Holmbury Hill, Surrey Hills

SE League National Event

Sunday 17th January 2027

LOCATION At reservoir just off Radnor Road, GR TQ 095 437. 800m from carpark entry.

CAR DIRECTIONS Entry off Radnor Road via Hurtwood Control Car Park No 1 at GR TQ 098 431; what3words ///*smug.flying.manage*.
The nearest postcode is GU5 9SZ, but that is on the way to the entrance.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT The nearest train station is Gomshall, which is 5km from Assembly.

PARKING Along a one-way forestry road; it is not recommended for cars with low ground clearance but it's fine for normal cars with care. Earlier arrivals will be parked nearer to Assembly; max walking distance could be 750m to 900m. Parking limits entries to 350.

COURSES
The standard recommended South East league courses are offered as follows, but competitors are welcome to enter whichever course they wish.
The below distances, climb and number of controls to be considered as indicative.

Course	SE League		Distance	Climb	Controls
Black **	M21		10.5	325	26
Brown **	W21	M20 M35 M40	8.9	275	17
Short brown	W20 W35 M18	M45 M50	7.1	250	21
Blue	W18 W40 W45	M16 M55 M60	6.1	175	17
Short blue	W16 W50 W55	M65 M70	4.6	150	15
Green	W60 W65	M75	4.0	125	13
Short green	W70	M80	3.2	125	10
Very short green	W75 W80 W85 W90	M85 M90	2.7	75	10
Light green	W14	M14	3.2	100	10
Orange	W12	M12	2.5	100	10
Yellow	W10	M10	2.3	60	13
White			1.8	35	11

***The Black and Brown courses have a double-sided map*

- The area was last used for orienteering in 2023 and the previous map is available here.
- All courses use 1:10,000 maps; A3 size. 5 meter contours.
- Start times are 10:30 to 12:30 with a punching start.
- SI electronic contactless and contact punching supported.
- Control descriptions will be printed on the maps and available on waterproof paper loose in the Start lanes.
- White, Yellow and Orange course control descriptions will be both written and pictorial; all other courses will be pictorial only.
- Yellow and White maps will be available in pre-Start for all runners on these courses.

- Full leg and torso cover is required, no shorts. There may be ticks – please check yourself carefully after the race.
- Competitors are advised to carry whistles. The Organiser reserves the right to insist that cagoules are carried in the event of extremely bad weather.

ENTRIES
Entries must be made through Fabian4, up to 11:00 on day of event (subject to available maps). There are no entries accepted at the event … go online to enter before leaving home as phone reception will be poor in the forest.

- Seniors £13
- Juniors and any adults on Yellow/White courses £6.50
- Additional £2 for seniors who are not members of British Orienteering. None for juniors.
- SI dibber hire £1, SIAC hire £2. Hired dibbers that are lost or not returned will be charged at £69 for SIAC cards and £43 for SI dibbers..
- Entries after 10th January incur additional: £2 for seniors and £1 for juniors and Yellow/White courses

ASSEMBLY:
- Hired dibber collection.
- Key drop for your car keys.
- Portable toilets.
- Clothing dump.
- From here …. Start – 200m; Finish – 50m.
- Catering provided by Naughty But Nice
- Dogs are allowed in the car park and in the event area but beware of mountain bikes and horses.

TERRAIN
Holmbury Hill is one of LOK's best areas, but forestry work over the past few years has made it rougher for orienteering. Most white open forest has good visibility, but some areas will have "grot" on the ground including brashings, bilberry (or hurts) and/or dead bracken. There are many shallow gullies. Some of them are very shallow in places and could be crossed at speed without noticing them.
Many small thickets are rhododendron bushes which have been poisoned and have few or no leaves, so are not as obvious as those with leaves. Some may have been removed. Where mapped, these have generally been shown using small patches of the Vegetation: walk, good visibility symbol (double green stripe).

OFFICIALS:
Planners – Charles Spence (LOK)
Controller – Gordon Parker (SLOW)
Organiser – Neil Brooks (LOK) - captain AT londonorienteering.co.uk

LOK would like to thank the Friends of the Hurtwood and the Ranger, Mark Beaumont, in particular for permission to orienteer in these beautiful woods.

Orienteering is an adventure sport. Competitors take part in this race at their own risk. Entries and results will be processed by computer. Your entry will be taken as agreement to this. The competition is run under the rules and guidelines of, and sanctioned by, British Orienteering. Important: Non-members are not insured under British Orienteering's public liability policy