

2014 SPRING SERIES 3

Saturday 5th April 2014

Yarrow Valley Country Park, Chorley, Lancs Grid Ref SD570152, Post Code PR7 3QL.

Travel directions: Take A6 to Chorley, then at roundabout just south of the railway station in Chorley town centre, take B5251 towards Coppull (and follow brown signs for Yarrow Valley Country Park). After just over 2km, go straight ahead at a large roundabout, still on B5251, then take the second left, past Birkacre Garden Centre and on to the car park for the Country Park.

Parking:

Parking is in the Country Park car park and there is no parking charge.

Facilities:

Registration, a café and toilets are all located in the car park.

Terrain and Safety Notes:

Mixed 'country parkland' with many paths, some deciduous woodland areas and areas of open / semi-open rough grassland. There are a number of water features in the area and young children should be accompanied. There is also a deep channel running through the park which must only be crossed on the paths / bridges shown on the map. It has been overprinted with red x's to indicate that it should not be crossed.

The park may be very busy with other visitors, please be courteous and give them, and any dogs a wide berth.

The courses also cross/use tracks which may have vehicles accessing local properties, please ensure children particularly are aware of this hazard and are able to take appropriate care.

Entry fees:

£5 Seniors (or family group entering on one SI card), £2 Juniors.

E-card hire free for newcomers, £1 for experienced orienteers. Additional maps 50p.

Courses:

1. Orange course (2.5k) 15 controls
2. **Normal score event** for beginners - visit as many of the 24 controls as you can, in any order, in 60 minutes. Each control is worth 10 points, and points will be deducted at the rate of 5 per minute for every full minute late.
3. **Pick your own butterflies Score** - 60 minute score event for the experienced. **How it works:** All controls are worth 10 points but three controls (numbered 200, 300 and 400) may be visited as many times as you want (with 10 points for each visit) on condition that at least 2 other controls are visited before returning to the centre of the 'butterfly'. Sample demonstration course will be available at registration. Points will be deducted at the rate of 10 points per minute for every full minute late.

Note: SI-8 cards will only be able to hold 33 control visits so if you anticipate needing more, please ask to borrow a 'larger' card when you register.

Maps:

Pre-printed on waterproof paper scale 1:5,000 and 5m contours

Registration / Start / Finish:

Entry on the day only.

Electronic punching, SI cards may be borrowed if you don't have one, but if lost you will be charged to replace it.

Registration from 12:00 until 13:15

Starts 12:30 to 13:30.

Courses close at 14:30

Start is 250m from registration, past a children's play area.

Finish is 50m from car park – **Don't forget to download before you leave!**

Adverse Weather

In case of adverse weather check the SROC website for further news

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