

# Thames Valley Orienteering Club

## Saturday Series event details

**Venue:** Bradenham, approx. 5 miles NW of High Wycombe

**Date:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

**Parking/directions:** Parking is off-road on a rough grass field along a track near Bradenham village, off the A4010 from High Wycombe towards Princes Risborough.

Car park will be signed from the following point:

- Off the A4010, about 2 miles north of West Wycombe, and approximately 500m NW beyond the turning into Bradenham village (and the Red Lion pub)
- Ordnance Survey Grid Reference: SU822974
- <http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=482190&Y=197370&A=Y&Z=110>
- <https://map.what3words.com/tutorial.thighs.owls>
- Nearest Postcode (Bradenham village): HP14 4HF

The track to the car park is off the A4010, NW of Bradenham. Do NOT turn off the A4010 into Bradenham village

### Handy Cross Roundabout Closure:

**NOTE:** It is expected that the **entire** Handy Cross Interchange system (including all the exits and slip roads between the M40 (J4) and the A404 Marlow bypass and roads to High Wycombe) will be closed for the whole weekend.

You will **not** be able to use the Handy Cross roundabout, in any direction. Please also expect the A40 from Stokenchurch (J5) and from Loudwater (J3) to be very busy. Expect long delays.

Alternative routes from the south will include using travelling via Marlow, towards Lane End, turning right towards Booker, to take you to the A40 and then the A4010.

See: <https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/News/2018-February/Weekend-closures-of-M40-junction-4-Handy-Cross-roundabout.aspx> for more details.

**Registration:** 10:00 to 11:30  
**Starts:** 10:30 to 12:00 *Start whenever you want to.*  
**Courses close:** 13:00 *Everyone to finish by this time and report back to download.*

**Terrain:** Typical Chiltern woodlands, generally runnable, with some paths. Some steep gradients.

**Entry:** We recommend you pre-enter. This reserves you a map, and avoids you having to fill in a paper entry form. Just go to: <https://test.maptypes.org/> and fill in your details. Then pay when you arrive. Full details at <http://www.tvoc.org.uk/application/views/events/Instructions.pdf>

Alternatively, enter on the day. Complete a paper entry form – you can download it from <http://www.tvoc.org.uk/application/documents/downloads/TVOC%20Sat%20Entry%20Form.doc>

**£6 adults/family groups (£4 for TVOC or British Orienteering members); £2 juniors (under 21) and students.**

Includes a detailed **waterproof map** (extra maps £1 each), hire of an electronic **timing chip** ("Emit") is included, but please do bring your own if you have one.

**Free second runs** (please return your first map so we can reuse it)

Please do bring a **waterproof**, and a **compass** is recommended (available to buy or loan)

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**Officials:** Organiser: **John Dalton** Planner: **Scott Collier**

**More info:** Visit our website at [www.tvoc.org.uk](http://www.tvoc.org.uk)  
Say you're going on the Facebook event page via [www.facebook.com/tvocclub](https://www.facebook.com/tvocclub)  
Or contact the organiser via [secretary@tvoc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tvoc.org.uk)

### British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS) Orienteering Championships

In parallel with TVOC's Saturday Series event, the BUCS Orienteering Individual Championships are also being held at Bradenham on this day, organised by Oxford University Orienteering Club. Come and compete alongside the elite of the UK's student orienteers.

### Course Details (to be confirmed):

Course	Length	Climb	# controls	Description + navigational difficulty (TD): 1 (easiest) to 5 (hardest)	Ideal for:
White	1.3km	30m	10	<b>TD1.</b> The easiest course. All controls on paths or other obvious handrail features. Controls at each turning point.	Junior newcomers.
Yellow	2.1km	50m	11	<b>TD2.</b> Slightly less easy and a little longer - all controls on or near paths, more distance between controls with some navigational decisions.	Newcomers, families.
Orange	2.5km	75m	12	<b>TD3.</b> Longer, with more route choices. Medium navigational difficulty. Controls near paths or other line features (paths, walls, streams). Basic use of the compass and route choice.	Confident adult newcomers, families, experienced juniors.
Light Green	3.1km	95m	12	<b>TD4.</b> Navigation skills needed to find some of the controls, with more route choices too. For those moving up from Orange.	Improvers and upwards
Green	4.3km	165m	19	<b>TD5.</b> As tough a navigational challenge as the area allows. Expect a 25 min winning time for fast experienced orienteers	Experienced

### The Small Print:

- *Even if you do not finish your course, you MUST report back to download so we don't send out a search party to look for you.*
- *Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.*
- *Our public liability insurance covers non-members for three events only.*
- *Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of inclement weather.*

### New to orienteering?

An orienteering race doesn't follow a set route. Instead you have to visit a series of checkpoints (called "controls") and register each one with an electronic timing chip.

The controls are marked by flags on the ground and may be along paths, earth banks, streams or anywhere in the woods/parkland. The challenge is to race between each one, choosing your own route between the checkpoints, using a very detailed orienteering map of the woods (which you get to keep too).

Most newcomers start with a White, Yellow or Orange course. White is good for those with very young children; Yellow is good for newcomers and families, and Orange is ideal for runners or those looking for more of a navigational challenge.

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