

Western Night League Edge

Level: D (Local)

Saturday 15th January 2022

NGOC are pleased to invite you to the first use of this pleasant, newly mapped area. This is located high up on the Cotswold Edge, between two of our other areas: Standish and Painswick.

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Directions and Parking	 Parking is in the car park of the Edgemoor Inn on the A4173. The postcode is <u>GL6</u>. <u>6ND</u> What 3 words: <u>///coasted.available.renamed</u> Parking is likely to be tight, so please share lifts where possible. There will be a little bit of overflow parking in the lay-by across the road from the pub. Note that this is a different car park to the day event, so if attending both events, you 			
	will need to move your car between events.			
The Area	The area consists of two separate parts – both pretty runnable. Edge Common (also known as Rudge Hill) is part of the National Nature Reserve and managed by Natural England. This is largely rough open grassland with plenty of features, many left by quarrying. Across the road is National Trust deciduous woodland, a long thin piece of woodland with a flattish top, but a very steep side - this is the Cotswold escarpment. Again, there is plenty of evidence of quarrying from days gone by.			
	We are grateful to Natural England and the National Trust for giving us permission to run in their respective areas.			
	Bio-Security: Everyone is required to clean their shoes thoroughly before and after running. Shoe cleaning stations will be positioned conveniently for bot Start and Finish, so please ensure that you use them. It is of increasing concern to the Forestry Commission, and it is important not only that we comply, but that we are seen to do so.			
The Map	The new LiDAR-based map was another lockdown project. Due to the compact size of the area, be aware that the map is at <u>1:4000 with 2m contours</u> . It is printed on waterproof paper at A3. Control descriptions will be printed on the front of the map and will also be available loose at the Registration car.			
Start and Finish	The Registration car and the Start/Finish are just across the road from the pub in the lay-by there. Take care crossing the road.			
Format	As usual, it is a 60 minute Score event. However, as the area is relatively small, the <u>odds and evens format</u> will be used to make it harder for the fast runners to visit all of the controls! There are 30 controls, of which 15 are odd numbered and shown in Red on the map and the other 15 are evens and shown in Blue on the map. You may start your run with either colour, and you may switch to the other colour at any point you wish. However, you can only switch once – you cannot go back again. Once you have switched and punched a control of the other colour, any controls you subsequently punch of the first colour will be disallowed.			
	Controls are worth 10, 20 or 30 points each. The higher the control number, the higher			

	the points value. There is a total of 600 points available, with 8 ten pointers, 14 twenty pointers and 8 thirty pointers. The 10 point controls are the most suitable for night novices as these are on or close to linear features.					
	Penalties and bonuses are as normal, with 1 penalty point per 6 seconds late, 1 bonus point per 6 seconds early if all controls visited in a legal sequence. Double dibbing at download. Results will be posted on the WNL and NGOC website.					
	IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR JUNIORS: Unfortunately, due to road crossings, under 16s running alone must stick to the controls on Edge Common's side of the road and not cross it. We will use SI Timing, in contact and touch free modes. However, the Start and Finish controls must be physically punched in the traditional way.					
Timings and Fees	Starts: 17:30 – 18:30 (or when it is dark enough) Courses close: 19:40					
	Fees	Pre- entry	Entry on the Day (cash only)	Non-member supplement	F Enter	
	Adults	£7	£10.00	£2		
	Juniors	£3	£4	£1	Online	
	Family (2 adults + their children)	£16	£20	£0	_	
	 SI dibber hire: Standard dibber £1 Adults, Juniors free SIAC dibber: £2 Adults, £1 Juniors Entries close at midnight on Thursday 13th Jan. Entry on the day only while maps last, but note the premium price to discourage this, and also that EOD is cash only – no card payments Pre-hired dibbers can be collected from the registration car. 					
Refunds	Under British Orienteering COVID guidelines you may claim a full refund of your entry fee if you or a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms, or because they have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace. NGOC will carry the costs associated with the entry and cancellation transactions. In this event you must email the Organiser requesting cancellation of your entry.					
	There are no refunds available for cancellation for any other reason.					
Dogs	Allowed, under con	itrol, in Park	ing, Assembly a	and on courses		
Facilities	Toilets in the pub, but no metal studs or mud. Of course, this is the <u>Pub of the Night</u> so please join us there after the event to show your thanks to the pub for allowing us to use their car park.					
Safety	 You MUST carry backup lighting and a whistle. A mobile phone is also recommended and the organiser's phone number will be printed on the map. Orienteering is an adventure sport. All runners take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. There is a road which you may decide to cross several times. Take care! Docile cows roam freely on the common. Give them space. 					
	• A risk assessment has been completed, and a copy will be held at Registration in case competitors wish to consult it before their run.					
	COVID code of conduct. It is vital that all attendees at the event:					
	 Act as ambassadors for the sport of orienteering at all times and consider how their actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or members of the public. 					

	 Observe social distancing at all times, including keeping their distance from other participants, volunteers and members of the public.
	 Use hand sanitiser on arrival and departure.
	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.
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