

Devon Orienteering Club welcomes you to Fernworthy for this regional Devon League event on Sunday 25 February 2024

FINAL DETAILS

In case of poor weather, check the Devon Orienteering website for any updates before travelling

There are no longer any formal restrictions around Covid-19. However we encourage you not to attend if you or a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms.

Essential points – for the busy reader

- Registration, SI card hire, Enquiries, Download and First Aid are all at the parking area.
- **The toilets at the SW Lakes Trust car park** just after you enter the forest will be opened for our use on the day so you may choose to call in briefly before driving on to assembly. No toilets at assembly.
- Electronic Punching – SI, including SIAC. The Start and Finish must be punched by everyone.
- Clothing should cover torso and legs. Cagoules may be compulsory if the weather is bad – come prepared. No whistle : No go.
- Control descriptions (loose) in Start lanes but also printed on the maps.
- The Start is 700m from Assembly with the Finish close to the car park.
- Maps are A3 size, Scale 1:10000 for Lt green to Orange. White to Yellow are A4 size , Scale 1:5000.
- Courses close at 2:30pm. YOU MUST download/report to the Download team by this time.

Safety issues

- Road crossings: There is a minor road through the area with little traffic so take care if crossing. A road marshal will be present
- Dress appropriately for the expected weather bearing in mind the time of year. Note that in bad weather cagoules may be made compulsory.
- Forestry work: There are log stacks. Stay off them.

Car Parking The car parking is in a grassy area 1 km on from where the road enters the forest. It is limited in space so if you can car share please do , and also save the world ! We are short of parking space so any possible car sharing would be appreciated.

Map ref SX 660836 Postcode TQ13 8EA What 3 words Fulfilled.intervals.elbowed

The best way to approach the venue is through Chagford. Most will enter Chagford along the B3206 and when you arrive in the centre of the village turn right at the T Junction (by the Spar). After about 200 metres where you bear left you will pick up the brown Fernworthy Reservoir signs which will lead you to the forest after about 5 km and then follow the O signs. If choosing any other of the minor routes take care of the deep potholes which tend to be filled with water, are less obvious, and as I have found out are numerous.

Pre-entered competitors who have their own SI cards should go directly to the Start.

Map / Terrain Details

Fernworthy is a working forest situated high up on Dartmoor but a good proportion is quite sheltered as it is crossed by numerous hills some of which are quite steep. As such it can be physically challenging and the climb will be noticed on most routes. The shortest routes stay close to the reservoir on the flatter ground which has a good path network. The map has been updated in 2024.

Storm Isha and Jocelyn caused many small areas of windblow which **have not** been shown on the map. Forestry England are going to clear them but it now seems likely that they may still be present on the day of the event. One could be encountered on Blue and Brown but it is small and can be worked around or through.

There is an area of forest marked OOB on the 1:10000 maps. Please do not enter it although the **track** going through the middle of it or around it can be used

No further entries are being taken due to the high numbers and limited parking. However, second runs for Juniors etc who have already entered may well be possible.

We hope to have our tea tent present but another option is the refreshment wagon in the S W lakes trust car park where the toilets are situated

Courses	Course Length (km)	Climb (m)	Map Scale
White	1.4	25	1:5000
Yellow	2.2	45	1:5000
Orange	2.5	105	1:10000
Lt green	2.7	125	1:10000
Short Green	3.0	135	1:10000
Green	3.7	160	1:10000
Blue	5.6	250	1:10000
Brown	7.5	355	1:10000

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We are grateful to Forestry England and the South West lakes Trust for permissions to use the area for orienteering and for the car parking.