

Event Details V4 (Updated 26 October 2023)

Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Donisthorpe East Midlands League Middle-Distance Event

Sunday 29th October 2023

NB British Summer Time ends and the clocks go back 1 hour on the 29th October

Car Parking: Conkers Waterside Centre, Bath Yard, Swadlincote DE12 6BA

Parking is Free

Please follow the brown tourist signs to Conkers Waterside Centre.

Event at Moira Furnace Museum and Country Park (Please do not attempt to park here as it will be very busy)

Moira Furnace Trust are holding their annual Halloween Spooktacular on the same day as our event. Therefore, the area around the museum is likely to be very busy, please take care when crossing the event area (courses have been planned to avoid the main activity area). The Trust welcomes anyone participating in the orienteering to join the activities after their run. If anyone fancies pumpkin bowling or dressing up you are more than welcome to make a day of it. Food and drink will be available to purchase. See link for details: [Halloween Spooktacular!](#)

Entries

Via [The Start Kite](#). To guarantee a map please enter before midnight on the 22nd October. Entries will remain open after closing but will be subject to map availability. The student/unwaged discount code is **R826**

Start and Finish

Start Times: 10.30 am-12.30 am

Courses Close: 2.00 pm

All courses start and finish in Moira Furnace Country Park. There is a flat 15-20 minute (1.3km to Start 1km from Finish) taped walk along the Ashby Canal to the event area. The route to the start/finish crosses Shortheath Road, the crossing point will be marshalled. Younger juniors **MUST** be accompanied to the start and from the finish.

Download

Download is at Conkers Waterside Centre, please follow signs to download. There will be a separate signed entrance to the building for this. Please remove any muddy shoes before entering.

Courses (draft) - This is a Middle-distance event

Course	Distance	Controls	Climb	Map Scale	
White	1.1km	10	5m	1:5000	
Yellow	1.6km	11	10m	1:5000	
Orange	2.2km	12	15m	1:5000	
Light Green	2.7km	16	45m	1:7500	
Short Green	3.0km	14	50m	1:7500	
Green	4.5km	20	75m	1:7500	Double Sided
Blue	5.5km	26	85m	1:7500	Double Sided
Brown	6.2km	26	90m	1:7500	Double Sided



White and yellow courses will encounter a couple of smiley or sad faces and include a 120m taped route

SIAC: contactless punching will be enabled. The start and finish should be physically punched by all competitors.

MapSymbols: in some areas of the map, large hay bales have been mapped as knolls.

'X' special symbol is man-made structure – solid/permanent hide or bench and the 'O' symbol is a ruined hide.

The area contains many very small tracks that are not mapped.

Terrain

The area is made of two distinct parts.

Donisthorpe Woodland Park is part of the National Forest and was created in 1996 by Leicestershire County Council on the former site of Donisthorpe Colliery, which was opened in 1857. The colliery lagoons have been capped with clay and planted with new woodland. Grey alder acts as a 'nurse' species to the 20ha of newly planted woodland of Corsican pine, larch, oak, ash and cherry by creating shelter. A coppice hazel wood will provide bean and pea sticks for local gardeners.

The Hooborough Brook flows through the site with mature willow woodland on its banks and the line of the Ashby Canal runs along the edge of the park from which a network of established rolled stone paths lead across the site.

Moira Furnace Museum and Country Park, set in the heart of the National Forest. The country park consist of a well-maintained network of paths, playing fields, lime kilns, museums and ancient woodlands, the Ashby Canal runs along the edge of the park.

Toilets

Toilets are available at Conkers Waterside Centre (please remove any muddy shoes before entering) and also available enroute to the start at Moira Furnace.

Café

Conkers Waterside Centre Café will be open for refreshments, as will the café and event stalls at Moira Furnace.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome but need to be kept under close control and on leads if they are in the competition area. Please pick up any poo.

Safety

The Ashby Canal runs along the edge of the parks, competition area and route to/from the car park, the canal is in use and the **water is deep**. Please take care while running along the tow path. Shorter courses have been planned to avoid using the tow path as a route choice.

The parks are very popular by the general public. There is a Halloween event taking place at Moira Furnace at the time of the event. The courses have been planned to avoid the main activity areas, but the wider area around the Museum is still likely to be very busy.

There are a small number of access roads on the area, it is unlikely that much traffic will be encountered but please take care if using these roads.

Ruined fences are scattered across the area, some of these are lying flat, so please take care in these areas.

While courses have been planned to avoid the worst of the brambles, wearing **full leg and torso cover is compulsory** and full arm cover is also advised. Competitors not wearing full leg /torso cover will not be allowed to start. It is likely to be very wet and slippery. So competitors should wear appropriate footwear for these conditions. **Whistles** should be carried.

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