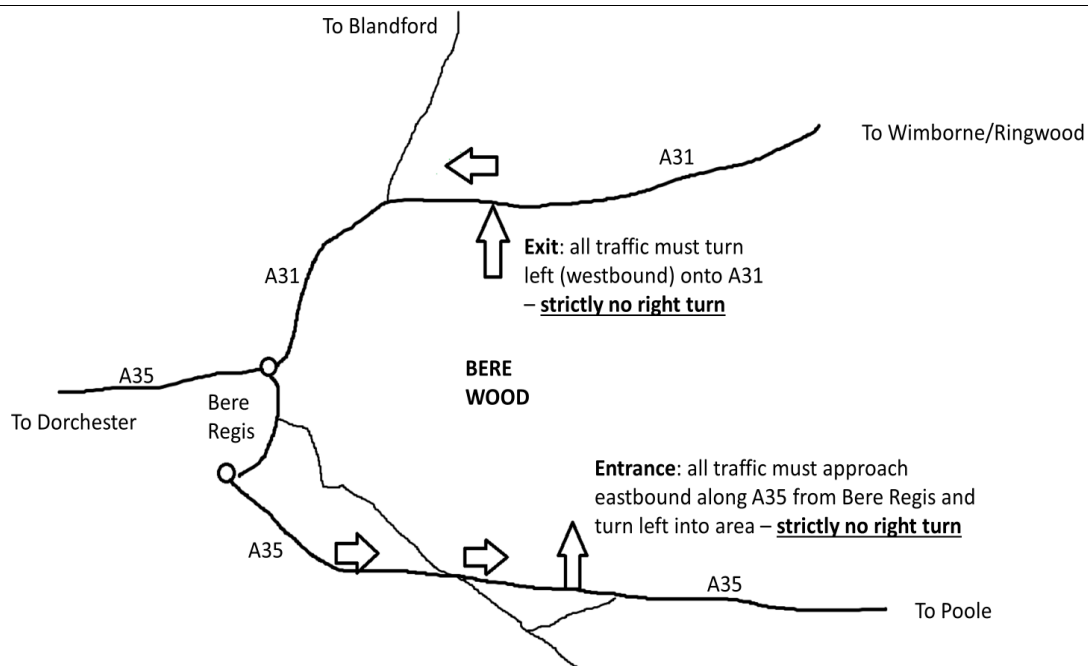


Wimborne Orienteers welcome you to
Bere Wood
SWOA event and Army Inter-Corps Championships
on Sunday 2nd November 2025

Final details:

Location & directions	<u>PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY AND ENSURE YOU FULLY COMPLY FOR THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF, YOUR PASSENGERS AND OTHER ROAD USERS</u> The entrance to the car parking is off the A35, approximately 2km east of Bere Regis. Grid Reference SY 87076 93961. What3Words: ///simulator.sprinkle.sparrows THIS STRETCH OF THE A35 IS PRONE TO TRAFFIC TRAVELLING AT VERY HIGH SPEEDS. GIVEN THIS, ALL VEHICLES MUST APPROACH FROM THE WEST ALONG THE A35 AND TURN LEFT INTO THE AREA. IF YOU APPROACH ON THE A35 FROM THE EAST, YOU MUST PROCEED 2KM FURTHER WEST AND USE THE ROUNDABOUT AT BERE REGIS TO TURN AROUND – <u>UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ATTEMPT TO TURN RIGHT INTO THE AREA.</u> The entrance to the area is via a normally unused forestry road. The entrance is obscured until very late but there will be multiple signs at the entrance and warning signs 100m and 50m prior to the entrance. At the entrance, there will be ground protection mats for circa 5m before the forestry road proper commences. TO AVOID QUEUEING BACK ONTO THE A35, PLEASE TURN OFF THE A35 AS QUICKLY AS YOU ARE ABLE AND IMMEDIATELY PROCEED ALONG THE FORESTRY ROAD – THE FIRST CAR PARKING MARSHALLS WILL BE AT LEAST 1KM UP THE FORESTRY ROAD. PLEASE DO NOT STOP TO ENGAGE ANY MARSHALLS WHO MAY BE AT THE ENTRANCE. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE AREA PRIOR TO 09:00.
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The forestry road used for car parking transects the area. Given this, please note that the forest either side of the forestry road is strictly out of bounds to all competitors. **THE FORESTRY ROAD BOTH WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING AND LEAVING THE AREA WILL BE CROSSED BY COMPETITORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON A PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY – PLEASE GIVE WAY TO RUNNERS/PEDESTRIANS AT ALL TIMES AND RESTRICT YOUR SPEED TO 15 MPH WHILST ON THE FORESTRY ROAD.**

A one-way system is operating for exiting the area which means all vehicles will drive on past the Assembly Area to exit and then drive approximately 1km on the forestry road to the A31 at the north of the area. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE EXIT ROUTE WILL ALSO BE CROSSED BY COMPETITORS - PLEASE GIVE WAY TO RUNNERS AT ALL TIMES AND RESTRICT YOUR SPEED TO 15 MPH WHILST ON THE FORESTRY ROAD.**

THE EXIT FROM THE AREA IS ONTO THE A31 – THIS STRETCH OF THE A31 IS PRONE TO TRAFFIC TRAVELLING AT VERY HIGH SPEEDS. GIVEN THIS, ALL VEHICLES MUST TURN LEFT OUT OF THE AREA AND EXHIBIT PATIENCE & EXTREME CAUTION WHEN DOING SO. IF YOU WISH TO PROCEED TO THE EAST, YOU MUST PROCEED 1KM FURTHER WEST ON THE A31 AND USE THE ROUNDABOUT AT BERE REGIS TO TURN AROUND – UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ATTEMPT TO TURN RIGHT OUT OF THE AREA.

Parking & assembly

The car parking is along the side of a forestry road which is wide enough for 2 vehicles and navigable in all weathers. From the entrance, the Assembly Area is 1.5km along the forestry road. Parking will commence adjacent to the

	Assembly Area and progressing move back along the forestry road so later arrivals will be progressively further from the Assembly Area – we do not expect any cars to be further than 750m from the assembly area but there will be signs every 250m along the forestry road indicating the distance to the Assembly Area. Please park as instructed by the marshals – the forestry road can accommodate camper vans and minibuses as well as cars but unfortunately not coaches.		
Terrain	The area is currently used for paintballing and we are grateful to both Dorset Paintball and The Charborough Estate for allowing us to use it again for orienteering. It is an interesting area to run on, with a mixture of mature coniferous and deciduous forest, much of which is open and fast running. There are several areas of sink holes, some massive and the majority are usually dry. However, a few can be dry one day and then the next be full of water, particularly in the runnable flat areas. Dark green areas are to be avoided, they are usually a mixture of fir trees and rhododendrons. Ponds and wet sink holes can be very deep and not safe to cross. In some areas you will find paint ball obstacles – only the large ones are mapped.		
Map	1:10,000 on waterproof paper. Control descriptions on the map and loose ones in the start lanes. Yellow course will have written control descriptions. Map updated in January 2024. Courses 1 & 2 will have A3 Landscape map; all other courses A4 Portrait map		
Courses	Course	Distance (km)	Climb and Controls
	Brown	8.8	170 23
	Blue	6.6	120 20
	Green	4.6	80 15
	Short Green	3.3	60 12
	Light Green	4.5	125 16
	Orange	3.5	80 15
	Yellow	2.5	50 10
	White	1.7	35 7
Assembly Area: Facilities	Toilets. Catering by White Star Catering offering hot soup, stews and locally sourced warm meals. Dogs allowed under close control. Please bring your own water and keep the site free from rubbish.		

Timing	Registration opens from 0930 Starts from 1100 – 1300. NB this is slightly later than originally published. No start times will be allocated. Courses close promptly at 1430
Entries	Limited entries on the day, maps permitting. This is the Founders Trophy Competition for all Wimborne Members. Please be aware this is also the Army Inter-Corps Championships.
Start, SI, Finish	The start is approx. 150m from the Assembly Area. There will be a separate lane for the Army start. Please ensure you use the “civilian” start lanes. All controls will be SIAC enabled, punching start & finish. The finish is approx. 100m from the Assembly Area Maps will not be collected at the finish but competitors must not discuss their course with anybody who has yet to run
Safety	First Aid will be available in the assembly area. If the weather is sufficiently bad, wearing a water-resistant top may be advised, a notice will be posted in Assembly. Carrying a whistle is compulsory, for your own safety. For anyone with a pre-existing medical condition, we would strongly encourage you to leave a note with the registration team in case of emergency. This information is confidential and will be destroyed by the organiser immediately after the event. Bere Wood is privately owned, but there may be walkers, cyclists and horse riders in the area. Please treat them with respect. All courses are planned to avoid the active Paintballing site which is clearly marked Out of Bounds on the map, do not enter this area. In winter the risk from Ticks is reduced, but still present. All participants should wear full leg cover.
Officials	Organiser: Vicky McCreadie (vickyroissetter@yahoo.co.uk) Planner: Phil Harvey Controller: Roger Crickmore WSX

Cancellation is a last resort, however if very bad weather is forecast or some unforeseen event makes it necessary to cancel, a notice will be placed on the WIM website www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk We will also send an email via Race Sign Up . If the event is cancelled, Wimborne Orienteers reserve the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover un-recoverable costs.

Please note that Orienteering is an adventure sport and you take part at your own risk. www.wimborne-orienteers.co.uk