



**Guildford Orienteers**

# **The Farley Frolic**

**Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**



## **Final details**

Please join us to celebrate World Orienteering Week. The event has been planned with newcomers and families in mind and a focus on having fun. This year it is combined with the Yvette Baker Trophy heat for the South East, a junior orienteering competition.

Farley Heath is the site of a small roman temple, and consists beautiful heathland, deciduous and coniferous woodlands, only 6.5 miles south east of Guildford.

### **Location and parking:**

The closest post code to the event centre is GU5 9EW. The grid reference is: TQ052449. What 3 words: fame.lectured.hunches. The car park is accessed from Farley Heath Road, via one single file gateway, so please take care when entering and leaving. The surface is quite rough in places, again take care. There will be parking attendants to assist. The event centre is within 50 m of the car park, adjacent to the site of the Roman Temple. We have a large entry for this event and a small car park. We are encouraging participants to car share and also to stagger their arrivals if possible. We will be able to accommodate some cars along the roadside verge, and if you find yourself there, then take extreme caution when leaving your car as vehicles travel along this minor road at high speed. As a further back up we have arranged parking in a nearby field. If this option has to be invoked, then details will be provided by the parking attendants on arrival at the event centre car park. The back up parking is about 1 km to the north. The way to the start will be taped.

### **Map:**

Map is 1:1750, contour interval 5m with minor updates for this event by Tom Edelsten. A4 printed on waterproof paper. Loose control descriptions will be available in start lanes.

## Courses:

Courses: Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green.

Course	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
Yellow	2.4	70	13
Orange	3	80	13
Light Green	3.9	100	14
Green YBT	4.6	120	16
Green Open	4.7	120	13

**PLEASE NOTE** - There are two Green courses of similar length, but with very little overlap. One for YBT only and one for everyone else – make sure that you pick up the correct map!

## Terrain:

Farley Heath and Blackheath consist of an attractive mixture of open, sandy, undulating heathland and forested parts with some areas of complex contour detail. Much is very runnable even though the bracken is growing rapidly now. Extensive areas of bramble are present, but the courses generally avoid them. Still, be sure to pay attention to the undergrowth screens on the map when planning your routes! The area is generally dry underfoot.

Trip hazards - Beware of rabbit holes in sandy areas and of old fence wires at ground level between forest blocks.

There is an extensive path network, but also some unmapped small paths and mountain bike trails. Telegraph poles and wires haven't been mapped.



There are several houses on the Heath. These and their grounds are strictly out of bounds even when unfenced. OOB is indicated by the olive-green colour as in this example.

There are a few access tracks to these properties which are very occasionally used by vehicles. Always check before running out onto a track.

The heaths are well used by dog walkers and horse riders. As usual always be courteous and pass with care.

## Entries

Please enter via racesignup:

<https://racesignup.co.uk/farley-frolic-yvette-baker-trophy-round>

**From 11th of May, subject to the availability of pre-printed maps**

**Senior: £12, Junior: £4**

Senior full-time students pay the Junior fee.

Senior entrants who are not members of BOF pay a £2 premium.

There is also entry on the day at the event (pay by cash only) until 11.45 am

**Dibber hire:** SI - £1; SIAC (contactless) - £3

### **Facilities**

Event car park and event centre

Two portable toilets will be available in the carpark.

First aid, key and baggage drop at event centre.

We are providing a **coaching corner** for all who are interested, perhaps get some tips prior to your run?

As this is a family event we hope to add to the fun by having our **maze** up and running.

There is also a **“find the roman centurion”** competition (ask at enquiries) and a **cake stall**.

### **SI units**

Please collect hired SI cards from download prior to running so we can assign cards to runners.

The event is SIAC enabled.

The courses will be SIAC enabled with a punching start and finish. SIAC users are responsible for ensuring a contactless punch has registered. If there is no optical/acoustic feedback from the SIAC, and the punch has not registered and the box should be punched manually like a standard SI Card.

### **Start and finish**

#### **Start:**

500m from assembly and parking along a mainly flat, taped route – there is no clothing dump.

Start times from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Call up four minutes before.

Start times will be strictly adhered to in accordance with YBT rules. Latecomers will be started when slots are available.

Loose control descriptions will be available.

If you are a newcomer, make yourself known at the start where there will be a GO member available to give you some help and direction. “Coaching corner” is set up with the beginner in mind, so please take advantage of this facility prior to your run.

Courses close at 14.00 pm

**Finish:** adjacent to assembly.

**All** competitors including SIAC are to **punch** the finish. Then report to download.

### **Dogs**

Allowed, but should be kept under close control.

### **Results**

Tags will be downloaded and results created after the event. Results, splits and Routegadget will be available on the club website. There will be no results on site.

### **Event Officials**

Planner: Helen Rivers GO

Organisers: Marion Payne-Bird GO and Jon Darley on the day.

Controller: Ian Marsden HH

### **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 and as required by our insurers to validate our cover.

### **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. Whistles are compulsory. Goggles may be made compulsory in adverse weather. Participants to bring their own water and ensure adequate hydration pre and post event.

### **Bio-security**

Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. After your run please follow the guidance that helps us protect our precious environment: Check - Clean - Dry.

### **Hazards**

The area is popular with walkers, dog walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers so please be respectful of the general public and their animals. There are large stacks of logs in the car park, which are **completely Out of Bounds**. The approach road to the car park, whilst rural is straight and encourage cars to speed. The road is also Out of Bounds for the event. As

parking is limited we may have to park cars along the verge in which will help slow vehicles down, but extreme caution must be observed when leaving or accessing your vehicle.

Be aware of rabbit and badger holes which proliferate in some areas.

Check for ticks after the event.

### **Risk**

Orienteering is a physically challenging sport. Competitors take part at their own risk.

### **Insurance**

The British Orienteering insurance policy provides public liability cover. Please note that if you have competed in three orienteering events and have not joined an orienteering club that is a member of British Orienteering, then you are not covered by this insurance.

### **First Aid**

A first aid kit will be available at download. Whilst there are qualified first aiders in the team, competitors will be encouraged to conduct self-help/self-clean, with the first-aid materials provided.

The nearest A & E Hospital is: The Royal Surrey, Egerton Rd, Guildford GU2 7XX. A map will be available with the first aid kit.

### **Photography**

Any concerns with photography or the behaviour of anyone toward any child or young adult must be reported to the event organiser or other official. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, play your part, report any concerns and follow good practice.

### **Thanks**

This event can only take place due to the kind permission of the Albury Estate and the Hurtwood Control

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**GO very much hopes that you will enjoy the event and that you have a safe journey home.**