




# Nostell Priory



## Permanent Orienteering Course






### Instructions

A permanent orienteering course has been developed in the grounds 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 suggested courses, Short, Medium and Long, the lengths indicated on the map being 'as the crow flies', and are often much longer than shown as you have to navigate around obstacles to reach the control site. You may have to look around for the marker post as some have been 'cow proofed' behind fences.

### The Map

Study the map carefully and use the 'legend' to identify the features. Note the position of the large features such as the House and the lake and use these to 'orientate' the map. If you have a compass, the vertical light blue lines indicate 'Magnetic North'. The scale of the map is 1:10000 which means that 1 centimetre on the map represents 100 metres on the ground.

Purple circles  with accompanying letters mark the position of the controls and each control has its own description, eg. Control S is a boulder, and the marker post will be adjacent. Each green and white marker  at the control site will have a letter and a number. Record each number on your chosen course and add them together to give the correct total. The Start  and Finish  symbols are combined  and can be found at the entrance to the courtyard.

Choose your course and check the total at the Finish, or navigate to all the controls in any order.

We hope that you enjoy your taste of orienteering and, if you would like to learn more, visit our website at [www.eastpennineoc.org.uk](http://www.eastpennineoc.org.uk) where you can download a free map of any of our Permanent Courses. Look for 'Orienteering at Anytime'. Orienteering is a fun sport and most organised events cater for all ages and abilities.

## Nostell Priory

The name Nostell priory refers to the Augustinian priory founded on the site in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century, dedicated to St. Oswald, an Anglo-Saxon king of Northumbria. The priory was surrendered to King Henry the Eighth in 1540 after the 'Dissolution of the Monasteries'. The land, approximately 360 acres, and buildings

were acquired by Dr Thomas Leigh, who built Nostell Hall on the site of the old priory. The Hall and lands then passed to Sir Thomas Gargrave who continued development of these until his death in 1579. His family then continued the work until 1613. After two more owners the estate was sold to the Wynne (later spelt Winn) family who would live there for more than 300 years. In 1727 the young 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet, Sir Rowland Winn, who had inherited the estate on the death of his father, returned from his travels around Europe on the 'Grand Tour' and made the decision to build a large, prestigious mansion on the estate to the North of the existing Hall. In around 1733 building work began on the central block and two wings (one since demolished) and was completed in 1750.

The estate remained in the ownership of the Winn family until 1954 when the house and central gardens were donated to the National Trust. The management and ownership of the contents remained with the Winns until 1997, when these too were donated. The stable buildings, pleasure grounds and parkland were acquired by the NT in 2002.