

ORIENTEERING IN BEAUMONT PARK



A Permanent Orienteering Course has been developed in the park to give you the chance to try a non-competitive or leisure form of Orienteering using your map reading skills to navigate around a course of markers or 'controls'.

There are three courses in the park starting with a very simple course. The second one is a bit longer and the navigation a bit harder. The third takes in all the controls.

The Map

Study the map carefully and use the 'legend' to find out the meaning of the symbols. Note the road at the western side and the playground at the southern end of the map. These are large features which help you to 'orientate' your map, that is aligning it with the ground.

The parallel lines marked  show the direction of Magnetic North.

The scale of the map is 1:5000 which means one centimetre on the map represents 50m on the ground.

Red circles  with accompanying letters are marked on the map. These circles represent the controls and the letter is part of the code for that control. Each control has its own description.

The Red triangle  marks the start and finish of the courses and is attached to the office near the lodge gates.

The controls are blue plastic markers with a letter and number on each of them. The first control on all courses is A. When you find the marker you will see it has the code A and the number 5 – write the number 5 in the first square on your map and then go on to the second control. Your challenge is to visit the controls of your chosen course in the correct order, writing down the code numbers in the corresponding squares on your map. When you have finished a course, check you have been to the correct controls by adding up the code numbers and comparing your answer with the total on your map.

We hope you have enjoyed your taste of orienteering – it is as leisurely or as strenuous as you want to make it. If you would like to try more orienteering visit the East Pennine Orienteering Club website www.eastpennineoc.org.uk

Maps for this permanent orienteering course are available from the visitor centre (01484 645217) or can be downloaded from the EPOC Website (permanent courses).

Please note that the 'controls' to the North of the visitor centre N, P, T, Q, R, S involve paths that can be very slippery.

In October 1883, Beaumont Park was opened by the Duke and Duchess of Albany. It was the town's first park to be opened and covered 29 acres of woodland featuring lots of paths and woodland walks, swings and play areas. In recent years Kirklees Council staff and Friends of Beaumont Park have worked together to rejuvenate this beautiful park.