



The Harvester Relays – Tilgate Forest

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018

Location

Tilgate Park, Tilgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 5PH / TQ270344

Directions

The campsite and event centre will be open from 18:00 on the Saturday. From the M23/A23, take the Pease Pottage exit and head towards Crawley, following brown tourist signs to Tilgate Park / K2. After turning off the A23 into the K2 leisure centre immediately turn right by the Tilgate Park sign. **Note that extensive roadworks are taking place on the M23 and the southbound motorway may be closed between 10pm and 5am.**

If coming by public transport the nearest station is Crawley (3km away) from which the number 2 bus will get you closer. From Three Bridges station (4km) the number 20 goes close.

Parking, camping & event centre

After about 300m you will reach the lodges and a small car park (P1 on the map below). You may use this car park to unload camping stuff but do not leave your car here overnight. The main car park is P3, parking is free after 6.00pm but please display the permit found at the end of these details since overnight parking is not normally allowed. Charges will apply from 09:00 on the Sunday. Car parks have a height restriction barrier at 2.1 m. There are 5 campervan parking spaces in P3 where coaches normally park. Overnight camping will be south of the event centre within a section of forest. The area will be taped to delineate the area for camping. Please leave no rubbish - take it all home. The event centre will be in the large hut (the only one with windows).



Registration

Registration will be open between 19:00 and 22:30 for club captains to register any team changes and to confirm in which class (es) their teams will be competitive. This is also where bibs and hired SI-cards can be collected. Please bring your own pins. Please declare your teams online at Fabian4 beforehand (deadline midnight June 21st).

Facilities

The event centre building has toilets, showers and a small kitchen where an honesty tea and coffee facility will operate from 19:00 until 06:00. From 06:00 a breakfast bap service will commence at a small charge.

Muddy / spiked shoes are not to be worn in the main building. One set of toilets can be accessed from outside and we will put a protective covering down for competitors waiting to run, to use. You are welcome to use the showers but no towels will be provided. There is space for club tents alongside the run in.

On the Saturday evening there are various opportunities for refreshments/food within walking distance (0.5-1.5km) of the event centre (see map above). Please note that the camping area will be covered in dry leaves and as a result no open fires / stoves should be used there. There are open/hardstanding areas around the event centre which should be used instead.

Race details

There are two races, an A race for 7 runners that starts at midnight and a B race for 5 runners that starts at 01:30. Call up will be 15 minutes before these start times. Within each race are a number of separate competitions as described below.

A race:

- 1) Men's premier – awarded to the winner of the race.
- 2) Handicap – awarded to the best team with a handicap of 49 points or less (see below).
- 3) Small club – awarded to the best team that hasn't been in the top 3 in the last 5 years. For 2018 this is all teams except FVO, EUOC, NOC, BOK, SYO, SLOW and DEE.

B-race:

- 1) Women's premier – awarded to the top women's team.
- 2) Junior – awarded to the top team consisting entirely of juniors (M/W 20 or less).
- 3) Women's handicap – awarded to the top women's team with a handicap of 26 points or less.
- 4) Handicap – the top team with a handicap of 26 points or less.

To be eligible to win a trophy all members of a team must be a member of the same club. Teams are only eligible to win one trophy, they are awarded in the order shown above.

Handicap table:

Age Class	10	12	14	16	18	20	21	35	40	45	50	55	60	65+
Men	1	2	4	6	8	9	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Women	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Course details

A-race (starts at 12:00):

	Lap1	Lap2	Lap3	Lap4	Lap5	Lap6	Lap7 [#]
Distance	7.7km	4.5km	9.2km	7.7km	9.2km	4.5km	10.9km
Climb	120m	65m	130m	120m	130m	65m	160m
Controls	24-25	14-15	26-29	24-25	26-29	14-15	31-32

[#]Lap 7 contains two (large) butterfly loops

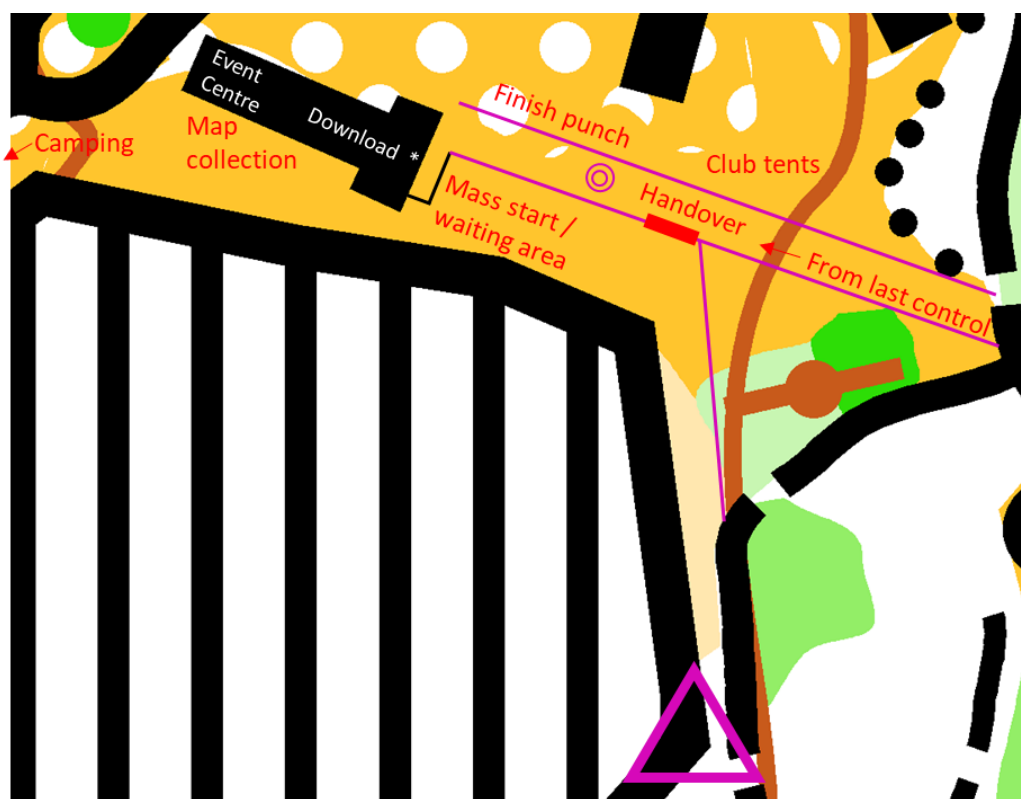
B-race (starts at 01:30):

	Lap1	Lap2	Lap3*	Lap4	Lap5
Distance	4.5km	7.7km	3.9km*	4.5km	7.7km
Climb	65m	120m	50	65m	120m
Controls	14-15	24-25	12	14-15	24-25

*Lap3 is an ungaffed TD3 (orange) standard lap.

All laps other than the lap3 of the B-race are gaffed.

Start, finish and handover layout



Map and terrain

1:10000 with 5m contours completely resurveyed and drawn from scratch by Neil Crickmore for this event. Drawn to ISOM2017 specification. The map will be printed on waterproof paper with control descriptions on the front of the map (no loose descriptions). Both control numbers and codes will be printed on the map. Thus control 1 will be printed as 1-99 for example.

- Out of bounds
- Danger - zip wire
- Sand bunker
- Large electricity pylon
- Branch hide
- Statue
- Platform

No legend will be printed on the map other than the special symbols shown here.

As is normal for southern forests in the summer months there are significant areas of bracken. These have been mapped with the undergrowth slow running symbol (green vertical lines). No controls are hidden in the bracken and generally it is possible to run through these areas.

The park area contains a lot of small fences next to paths. For clarity these have been left off the map since they are easily crossed and don't aid navigation.

Some smaller streams can be crossed at wooden footbridges. Some of these are in a poor state (eg with slats missing) so please take care when using these.

Most courses will enter a bit of forest containing a Go Ape activity centre including some zip wires. These are marked on the map and should be treated with caution. The Go Ape course doesn't open until 10am.

The 9.2km courses and to a lesser extent the 7.7km ones will cross Tilgate Golf course. You are free to run on the tees and fairways but please avoid the greens (marked OOB as above). If you do run through a bunker please rake away your footprints afterwards! In theory there could be golfers on the course from 6am, they are used to

members of the public freely walking across the course but please be considerate to any players you might encounter.

All courses over 5km cross the M23 at one or both of two footbridges. There are controls at both bridges but please remember to punch at these (on some courses multiple times).

On the Sunday there is a charity Pretty Muddy run taking place in the park. They will have erected some obstacles (climbing walls, swing balls etc) on or close to paths. These have not been mapped but are not close to any controls.

Map issue

SI cards will be checked before maps are issued. Maps will be rolled and sealed with a label containing your team and lap number. It is the runner's responsibility to ensure that they have been given the right map. Maps must not be opened until after the mass start or handover.

Mini mass start and course closing time

There will be a single mini mass start for all runners yet to start. This will take place no earlier than 07:30 and will involve a punching start. Final course closing time will be 10:00

Electronic punching / finish

The event will be enabled for contactless punching so SIACs can be used in their intended mode, although other cards can be used via traditional dibbing. The finish punch will be after the handover and finish lines and should be dibbed rather than swiped. In the case of a sprint finish on the final lap the first team to cross the finish line will be the winner (not necessarily the first to punch the finish box). The final lap on the A race has 31 controls and so anyone with a series 8 dibber (2xxxxxx) should try and swap this for one with more memory. We can provide one if required. We hope to have radio controls on the M23 bridge crossings. Maps will be collected and released to clubs after the mini-mass start.

Results and prizegiving

Results will be projected onto the wall of the hut and can be seen both by people in the hut and those in the waiting area. A separate screen display may also be available in the hut.

Prizegiving will be held once enough teams have finished in the various classes to make it worthwhile. We hope that this will be around 08:30. A verbal warning will be given in the camping area shortly before prizegiving. Trophies will be awarded for the 7 classes mentioned above. With podium prizes also for the two premier classes.

If your team has been successful in winning a trophy but you are unable to stay for prize giving, please inform the organisers to make sure the trophy is collected on your behalf. Clubs with trophies from last year that have not yet been returned (FVO, SYO x 2, EUOC, WCOG x 2, and CLOK) should return them to registration at the event.

Safety

A first aider will be on duty throughout the night and located in the main hall.

If you have a pre-existing medical condition, which you feel could be relevant to help our first aiders, please notify the organiser in confidence before the race by emailing si@southdowns-orienteers.org.uk

Whistles are compulsory, and a spare torch is compulsory until 03:40 when twilight begins. In the extremely unlikely event of bad weather, waterproof jackets may be made compulsory to carry. Full leg and torso cover is required (bare arms are ok). These items will be checked at map issue.

Car keys can be left at registration/download after registration has opened at 19:00.

Members of the public may use the public footpaths running through the area, please be courteous to them.

There is a 24-hour Urgent Treatment Centre approximately 10 minutes north of the car park (Crawley Hospital RH11 7DH, Tel 01293 600300). A map will be available at download.

Alternatively the nearest A&E hospitals are approximately 30 minutes away from the car park. A map will be

available at download.

North of the event: East Surrey Hospital. Tel: 01737 768 511

Address: Canada Avenue, Redhill, RH1 5RH

South of the event: Princess Royal Hospital, Tel: 01444 441881

Address: Lewes Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4EX

Dogs

Dogs are permitted provided that they are kept on a lead in the arena around the building and under close control in the wider parking/camping areas.

Complaints & Protests

If you have reason to complain about the event then please talk in the first instance with the organiser, who will raise the issue with other officials as appropriate. If you are not satisfied with their response, then an official protest should be made in writing and a jury will be convened as soon as possible.

Officials

Organiser – Ralph Phillips (si@southdowns-orienteers.org.uk)

Planner – Neil Crickmore

Controller – Gordon Parker SLOW.

Thanks to

We are most grateful to Forestry Commission for permission to use Tigate Forest making this event possible. In addition thanks to Crawley Borough Council for use of Tilgate Park and Girlguiding Crawley for use of Bluewoods Adventure Lodge.

The small print

Please check website for last minute changes. In the event of cancellation some or all of your entry fee may be retained. Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. You take part entirely at your own risk. SO accepts no responsibility for any injury or loss. Your personal data will be used by the event organisers for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of your entry for the event indicates your acceptance of this procedure.



Harvester Relays Overnight Parking Permit

Valid 18:00 Sat 23rd June – 09:00 Sun 24th June 2018