

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 3 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 longer still involving many of the different levels in the park.

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 that help you to 'orientate' the map.

The parallel lines marked  show the direction of magnetic north.

The scale of the map is 1:4000 which means one centimetre on the map represents 40m on the ground.

Purple 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 inside the Red circle  marks the Start and Finish of the courses and is attached to the western gatepost of the lodge gates.

The controls are orange/white markers with a letter and a number on them . When you find the control marker, write the number in the first square on your Course Control Card 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 Card. When you have finished a course, check that you have been to the correct controls by adding up the control 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 can be downloaded from the EPOC website under 'Permanent Courses' or the Friends of Beaumont Park website.

If you find any missing or damaged controls when you are doing your course, please could you inform East Pennine Orienteering Club so that remedial action can be taken to renew or repair the controls. The club can be contacted via email: eastpennineorienteeringclub@gmail.com

Please note that Beaumont Park is laid out on a steep hillside and the steps and sloping paths can be slippery when wet.

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.