



BADO

SCOA League & level C event

Pamber Forest

Sunday, 17th November 2013

Final Details

(v1.0 - any late changes will be highlighted)

Venue: Silchester Common & Pamber Forest, managed by the regional Wildlife Trust, Silchester Parish Council and private landowners.

Car Park & Assembly area: ([SU625613](#)): Parking is in a well-drained field (as used for previous events), please take care upon entering/leaving in vehicles as turn is sharp from minor road between Silchester and Little London. Please keep your speed down when approaching and take care on exit! The entrance will be manned accordingly.

Nearest post code is **RG7 2PP**

£1 for car parking - proceeds to St Michael's Hospice at the request of the landowner.

Start/Finish: is about 1km walk south from the large field using a marked route; allow 10-15 minutes. All parking will be adjacent to registration and facilities.

Travel:

- From the North: Please navigate to centre of Silchester (SU627621 at Calleva Arms) via approach from Tadley/Aldermaston using A340 or via Mortimer if approaching from M4 Junction 11, then follow O signs south on Little London Rd.
Please be aware of the planned closure of A34 southbound between A4130 and M4.
- From the South: follow O signs at right-hand T-junction by Queen's College Arms (SU612584) in northbound direction on A340 from Basingstoke.

Facilities:

- Toilets (limited), water: within Assembly field.
- No Traders unfortunately today, please come prepared with own refreshments.
- Enquiries & Registration: at Assembly area, will be open from 0930 – 1200hrs.

Registration and EOD:

- Competitors with EMIT cards, who have pre-entered, can go straight to the start. Control Descriptions will be available at the punching start. **No Start times / Start blocks - just turn up and go!**
- There will some entries on the day (EOD) for all of the courses; please complete [this form](#) or one issued by marshals. EOD will be limited as the supply of maps dictate.
- EOD prices, subject to availability, are as follows;
BOF members, £10 for Seniors, £3 for Juniors;
Non-BOF members: £12 and £3 respectively.
EMIT hire: £1.50 for Seniors, free for Juniors.

EMIT Card Issue and Return:

- Competitors hiring EMIT cards should collect them from enquiries before going to the start.
- Hired EMIT cards will be collected at download.
- A charge of £40 will be made for lost cards.
- Please ensure you download promptly, even you unfortunately retire.

Start:

- The start is approximately 1km from assembly field, please respect the OOB areas. The route will be taped, there will ample opportunity to warm up on the way!
- Open from 1000hrs - 1200hrs
- There are no public roads to cross during the competition.
- There will be a clothing dump on this occasion; please come prepared with marked bags if weather is inclement.
- Loose control descriptions will only be available at the start, not at Enquiries, plus spare EMIT backup cards for pre-entrants.
- Competitors on the White and Yellow courses will be able to see their maps before they start.
- Finish is very close to the Start area and therefore close to the Clothing dump.

Course details:

Course	Length	Climb	Controls	Technical Difficulty
Brown	8.7 Km	100m	24	Hard
Blue	7.0 Km	90 m	21	Hard
Green	5.7 Km	65 m	15	Hard
Short Green	4.6 Km	65 m	13	Hard
Light Green	4.4 Km	55 m	15	Medium
Orange	3.7 Km	30 m	12	Fairly Easy
Yellow	2.6 Km	25 m	10	Easy
White	1.7 Km	15 m	8	Easy

There is one Finish.

Map and Planner's notes:

- Map recently resurveyed during Autumn to account for ongoing forestry management and ever changing vegetation changes.
- Map is printed on water resistant A4 paper, at a scale of 1:10,000 with contours at 5 metres. Courses and control descriptions will be overprinted.
- If it continues to be wet before the event some of the rides used on the White and Yellow courses will become rather muddy to say the least. Also due to the recent storm, there are a couple of fallen trees on the Junior courses which need to be negotiated, please be aware!

- The undulating competition area is dominated mainly by the varied ancient deciduous woodland within Pamber (which contains some fenced enclosures) with Silchester Common also used by the longer courses in the north, which has some gorse bushes to contend with. There is a good path network with some surprisingly pleasant pockets of runnable terrain as well as some small slopes to test our fitness. Some areas have little or no brambles or brashings, but where present these are significant and mapped for the sake of route choice. Bracken is dying rapidly so we don't expect it to affect runnability on the day. Finally there are some small areas of complex ground terrain to test navigation. Please be aware there are some pockets of recent felling and clearance, which we have tried to account for within the recent map updates, however some paths may be obscured for a short distance as a result.
- Courses close promptly at **1400hrs** please. This should hopefully enable control collection to complete before darkness closes in.

Results Display: Results will be displayed close to download, when practical. Full results, splits and RouteGadget should be available on the BADO website by mid-evening

String Course: We hope to provide a string course, but near the Start so a 15-minute walk from Assembly

Safety:

- Ticks may be present in the area – wear full length clothing and check after your run.
- Wild deer are present, but can be unpredictable. Do not approach them.
- There is significant public access to the area, dog-walkers in particular. Please respect the rights of others – be courteous at all times. Event notices have been posted.
- EMIT will be used to check competitors into and out of the forest. Please report to Download even if retiring. Competitors travelling alone are encouraged to leave a set of keys with enquiries.
- Competitors are advised to carry whistles.
- Competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Special Notices:

- British Orienteering rules regarding full body cover will apply.
- The organiser reserves the right to insist that cagoules are carried. Please come prepared in case of inclement weather.
- Dogs on a short lead are welcome in the Assembly and car park area and you can also take them on the courses into the competition areas.
- We advise all competitors to follow the advice re Ash Dieback biosecurity precautions and clean the mud from your shoes.
- Accidents: We have limited First Aiders available; please report any accidents to enquiries. The nearest accident and emergency units are at either Reading or North Hants (Basingstoke) hospitals.

Cancellation: 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 BADO website. If the event is cancelled, we reserve the right to keep a proportion of the entry fee to cover unavoidable costs.

Officials:

Planner: Bernie Fowler (BAOC/BADO)

Controller: Phil Cooper (WIM)

Organiser: [Gillian Mann](#) 01252 849601 (before 9.00pm please)