

Final Details

Berkshire Orienteers Regional and SCOA League Event: Black Park Sunday 14th December 2025

Berkshire Orienteers would like to welcome you to our Regional Event at Black Park Country Park. This is a Level C Regional event and is also the first event of the 2025–2026 season of the SCOA League (SCOL1); see <https://www.scoa-orienteeing.org.uk/scoa-league> for further details about the SCOA League.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Postcode: SL3 6DT
W3W: filer.windy.give
GR: TQ005832

Remember to PAY FOR YOUR PARKING before starting your race.

Starts between 1030 and 1230 (call up -4)

Course closes 1430 – **report to DOWNLOAD even if you abandon your race**

Do not enter areas marked OUT OF BOUNDS – this is for a variety of reasons and could impact on any future events we want to hold on the area.

SCOA League 2024/5 prize giving to be held at 1330 by Registration

Location

Black Park Country Park, Black Park Road, Slough SL3 6DT

Grid Ref: TQ005832

What3words: <https://w3w.co/filer.windy.give>

The event will be signed from the A412 Uxbridge Road approximately 2 miles north of the junction with the A4.

Parking will be in the Black Park Country Park. I suggest you try to park in the overflow car park (to the left of the car park as you enter). The car park is 'pay and display' with machines, also 'Ringgo', 'Paybyphone' and several other phone apps.

Charges are:

0-2hrs £4.40

2-4hrs £5.25

4hr + £6.40

2hr early bird (before 9am) £3.25

There will not be a parking team as it is public parking.

Note - there is a height restriction barrier at the entrance so no high sided vehicles. If you plan to attend with a minibus, please contact the organiser well in advance with a mobile number so arrangements can be made with the park staff to let you in.

The car park shuts at 1700 and the gates are closed and locked at that time.

Assembly & Registration

The Assembly area will be just to the north of the overflow car park on grass beside the track. Download and Enquiries for SI card collection (for those hiring) will be found here. This is very close to the finish.

Pre entry for this event is through www.racesignup.co.uk

Pre-registered competitors with their own SIAC or SI dibbers can go straight to the start.

Any competitor who has hired a SIAC should collect it from Enquiries. A charge of £72 will be made for lost SIACs hired on the day.

There will be no EOD, however if you have changed dibbers, or need other changes this can be done at Registration. Registration/Enquiries will open at 1000 (probably a little earlier).

If the weather forecast is particularly cold/wet increasing the risk of hypothermia then we may require competitors to take a waterproof jacket on their course. This will be signposted on the route out of the car park towards the Start.

Start and Finish

Start times are between 1030 and 1230 and the courses close at 1430. Call up at -4 minutes.

The start is 700m from the café/toilets by the car park. The route to the start will be clearly marked with tape and signs. The start is close to the main café to the south of the lake. The route to the start will be marked from the south east corner of the car park and goes around the west end of the lake.

It will be a PUNCHING START and a PUNCHING FINISH with the rest of the controls SIAC enabled. Please ensure that you clear your SI dibber before

you run (clear, check and SIAC test will be in the start area). Normal SI dibbers will still work but need to be 'dibbed' as usual. The finish is close to assembly.

REMINDER – Please remember to report to download after you finish or if you retire and do not finish your course. This prevents us having to send out search parties.

Planner's comments

Black Park is a Buckinghamshire County Council run Country Park. The area is mainly wooded with a mixture of deciduous and conifer trees. There is a substantial major path network, and some woodland blocks have complex path systems. The area is mainly flat.

Due to sensitive wildlife habitat and other park users, we have a number of additional Out of Bounds areas to contend with. Please respect the mapped OOB areas (some are not fenced).

This park is popular for dog-walkers and people with young children in tow. Try to avoid passing closely, be polite and wait a bit if a crossing point is busy – this may well occur.

Map

The area was remapped in October 2023 by Andrew Chalmers and has had some updates for this event however it is a working forest with both forestry work taking place and filming taking place all the time that makes it a bit of a moving feast from a mapping perspective. All maps are 1:10,000 with 5m contours, maps for all courses are A4. The Brown Course is double-sided, all other courses are single sided.

Course	Distance	Climb	
Brown	10.0km	45m	Double sided
Blue	7.0km	45m	
Green	4.9km	20m	
Short Green	4.0km	10m	
Very Short Green	3.4km	10m	(not SCOA league)
Light Green	3.6km	15m	
Orange	3.2km	10m	
Yellow	2.4km	15m	
White	1.7km	10m	

Facilities

Black Park provides both toilets and two very nice cafes. There are toilets adjoining the small café near to the car park and besides the café to the south of the lake (close to the Start).

Face2Face medical services will be based in the overflow car park, close to Registration.

Results

For this event we will be using SI Timing, and we aim to have provisional results available on our website (bko.org.uk) during the event. A link to results will be printed on your splits printout as well as being available as a QR code in the download area.

We aim to have a complete set of Provisional results loaded to the BKO website and 'RouteGadget' by the end of the evening.

Prize Giving

We will be holding the prize giving for the SCOA League 2024/2025 at 1330 at Assembly. Are you a prize winner? Check the list of winners and come and collect your prize; if not, come to cheer the winners.

<https://www.scoa-orienteeing.org.uk/news/2025/11/27/scoa-league-2024-25-final-positions>

Medical Conditions

If you have a medical condition, please download and complete a medical form, seal it in an envelope with your details on the front and deposit it with Registration whilst you compete. This will only be passed to the First Aid team if required (and shredded after the event if not collected).

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/officials_handbook_safety_firstaid_medical_form_280514.doc

Berkshire Orienteers are grateful for permission to use the area from Buckinghamshire Council and for the support of the staff on the day of the event.

Officials

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