-19. However we encourage you not to attend if you or a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms.

By entering this event competitors agree to abide by the [British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct](#) (revised August 2021).

You take part in this event at your own risk!

Essential points – for the busy reader



- Please **do not arrive** before the car park opens at 9am or after 11:45am. Please **don't leave before Midday** – there are narrow one way access tracks to the parking.
- If your **EV** is **untowable / unpushable**, consider using an alternative vehicle to avoid problems exiting.
- Tom's food wagon, toilets, SI/SIAC card hire, Enquiries, Download and First Aid are all at Assembly.
- **Dogs are NOT allowed**, as the Car Park and Assembly are around residential premises.
- Electronic Punching – **SI**, including **SIAC**. The longest 3 Courses (Black, Brown and Short Brown) have 29 or more controls – please ensure your SI card has sufficient capacity. The Start time is pre-allocated and is a punching Start); the Finish is contactless and can be swiped by SIAC.
- Clothing must cover **torso and legs**. Cagoules may be **compulsory** if the weather is bad – come prepared.
- Control descriptions (loose) in Start lanes at -3; also printed on the maps.
- The **START** is 1.5km from Assembly along Forest Tracks (allow 30 mins walk to include the -4 callup at the **START**); there will be a **Clothing Dump** near the Start, which will be **ferried to Assembly** every hour i.e. **11:45 & 12:45** (but this can't be guaranteed), so ensure you have **warm clothes available** in your car after your run. All items in the clothing dump **MUST** be **BAGGED (waterproof bag)** and **LABELLED** with a name and phone number and email. This is at your own risk !
- Maps are A3 Double sided / A3 Single side / A4 Single side, scale 1:10k / 1:7.5k depending on the course – see table below.
- Farley Green road, crossed only by Black and Brown is a forbidden route choice.
- Courses close at **15:00**. **YOU MUST download/report** to the Download team by this time.

----- Safety issues -----

- **Horses and Walkers:** The heath is quite widely used for horse riding and dog walking. Please take especial care around horses and have due consideration to dog walkers
- **Road crossings:** Only Brown and Black courses have road crossings – only cross where marked on the map. **Brown** has 2 road crossings over Farley Heath road. These are not marshalled or timed out and the road has a National speed limit, so take **SPECIAL** care. Only cross at the indicated crossing place, the road is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. **Black** has the same road crossings as Brown plus 3 more road crossings around Blackheath village. These are quieter roads, but still take due care and attention. One of the crossings is by St Martin's church in Blackheath, around 11am people will be leaving the **church service**, so please be **courteous and respectful** to the congregants and don't push past them – they won't be expecting you! There may be more traffic at that point. None of these crossings are timed out or marshalled.



- **Wire Hazards across paths / tracks.** There are a small number of potentially dangerous thin wires across the paths/ tracks. Where identified, these are taped, but be careful in case of any un-taped wire.
- **Dress** appropriately for the expected weather, bearing in mind that in the event of an accident you may be stationary for a few hours. Full cover leg protection is required. There may be ticks – please check yourself carefully after the race. Note that in bad weather cagoules may be made compulsory. **Whistles** advised.
- **Forestry work:** There may be log stacks. Stay off them. There have been some forestry operations East of Farley Heath Road (Black / Brown courses).
- **Safety bearing in an emergency:**
Head **South East** to Farley Heath road or
(for Black & Brown courses only) if you have crossed the road once and **only once** since the START, head **West** to Farley Heath road.
Then head **North East** on the road to Farley Green and then follow the road to Overbrook (Assembly).
Please ensure that you Download even if you **retire**.
- **Emergency Number:** All maps are overprinted with an **emergency** phone number which can be used on the day to contact the Organiser for emergencies (07824 859654).
- **Nearest A&E:** Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford GU2 7XX. (There is First Aid at Assembly.)
- **Medical Conditions:** If you have a medical condition that might require **medical assistance** during the event you may download and fill in and print the [BOF medical form \(click here\)](#) and give it to Enquiries in a sealed envelope (with your name/dibber number on). It will be shredded after the event.
- **Lone competitors** are encouraged to use the Keydrop by Enquiries / Download, at your own risk.

Car Park directions

Car Parking and Assembly is at Overbrook, off Brook Hill, Farley Green GU5 9DN. This is a private house with grounds (and some forest) at the top of Brook Hill just at the edge of Farley Green village. What3words: [///shoulders.ants.relay](#) Grid Ref TQ059457. There won't be any signage to the event until you reach the turning for Overbrook. See **Routes to Event** on page 3.



Car Parking

Please don't arrive before 9am or after 11:45am. Due to narrow access roads and potential conflict between incoming and outgoing traffic, you must not attempt to leave the car park before Midday.

There will be a number of car parking areas available at Overbrook which makes managing it complicated! Please follow Parking Marshals' directions and be patient. If you're **unhappy** with where **they are directing you to, e.g. an unpushable/untowable EV or low clearance** car, please let them know! Some parking is accessed via narrow forest tracks and may be more suited for higher clearance SUVs / 4x4s. There is a strict speed limit of 5mph as there may be competitors walking to the START along those tracks. One of the tracks to a parking area is crossed by all courses, so take note of the Caution Runners signs, particularly when leaving. See also **Exiting the Car Park** on page 7

There is play equipment including a zip wire and a car tyre swing by the side of the main car parking field – this is Out of Bounds as we can't guarantee its safety. Please ensure your children do not play on it.

Unfortunately we have had to limit parking, but if full we can't direct you to anywhere else.

You are not allowed to park on the green at Farley Green. If able to be dropped off, then the START is close to the junction of August Lane and Farley Heath Road, but you cannot leave your car there.

What3words: [///imposes.strut.coverly.](#) As FINISH is close to Assembly you would need to be picked up there afterwards (at Overbrook). Please consider sharing / offering transport to the event – car sharing is possible with racesignup. Public transport options are limited and involve a significant walk. The North Downs railway line will be closed on the day due to engineering work (rail replacement bus service).

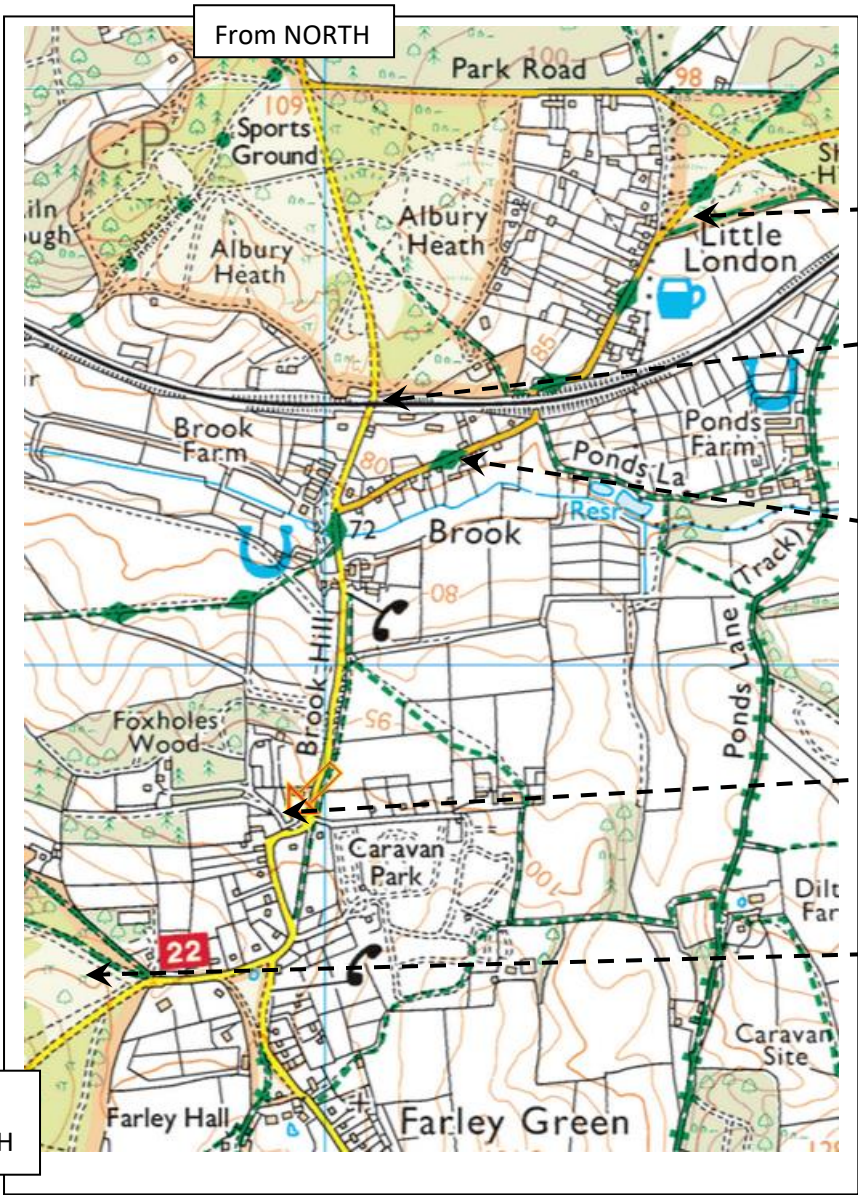
Route to Event - IMPORTANT

The obvious and best route to the event is from the North (A25 then A248) towards Farley Green. BUT Network Rail are planning to **CLOSE** Brook level crossing on the morning of the event – see link below.

www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/wessex/north-downs-line-signalling-upgrade/

The diversion round this is via Little London (hopefully will be signed by Network Rail), and crosses the railway under a bridge. This isn't much longer < 1km, but part of it is single track with few passing places so there is potential for delays caused by oncoming traffic and could add 5 or 10 minutes to your drive in the morning. So allow **extra time**.

The route to the event from the South is via Shamley Green / Woodhill accessed from the B2128. This is single track in places and will take you along Farley Heath Road which is crossed by the Black and Brown courses, so is not recommended. Please take note of the "Caution Runners" signs, and drive carefully.



Diversion via Little London
on narrow lanes

Level crossing to be **closed** by Network Rail

Brook Lane diversion is **single track road**.

Parking / Assembly at **Overbrook, Farley Green GU5 9DN**

START, route from Overbrook via woodland tracks (not shown) – 1.5km / allow 30 mins walk to include -4 callup
Farley Heath road is out of bounds

Assembly Area; Facilities

- Toilets
- Tom's food wagon – **please make use of it**, he needs your custom!
No free water will be provided – please bring your own.
- By the lodge:
 - **Enquiries** and **hired** SI/SIAC card collection
 - **Car key** drop - recommended for **lone travellers** (at own risk)
 - **EOD** (if maps available)
 - **Download**
- First Aid provided by Event Medic Services Ltd.

Entry on the day

EOD is available until 11:45am only (subject to availability of maps). Please note that if the car parking limit has already been reached (on racesignup), then you may cause someone else to lose their car parking space if you arrive with a car!

	Entry Fee
Senior (age 21+)	£18
Senior (age 21+) non-BOF	£20
Adult Novice Orange / Yellow / White	£9
Junior (age < 21)	£8
Junior (age < 21) non-BOF	£9

Students pay junior rate

Dibber hire is £1 (normal SI)
or £2.50 (contactless SIAC)

Entry online at Racesignup is preferred (even on the day), but cash EOD payments will also be taken.

Electronic Punching

Both normal SI dibbers and contactless SIAC dibbers can be used. Note that the FINISH is also contactless.

The longer courses have more than 30 controls and **require a suitably high capacity dibber**. Make sure you have one. SI-card 8 can only record 30 control punches (they have 7 digit numbers beginning with "2"). Original dibbers (SI-card 5, numbered less than 500,000) can record 33 punches but split times for only 30 of them. All contactless SIAC cards will cope fine but if you hire an ordinary SI card from us it will not record more than 33 control punches (with only 30 split times). Also beware of punching extra controls which will use up extra records!

It is your responsibility to check your SI card has registered (flash/beep) at the Start, at each control and at the Finish. In case of SI failure use the pin-punch on the control stake to mark your map.

Take care of your hired dibber. It will cost you £72 to replace a SIAC if lost (or £33 for a normal one).

Clothing and whistles

Clothing should be suitable for walking/running round the woods, taking take account of the winter weather conditions (if very bad, cagoules may be required). Your torso and legs must be clothed. Whistles are strongly recommended.

Start

There is one START approximately 1.5km from Assembly along forest tracks and paths. Allow 30 mins to include the -4 call up. The route to START is not suitable for pushchairs due to the roughness / narrowness of the forest paths. It is a punching start for all with allocated start times which are shown on Racesignup. Should you arrive late we will try to fit you in when there is a suitable gap. SI Clear, Check and SIAC Test boxes will be at the START. If an SI unit fails in the forest then you should punch your map with the backup punch.


Call-up is at -4 minutes. If weather conditions are bad enough, cagoules will be made compulsory and will be checked. Maps for competitors on Yellow and White courses will be available to them before they start, at -3 in the start lanes. There is a taped route between the start boxes and the start kite.

Clothing Dump – see Essential Points on page 1.

Courses

Course	Length	Climb	Contr ols	Map Size	Map Scale	SE Long Champs Age Classes		Road Crossings
						M	W	
Black	13.8km	200m	38	A3 	1:10k	M21		 x 5
Brown	11.0km	180m	30	A3 	1:10k	M20, M35, M40	W21	 x 2
Short Brown	9.1km	170m	28	A3 	1:10k	M18, M45, M50	W20, W35	none
Blue	7.1km	150m	22	A3	1:10k	M16, M55, M60	W18, W40, W45	none
Short Blue	6.0km	130m	21	A4	1:10k	M65, M70	W16, W50, W55	none
Green	5.0km	110m	19	A4	1:10k	M75	W60, W65	none
Short Green	4.0km	80m	18	A4	1:7.5k	M80	W70	none
Very Short Green	2.8km	30m	13	A4	1:7.5k	M85, M90	W75, W80, W85, W90	none
Light Green	4.0km	70m	15	A4	1:7.5k	M14	W14	none
Orange	3.5km	40m	17	A4	1:7.5k	M12	W12	none
Yellow	2.9km	30m	15	A4	1:7.5k	M10	W10	none
White	2.2km	25m	17	A4	1:7.5k			none

 this symbol indicates the map is double-sided - course is printed in two parts on both sides of the sheet.

 this symbol indicates a free road crossing which is unmarshalled and within your race time.

Cross at your own risk, and do not run along the road which is a forbidden route choice.

The White course has a number of locations where pink flags are used to indicate the route if unclear – a sample flag will be at the Start. The White course is longer than normal due to the restrictions of the area and is not suitable for a pushchair.

Unfortunately we have not been able to provide a String course.

Maps and Control Descriptions

Maps are printed on waterproof paper and may be A3 double sided, A3 single sided or A4, depending on the course – please check the table above. Contour interval is 5m for all map scales – see scale in table above.

Control descriptions are printed on the map and available separately (loose) at -3 in the start lanes. They use pictorial 2024 Standard symbols. Yellow and White courses have text descriptions only.

The area was remapped by Tom Edelsten in Winter 2024.

Eligibility for SE Long Championship

You can enter any course, but to be eligible for Championship medals you must enter the age class matching your age and sex, or 'run up'. Eligibility also requires that you are a member of British Orienteering and a member of the South East Orienteering Association (SEOA). Medals are awarded to the fastest 3 eligible runners in each Entry Age Class.

Running up

- M class competitors can only run up to M class courses.
- W class competitors may run up to W or M class courses.
- Competitors in age classes from 10 to 20 may run up to an older age class.
- Competitors in age classes from 35 to 90 may run up to a younger age class.

The British Orienteering Trans policy applies.

When you run up you are not competing in your 'own' age class.

Mapper-Planner notes on the Terrain and Map

Blackheath Common covers 250 acres of lowland heathland. It consists of a wonderful mix of dry lowland heathland and forest, including acid grassland, pine trees and deciduous woodland blocks. The majority is owned and managed by Waverley Borough Council and the Albury Estate. Farley Heath lies to the east of the overall area and has some areas of cut bracken with good runnability. Guildford Orienteers (GO) are grateful to both landowners and the National Trust for this orienteering event.

This is GO's largest area and was last used for a National level event in 2020. GO members have always been fond of Blackheath. There are two ex-members, since passed away, who have commemorative plaques on benches situated on the heath.

The main part of Blackheath is very runnable, with sandy soil and parts of the pine forest with little or no vegetation. Bracken, now died down, proliferates in some parts of the forest. When mixed with brambles, please watch your step and run with care. There are also large areas of heather at varying heights. This won't impede the faster runners, but slower competitors will find the heather tough going.

The vertical green symbol can be used to judge runnability. Widely spaced vertical lines are used for prolific but died down bracken. Thinly spaced vertical lines show poor runnability e.g. thick brambles.

There are a small number of potentially dangerous thin wires across the paths/ tracks. Where identified, these are taped, but be careful in case of any un-taped wire.

There are un-manned road crossings for Black and Brown courses only. Please cross with care in all cases. The area is widely used by walkers, runners and horse riders. Please be considerate to others using the forest.

In summary, Blackheath and Farley Heath are splendid areas for orienteering. Enjoy!

Special Symbols: x - Hide

Public Access

The area is used for walking and horse riding and cycling (as noted above). Be courteous towards other users you do encounter, especially those with dogs and horse riders – our future use of these areas depends on this.

Finish

The FINISH is very close to Download / Assembly. It will be enabled for contactless swiping – **you must download** immediately afterwards. Courses close at 15:00 and you **must download by then** to avoid a search for you being initiated. You must report back to Download even if you **retire**.

Maps will NOT be collected. Please keep to the spirit of the event by not showing your map to those competitors who have yet to start.

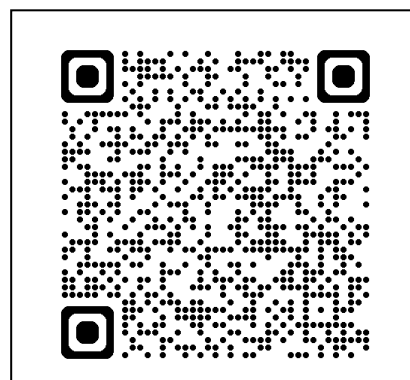
Results

Results will be uploaded during the event to the [GO website](#) and updated approximately every half hour. They can be found by following this QR code. Results will not be displayed at the event.

Prize Giving



Championship results (top 3) will be announced and medals awarded at around 13:30 – 13:45 near the Download area. (exact timing governed by Black course finishers)



Exiting the Car Park - IMPORTANT

Wet conditions and a sloping main parking field = **mud** and may mean that you need a helping push from the Parking Marshals when exiting. Please ask. In case of difficulty please consider self-help by bringing mats / cardboard with you to place under the wheels – this can be quite effective. Some EVs **can't be pushed or towed**, if you have one of these, please consider coming in a different vehicle or sharing a lift, there is limited hard standing available. If **unhappy** parking where Parking Marshals are directing you, then let them know!

Withdrawing Your Entry

Please withdraw your entry if you are unable to come to the event as it will make your car park space and map available to late entrants. Until Friday 31st Jan, you will get an automatic credit in Racesignup when you **withdraw**.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Competitors are permitted to carry a mobile phone for use in an emergency and children and vulnerable adults are encouraged to do so.

If you are shadowed, or shadow before your own run, please declare yourself non-competitive at Download. (Note that an entry does not provide an extra map for a shadower.)

Photography

You are welcome to take photographs at our event. However please respect other people's privacy when taking photographs, and do not take inappropriate or intrusive photos. Please bear in mind Guildford Orienteers' [Data Privacy Policy](#) as well as British Orienteering's guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), please report them to the Organiser.

Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear in mind that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted on public websites.

Ticks

Ticks could be present in the area but low likelihood at this time of year. Check over your whole body after competing. If bites develop a rash or become inflamed, obtain medical advice.

Ash Dieback precautions

BO recommends you arrive with all kit, especially footwear, fully cleaned since its last outing; after your run, put all your kit in a plastic bag to prevent spreading fungal spores.

Complaints and Protests

Please first discuss any complaint with the Organiser. Should the complaint not be resolved, then please put the complaint in written form (forms available) and the Organiser will refer the matter to the Jury.

Organiser: Frederick Smith, GO (e-mail: Blackheath-organiser (at) guildfordorienteers.co.uk)

Entries Secretary: Jeremy Wilde GO (email: organiser (at) guildfordorienteers.co.uk)

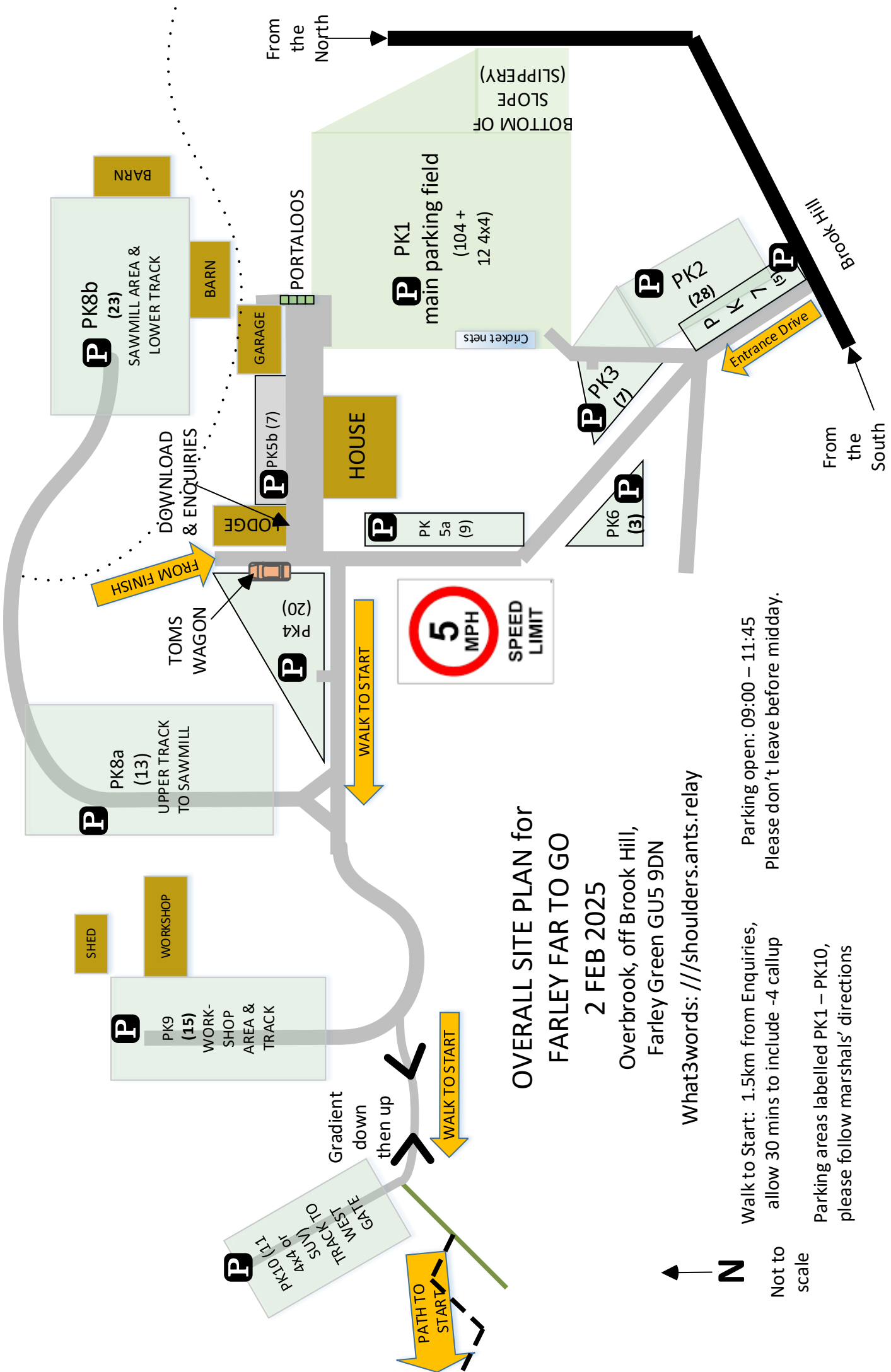
Planner: Phil Conway, GO

Controller: Gordon Parker, SLOW

We are grateful to Albury Estate, Mark Smith, Hurtwood Control, Waverley Borough Council and the National Trust for permissions to use the area for orienteering and for the car parking.

Please remember

- Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and must take responsibility for their own safety. Parents are responsible for their children and advice is available on request, about what courses may be suitable.
- Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of poor weather. In the event of cancellation, some or all of your entry fee may be retained.
- The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure.



**OVERALL SITE PLAN for
FARLEY FAR TO GO**

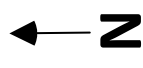
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Overbrook, off Brook Hill,
Farley Green GU5 9DN

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Walk to Start: 1.5km from Enquiries, Parking open: 09:00 – 11:45
allow 30 mins to include -4 callup Please don't leave before midday.

Parking areas labelled PK1 – PK10,
please follow marshals' directions



Not to
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