

November Classic 2026

Sunday 1st November

FINAL DETAILS

Due to high entry levels we can no longer make any course changes

Welcome to the November Classic 2026. Please read these final details, they contain important information to help keep you safe.

Late Breaking News

Any late breaking news will be posted on racesignup.co.uk/november-classic and the [SOC Website](#)

Essential Information

Timings: Event Centre opens at 08.00; Enquiries and hired SI/SIAC dibber collection from 08.30; Starts 09.30 to 14.30; Courses close 14.30. No road crossing before 09.10.

Event Centre and Parking: NewPark, on A337, South of Lyndhurst

- Postcode:SO42 7QH
- Grid ref: SU300047
- what3words: [racetrack.stunning.level](#)
- Lat/Long: 50.840935,-1.5731535
- [Google Maps](#)

Please drive slowly, take care of pedestrians and follow the marshals' instructions.

First Aid/Paramedics Medical cover is provided at the Finish.

Weather and Clothing: The current weather forecast is for mist with a gentle breeze and sunny later. If we have extreme cold or wet weather conditions on the day, we may require all competitors to carry a lightweight waterproof hooded running jacket or similar waterproof clothing and a whistle, Please bring these with you just in case.

Getting to the Start: Please come to the event knowing your Course Number, Class and Start Time. These are shown in our table of entries below.

The route between the Event Centre and the competition area is mainly along gravel tracks with sections of woodland and open heath. There is a pedestrian crossing across a busy A road which will be controlled by lights and marshalled. Please listen to instructions as safety is paramount

Allow yourself plenty of time for the flat walk to the Start (600m, walk time approx 15 minutes).

There is a signed uncovered clothing dump at 400m, 100m from the Finish area. The Start area is a further 200m.

Between the clothing dump and the start, there is an open area beyond that can be used for warm up.

Course Details

Course	Classes	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Map
1	M21, Black	13.4	210	25	15k SRA4
2	M20, M35, M40, W21, Brown	11.3	180	21	15k SRA4
3	M18, M45, M50, W20, W35, Short Brown	9.6	120	18	15k SRA4
4	M16, M55, M60, W18, W40, W45, Blue	7.4	130	17	10k A3
5	M65, M70, W16, W50, W55, Short Blue	6.6	85	15	10k A3
6	M75, W60, W65, Green	5.2	85	15	10k A3
7	M80, W70, Short Green	4.1	85	12	10k A4
8	M85, M90, W75, W80, W85, W90, Very Short Green	3.6	60	11	10k A4
9	M14, W14, Light Green	3.7	80	11	10k A4
10	M12, W12, Orange	3.3	65	9	10k A4
11	M10, W10, Yellow	3.0	50	11	10k A4
12	White	1.8	35	9	10k A4

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Start and Finish

This event is a punching Start, but please stick to your assigned start time. If you miss your start time, please see the Start Team who will do their best to fit you in.

The Finish controls are SIAC enabled, but please punch the safety control after finishing. Note that if you do not have a SIAC dibber, you will need to punch both the Finish and the Safety control.

Please Note: There are no toilets at the start and finish area.

Map Details

The map has been completely resurveyed Autumn 2026 and drawn to ISOM2017-2 specification.

A full legend has been included on the map, and loose control descriptions will also be provided in the start lanes for all courses.

Safety Bearing is West to the A337 main road with the light-controlled crossing to New Park being adjacent to Hollands Wood campsite. Note that for Courses 1-3 when South of the railway line first use one of the crossing points back over the line before heading West on the Safety Bearing.

Out of Bounds areas have been marked with purple cross-hatched overprint and include the main North-South stream. Please observe all OOB areas and do not enter them as this may affect our ability to hold events in the area in future.

Area Details

The area is a mix of deciduous wood that is in the main part runnable, and conifers with variable runability. A good network of tracks and paths criss-cross the area.

Thick bracken in particular areas will make passage difficult – please see New Forest Mapping Notes below.

Do be sensitive to other users of the area, in particular horse riders and cyclists that may be on main forest tracks and rides.

Be aware; Ticks and Harvest Mites are present in the area so please take appropriate precautions.

New Forest Mapping Notes

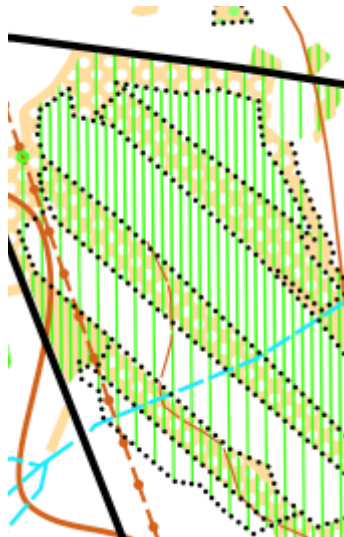
306.0 Minor / Seasonal Water Channels

Feeder tributaries, or “herringbone” ditches are not mapped for clarity and removal of unfair control sites. As shown below, the secondary ditches on the map on the left are omitted and are depicted as on the right.



409.1 Vegetation, Walk, Good Visibility

Areas with very dense undergrowth such as thick bracken have been denoted with the closer spaced undergrowth symbol as in the Northern two plantations shown below. Be aware that crossing these areas may be very difficult.



419.0 Prominent Vegetation Feature

Please note that tree stocks have not been mapped due to frequent changes in their number following stormy weather.

531.0 Prominent Man-made Feature

The black cross has been used to denote significant hides as shown below.



Timing System: SportIdent. Contactless punching for SIAC dibbers is enabled for all controls and the FINISH. All competitors must punch the START. There will be a SAFETY control after the finish. All competitors must punch (dib) at the safety control.

Download is at the Event Centre, 500m from the Finish. If you have a concern about your result, please raise it immediately with the download team. Please return hired cards to the download team after you have downloaded.

If you retire from the event you **MUST** report to Download so that we know you are back safely.

First Aid cover is at the finish

Other event and safety information is shown below. Please read it and enjoy your day in the New Forest.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Southampton Orienteering Club

Timings

Event Centre: 08.00.

Enquiries: 08.30

Start times will be within the range 09.30 – 12.30.

Courses close: 14.30

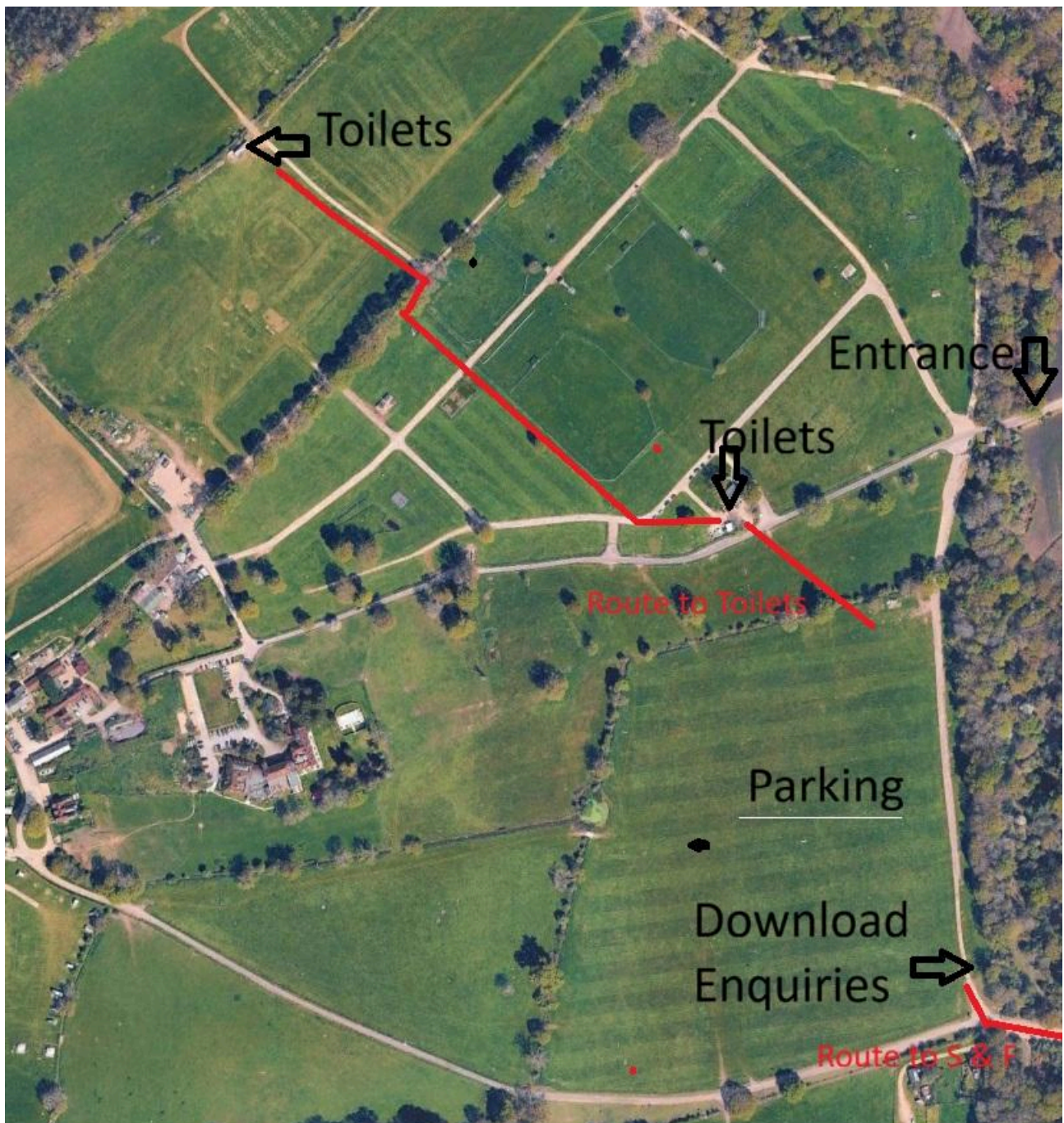
There is a 600m walk to the start and finish which crosses a main A road. This crossing will be controlled by temporary traffic lights which will be marshalled.

Facilities

Facilities at the Event Centre include

- Enquiries, Hire card issue, Key drop
- Download
- Toilets (See note below)
- Traders – Podium Catering, Naughty But Nice Catering and Compass Point

Because of a change in the location of the Assembly Area Toilets are a 100m signed walk away with an additional block some further 400m on.



Clothing and equipment

Full leg and torso cover and footwear suitable for the terrain must be worn. Trail shoes or sturdy walking boots are recommended. You are strongly recommended to carry a Whistle for use in case of emergency.

Some parts of the area are moderately exposed and it is possible that competitors will be required to wear a cagoule or similar waterproof top. Please make sure you have a waterproof top with you just in case.

Results

Provisional Results will be available online during the event. Scan the QR code on your splits printout or [TAP HERE](#).

First Aid

First Aid is provided by Dorset Medical Centre. The medics and vehicle will be located at the Finish. A First Aid kit will be available at the Event Centre if you need to self-administer first aid for scratches or minor sprains.

The Environment

Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. After your run please follow the guidance that helps us protect our precious environment: Check - Clean - Dry.

Please read and follow [The New Forest Code](#). Smoking is not allowed in the Event Centre, on the walk to and from the Start & Finish or in the competition area.

Risks

Orienteering is a physically challenging sport. Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Vehicles will be moving in and out of the parking area at all times during the event. Competitors are at risk of injury from moving vehicles.

Adders are spread throughout the New Forest. If a bite is received from an adder, medical advice needs to be sought promptly. It's worth noting that most bites to humans (around 100 per year for the whole of the UK) happen when the person is attempting to pick the adder up. Probably best not to try that!

Please be aware of the risk of ticks and Lyme disease. The area is frequented by ponies, deer and livestock and the usual precautions to avoid infection apply. Please avoid disturbing or frightening the livestock as best you can. Be aware of the risk of kicks and bites. The area is popular with cyclists, walkers, dog walkers and horse riders so please be respectful of the general public and their animals.

Please do not pick up litter or unidentified objects in the competition area.

Medical Conditions

If you have a high risk medical condition you want the organisers to be aware of please download and complete [this form](#) and place it in a sealed envelope with your name on it. This can be left at registration. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency. Unopened envelopes should be collected after the event. Any unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed after the event.

COVID-19

Before attending any sporting activity you should self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19. You should follow any NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation. Hand sanitisers will be provided at the toilets and enquiries.

Photography and Safeguarding

Photography is not allowed in the toilets or any "changing area" including the car park. Any concerns with photography or the behaviour of anyone toward any child or young adult must be reported to the event organiser or other official. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, play your part, report any concerns and follow good practice. For details see the [British Orienteering Safeguarding information](#).

The Start Procedure

Start Call-up will be 4 minutes before your start time. The Start is a flat 600m walk from the Event Centre via the clothing dump, so please leave in good time for your call-up.

Start times are allocated and you should make every effort to be on time. If you are late, report to a start official. You may have to wait for a start slot on your course.

Competitors on courses 12 and 13 (Yellow and White) will be issued their maps after passing through call-up. An adult may accompany them through the boxes to the start line.

Loose, waterproof control descriptions will be available at -3 mins. Blank maps will be available at -2 mins.

As you leave the start you must punch one of the START controls. Proceed to the labelled map boxes to pick up your map. Make sure you pick up the correct map for your course number.

Refunds

Competitors withdrawing their entry before the event may request a refund. Already incurred costs, such as the payment processing fee, will not be refunded.

Event Cancellation or Postponement

Cancellation is the 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 SOC website. If the event is cancelled SOC reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover cost already incurred.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed in the car park field and assembly area, but must be on a lead and under control at all times.

Dogs are not allowed on the courses.

Please be aware of the [New Forest Dog Walking Code](#)

Event Officials

Planners: Mask Light SOC and Paul Thwaites SOC

Controller: Charles Daniel BOK

Organisers: Nick Bosbury SOC and Claire Thwaites SOC

This event takes place with the kind permission of Forestry England

