

# Chicksands Wood

## Level C Event and YBT Qualifier 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### Final Details

***Note: There will be no parking available at Chicksands Wood itself.***

#### Directions and Parking

There will be no parking available at Chicksands Wood. The car park for the event will be signed from the A600 Shefford to Bedford road at its junction with Sandy Lane about 2km north-west of Shefford. Parking and assembly, including registration and download, will be at the Forestry Commission car park at Rowney Warren, grid ref TL124404. Post code for SatNav: SG17 5QB.

Parking will be alongside a forest track and not in the public car park. Please follow the directions given by the parking marshals.

A shuttle bus service will operate between the car park and Chicksands Wood. The journey time is only 5 mins and the bus will depart from the car park about every 15 mins.

If you intend to bring a minibus or coach please inform the organiser in advance by email.

#### Yvette Baker Trophy

This event is a local qualifying round for the Yvette Baker Trophy. SOS, SMOC, SUFFOC and WAOC have informed the organiser that they are putting forward teams for this completion. Details of the YBT rules can be found on the British Orienteering Website.

#### Courses

	Length	Climb	Controls	
White	1.7 km	20 m	11	Very easy
Yellow	2.7 km	30 m	11	Easy
Orange	2.9 km	40 m	11	Moderate
Light Green	3.3 km	45 m	14	Med. difficulty
Short Green	2.9 km	30 m	14	Hard
Green	4.7 km	45 m	17	Hard
Blue	6.3 km	60 m	22	Hard
Brown	8.1 km	80 m	27	Hard

There will not be a string course at this event.

#### Enquiries

Email enquiries to the organiser at [ianh.lawson@ntlworld.com](mailto:ianh.lawson@ntlworld.com)

## Registration

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

## Start Times

Starts will be from 10.30 am to 12.30.

For Yvette Baker Trophy courses (Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green) start times will be allocated when registering since there must be a 4 minute gap between competitors of the same club on the same course. All runners on these courses will be given start times whether or not they are competing in the YBT.

For White, Short Green, Blue and Brown courses start times will not be allocated and runners should make their way to the start after registering.

Competitors should allow 35 minutes to get to the start from the car park. The shuttle bus will leave about every 15 minutes and there is a 1 km walk from the drop off point at Chicksands Wood to the start.

There is a public footpath from Rowney Warren to the entrance of Chicksands Wood, which is a walk of 2 km, making a total walk from assembly to the start of about 3 km. If anyone feels particularly energetic and wants to walk to or from Chicksands, a map will be on display at registration showing the route.

## Start and finish

The start and finish are close to each other and about 1 km from the bus drop off/pick up point. There will be a clothing dump located between the two and you should put clothing in a waterproof bag if you wish to use this. The clothing dump will not be attended and no responsibility can be accepted by the organiser if any article goes missing.

## Punching and Download

We will be using SI electronic punching for this event.

Courses close at 2:30pm. If you will not be able to finish your course by this time then you must retire and report to download. Controls will be collected in from 2:30pm onwards (and some controls earlier than this).

**Once you have started you MUST report to download** when you return to the car park, even if you do not finish your course.

## Entries

Entry is on the day only. If you want to prepare your entry slip in advance, follow the link on the web page for this event on the WAOC website.

## Maps

Map is A4 sized, scale 1:10,000 with preprinted courses. Control descriptions will be printed on the front of the map and loose descriptions will be available at registration. Map updated 2013 by Steve Hardy of SMOC. Maps are printed on waterproof paper.

## Fees

Individual competitors:

Adults £9 (£2 discount for senior BOF members)

Students & first junior in family £3 (Juniors are under 21)

Further juniors in a family £2

Groups:

Family groups sharing one map are charged at the single adult rate.

Dibber hire: 50p.

## Officials

Organiser: Ian Lawson (WAOC)

Planner: Mike Bickle (WAOC)

Controller: Steve Hardy (SMOC)

## First Aid

There will be a qualified first aider present at the event.

The nearest hospital is Bedford Hospital, Bedford. The A&E and Outpatients entrance is in Amphill Road, Bedford.

## Further Information

Beginners are very welcome at this event and help will be available to get you started. Please read our webpage [What is orienteering?](#) It should answer any questions you have.

Dogs are welcome but must be kept under control at all times.

Portable Toilet facilities will be provided at the assembly area.

Ash die-back disease (*Chalara faxinea*): Please be aware of the advice that British Orienteering is currently giving to orienteers in order to help avoid the spread of this disease.

All competitors take part at their own risk.