Boxing Day Orienteering Score Event

Saturday, 26 December 2026

Trent Park

Pre-entry only – limit 120

Venue Trent Park, North London
Car park adjacent to Southgate Hockey Centre at the northern end of Snakes Lane.
Post code EN4 0PS; grid reference TQ 289 969. Please note that car park closes at 14:00.
There is currently no parking fee, but an ANPR parking payment system is expected to be installed in the near future (hopefully, but not necessarily, until after the event).

ULEZ Trent Park is within the London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). If your vehicle doesn't meet the ULEZ emission standards and isn't exempt, you need to pay a £12.50 daily charge to drive inside the zone. Bigger vehicles (e.g. mini-bus, camper vans should also consider the Low Emission Zone (LEZ). You can check your vehicle here.

Newcomers Newcomers are welcome. Instruction offered to newcomers after mass start. The planner has made sure that there are a number of easier to locate controls suitable for newcomers.
If you have any queries beforehand, please contact the organiser.

Pre-entry 60 mins score course via SiEntries. Closing date: 10:45, **Saturday, 26 December 2026**. One map / one SI(AC) card per entry only.

Electronic Punching SPORTident (SI) electronic punching using standard or contactless (SIAC) timing chips.
It will be a timed (no need to punch) mass Start and punching Finish for everybody.

Fees Up to 23:59, Wednesday, 16 December 2026: seniors & groups: £8; juniors and full-time students: £4. Thereafter: seniors & groups: £10; juniors and full-time students: £6.
Following a reduction in the charge for land access, we have been able to reduce the entry fee for seniors & groups this year.
Additional charge of £2 where not British Orienteering members or Trent Park residents.
Timing chip hire: standard (SI) £1 or contactless (SIAC) £2.
You will need to hire a timing chip if you don't have one.
Charge for lost timing chips: £43 (standard) or £70 (contactless).
There is no great advantage in newcomers using contactless: younger children often prefer the activity of placing the timing chip in the control.

Refund policy If you cancel by 16 December, we will refund your fees less an amount for administration and transaction costs. There is no refund for cancellations from 17 December.

Public transport Oakwood Underground station on the Piccadilly line – a direct connection from Central London every 5 minutes.
1.2 km walk from station along Snakes Lane, to the car park. Allow 15 minutes.
Tube trains are scheduled to run to Oakwood on Boxing Day.
Should, however, trains not be running to Oakwood, then bus 121 from Turnpike Lane, Wood Green or Southgate (all Piccadilly Line Stations) – alight at Oakwood Underground station.

Directions Signposted off the A110 near Oakwood Underground station.
Turn off the M25 at J24 (Potters Bar) onto the A111 heading south towards Cockfosters and Southgate; after 3 miles turn left at the roundabout onto the A110, then after half a mile, just after Oakwood Underground station, turn left into Snakes Lane.

Terrain Mixture of gently undulating open parkland and wooded areas with some brambles.
Review the 2025 map on RouteGadget.
The long-promised bridge at the far end of the eastern lake is now finished, opening up new route choices through the patch of woodland to the south and the Japanese/Water Gardens to the north.

Map 1:10,000, 5m contours, updated November 2026. Controls will be pre-marked on waterproof paper (no bag supplied).

Competition format Score event - collect as many points as you can within **60 minutes.**

Controls **110** to **119** will be worth **10** points each
Controls **120** to **129** will be worth **20** points each
Controls **130** to **139** will be worth **30** points each

Penalty of **20** points for each minute, or part thereof, late
Bonus of **10** points for each complete minute early *provided **all** controls have been visited.*
Shortest time taken will be used to rank finishers with the same points

Start and Finish location Start within 5 minutes walk from car park.
Finish very near to car park – courses close at 12:30.
Note, however, penalties apply after 60 minutes – see 'Competition format' above.

Start procedure 11:00 am mass start.

Facilities Water not provided at Finish: please bring your own refreshments.
First Aid available at Download.
Café in centre of park adjacent to park toilets may be open.

Toilets No toilets at the car park, but park toilets in the centre of the park 0.8 km walk from car park.
The park toilets also available as a short diversion en route from M25.
Cockfosters and Oakwood tube stations also have toilets.

Secrets Café A café, operated by Blends and Beyond, has recently opened within the Trent Park House Museum, House of Secrets, less than 500m from the entrance to the Hockey Club car park.
The café will offer all participants a 10% discount on the day of the event on production of their map. The car park will remain open until 14:00 to enable you to take advantage of this offer.
If you wish to visit the museum (pre-booking recommended to guarantee entry), or have a particularly leisurely lunch, you will need to move any vehicles to the "overflow" car park south of the Hockey Club car park barrier. At the time of writing the "overflow" car park is currently open to the public (although there are a couple of signs saying it's private).

Cancellation policy LOK reserves the right to cancel or curtail this event whether for operational reasons, Force Majeure, or other reasons, in which case LOK reserves the right to retain all or part of the entry fees to recover event-specific costs.

Last minute info & results Please consult in the first instance London Orienteering Klubb (LOK) website for event updates and Hertfordshire Orienteering Club (HH) website for initial results.

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