



# SOUTHAMPTON ORIENTEERING CLUB



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## Final Details for Level D Event at Ocknell 25/02/2012

**Travel:** From M27 Junction 1, follow brown tourist signs for Ocknell camp-site. Follow O signs from B3078 at GR SU251151. Traffic travelling eastward on the A31 may turn left at Stoney Cross (GR SU257117) following brown tourist signs to camp-site entrance (500m). There is no right turn here for traffic travelling westward on the A31. For Sat-Nav the nearest post code is SO43 7GN and the car park entrance is at 50:54:24 N, 1:38:31 W

**Car Park:** On hard-standing at Ocknell camp-site GR 250119.

**Times:** **Registration** - 11:00 – 13:30  
**Starts** - 11:00 – 14:00  
**Courses Close** - 15:00

We have extended the start block into the afternoon for those travelling to the nearby British Night Championships who wish to attend but please observe the course closure time as we want to get the controls in whilst it's still light!

If you intend to bring a large group then please contact the Organiser.

**Entry Fees:** Seniors £4.00 Juniors £1.00  
Fees include hire of Emit timing card if needed. If you have your own please bring it to help ease pressure on our stock.

**Facilities:** The toilets at the camp-site will be closed and we will not be providing any. Please go before you arrive.

**Courses:** Normal Colour coded courses – Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Green & Blue  
Two short technical courses aimed at those wanting a short warm up before the BNC, or those just wanting a shorter course! These two courses are more like middle distance courses with lots of controls and shorter leg lengths.

Courses	Length	Climb	Controls	Suitable For
Yellow	1.9 km	50m	9	Novices
Orange	3.4 km	75m	8	Older Novices and juniors with some experience
Light Green	3.8km	90m	13	Improvers
Green	5.0km	130m	13	Experienced orienteers
Blue	7.5km	150m	18	Experienced orienteers
Short Course 1	4.1km	110m	16	Experienced orienteers
Short Course 2	3.0km	75m	13	Experienced orienteers

**SAFETY NOTE:** Ocknell Inclosure is surrounded by open heathland that is very exposed to the elements. In the event poor weather conditions the carrying/wearing of gaiters may be compulsory – please come prepared.

**Start/Finish/** Registration, download, start & finish are all adjacent to the car parking and  
**Registration:** within 150m of each other.

**Map:** Revised 2010 for November Classic. A4 size, overprinted on waterproof paper. If we run out of waterproof maps we will use bagged overprinted maps on normal paper.  
Controls descriptions will be on the map and loose copies available at registration. Control descriptions will be written for Yellow and Orange courses, and symbolic for all other courses. The control descriptions obscure part of the legend on all courses apart from Yellow and Orange. Loose copies of the legend will be available at registration.

**Terrain:** Ocknell is a deciduous plantation offering mainly fast runnable forest merging to semi open with scattered trees and open heath land. There are a number of small valleys whose bottoms can become a little marshy in places. The courses have been planned to cross these at their narrowest part. The north and east edges of the area are dominated by the remains of a WWII airfield. This area provides very fast running between an intricate pattern of gorse thickets and is visited by the Green and Blue courses.

**Planners** Many of the paths are covered by fallen leaves that can make them less  
**Notes:** distinct than at other times of the year. At one junction on the Yellow course, happy and sad faces will be used to add confidence for novices.  
To accommodate the short technical courses whilst keeping the number of controls used down, I have relaxed the planning guidelines so you may find competitors approaching and leaving controls in many different directions.

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