

# Final Details - Guisecliffe - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Saturday update: The event is on and sunshine forecast. But there is still damp slippery snow high in the wood and on the moor.

Cagoules and whistles compulsory. Hat and gloves recommend. Carrying a mobile also recommended - organisers number is on the map.

Wrap up warm and go steady.

**WEATHER :** If extreme weather is forecast e.g. snow and icy conditions please check the Claro website before travelling. In the unlikely event of cancellation, details will be posted on the Claro website - [www.claro-orienteering.org.uk](http://www.claro-orienteering.org.uk) Information can also be obtained by phoning the organiser.

LOCATION Event Centre	Bewerley Park Centre
APPROXIMATE POSTCODE	HG3 5JB
OS GRID REFERENCE	SE162646
What Three Words	Soft.sandpaper.mimes

**DIRECTIONS:** The event centre will be at Bewerley Park Centre for Outdoor Education, near Pateley Bridge, South East of Bewerley Village. Access to Bewerley Park Centre is signed from the B6265, South West of Pateley Bridge at the foot of Greenhow Hill. The approach road is narrow, so please take care and make allowances for horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians, including orienteers on their way to and from start & finish. Please do not approach via Glasshouses Village which gets congested with parked cars and Glasshouses Bridge which is single car width only.

NOTE A59 road closed. If you are travelling from the west be aware the A59 is closed from east of Bolton Abbey to Blubberhouses. You will need to go via Ilkley or Grassington. The minor road to the north past Thruscross reservoir is also closed.

The minor road from Glasshouses to the event centre is liable to be flooded.



**PARKING:** Parking at Bewerley Park Centre is very restricted. Please share transport wherever possible. On arrival, please follow instructions from our parking team and keep speed below 10mph. Campervans & other vans please contact the organiser in advance. Parking is on hardstanding. Once the car park is full cars will be redirected to park in the overflow car park within Nidderdale Showground accessed from Pateley Bridge.

**Overflow Parking** is on the hard standing tracks within Nidderdale Showground, access is through the public car park. Speed limit 10mph. This car park will not be opened until the Bewerley Park Centre car park is full or from 11am whichever is earlier. There will be a signed /taped 1km pedestrian route across the showground to a pedestrian entrance to the rear of Bewerley Park Centre. The Main Gates to the showground will be

closed at 12:30. When you exit please close the gates behind you as there are sheep grazing within the showground.

**TOILETS:** There are toilets at Bewerley Park Centre. There are also public toilets en route to the event at the recreation ground opposite the Nidderdale Showground Car Park and also in Southlands Car Park on the town side of the River Nidd.

**TERRAIN:** Guisecliff Wood is on a North facing slope which rises to a line of crags. The area has many rock features and nearly impassable boulder fields at the foot of the crags. The vegetation is very varied with old oaks, sparse birch and holly plus some areas of evergreen. The moorland has scattered rock features and is mostly short heather. The abandoned quarry has intricate contour features and some deep vegetation and beware some rocky areas may have hidden holes.

There are some public footpaths through the wood that are good paths, but most paths are quite indistinct and may be rough underfoot. It is muddy and slippery in places, especially on the rocks, so please take care. Fallen trees may lie across some routes.

**ENTRIES:** Via [racesignup.co.uk](https://racesignup.co.uk) last entry 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Entry on the day (EOD) at Registration/Download is subject to map availability.

SportIdent (SI) punching will be used for all courses. SI Hire cards (dibbers) will be available.

#### FEES:

Type	Up to midnight 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Late entries from 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 & EOD
Senior	£9.00	£11.00
Senior Novice	£3.00	£5.00
Senior Novice	adult doing Orange or Yellow course	
Non BO Member Supplement	£2.00	£2.00
Senior Dibber Hire	£1.00	£1.00
Junior/Student	£3.00	£5.00
Junior Dibber Hire	50p	50p
Juniors	under 25 on 31 <sup>st</sup> December	
Full time students	qualify for Junior Fees	
Family Fee	£21.00	
Lost Hired Dibber	£30 charge	
Parking charge	£2.00 per car	

**MAP:** 1:7,500 scale with 5m contours for all courses, printed on waterproof paper with control descriptions on the map and separate descriptions also available in start lanes. Map updated 2024 by Quentin Harding. Also on the map are phone numbers of officials in case of emergency.

**COURSES:** The boxes will be SAIC enabled apart from Start and Finish which must be punched.

Course	Controls	Distance	Climb	Superleague Mens Class	Superleague Womens Class
Yellow	9	1.5 km	75m	M10	W10
Orange	11	1.6km	80m	M12	W12
Very Short Green	12	1.9km	80m	M80	W75, W80
Light Green	13	2.7km	100 m	M14	W14
Short Green	10	2.5km	90m	M75	W65, W70
Green	16	3.7 km	130 m	M16, M65, M70	W16, W18, W20, W45, W50, W55, W60
Blue	19	5.2 km	170 m	M18, M20, M45, M50, M55, M60	W21, W35, W40
Brown	22	6.4 km	200 m	M21, M35, M40	

**JUNIOR COURSES PLEASE NOTE:** There is no White Course as the area is not suitable. It is also strongly recommended that young children are shadowed on the Yellow course.

If a junior goes off-course they may find it difficult to recover in this complex wood so please consider following them. Both Orange and Yellow Courses have routes taped with red and white streamers. Yellow course has tapes between controls 6 and 7 on an indistinct path.

Orange course has tapes through an indistinct junction between controls 3 and 4 and tapes between controls 6 and 7 on an indistinct path.

#### TIMINGS:

Registration open: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Starts: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Courses close: 2:00 pm

**START & FINISH:** These are close to each other about 20 mins uphill walk from registration & download. Follow signs and tapes out of Main Entrance and turn right, there is short section (100 m) on the road (there will be cars, please keep to the right and parents please accompany children), then cross the road onto the public footpath up to Guisecliff Wood which is very muddy in places. There may be horses in the field you pass through. Return to Download at Bewerley Park Centre via same route in reverse.

**REGISTRATION & DOWNLOAD:** will be located at Bewerley Park Centre and will be signed. Keys and bags can be left here.

**DOGS:** Please do not bring dogs to this event. Dogs are not permitted on the courses, nor are they permitted at Bewerley Park Centre for Education or within Nidderdale Showground.

**CLOTHING DUMP:** located en route to the start and close to the finish - it will be unattended.

**SAFETY:** Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. **Whistles and full leg cover are compulsory.** The moor above Guisecliff can be exposed. Please dress appropriately for the time of year and specific weather on the day. **Waterproof jackets and hats may be made compulsory in the case of bad weather,** signs will be at registration , on entry to Bewerley Park Centre and beginning of public footpath to start. If travelling alone, please leave your car keys at registration. A Medical and Contact Details form can be downloaded /completed and brought to Registration in a sealed envelope labelled with your name and class if you wish to leave medical or emergency contact details.

**ALL COMPETITORS WHO START MUST REPORT TO DOWNLOAD EVEN IF THEY RETIRE.**

**SAFETY BEARING:** In the wood - Head North (downhill) but be careful if you may be South of the tarn. If you reach a good path going downhill then follow it or if you reach a solid wall at the bottom of the wood follow it West.

**On the moor** - Head East to the mast before picking up the path down into the woods.

**FIRST AID:** First aid kits at Start, Finish and Download

**RESULTS:** These will be posted on the Claro website [www.claro-orienteering.org.uk](http://www.claro-orienteering.org.uk).

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** In accordance with the British Orienteering Safeguarding Procedures, the organiser of this event requires that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should register their details with the organiser before carrying out any such photography. The organiser reserves the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the organiser's conditions. The club policy is [here](#).

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