



# SUFFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB

## Christchurch Park, Ipswich

20th October 2019

Join us for an informal score event in Christchurch Park. Beginners & families are welcome to have a go at this event in the relatively safe environment of the park. It will be a two-part score course which can be quite straightforward - or you can opt to try to gain extra points part-way through if you're feeling confident!!

[Christchurch Park](#) is one of Ipswich's historic parks & is probably the best of the town's urban parks for orienteering. It is well contoured, with a variety of open parkland, ponds, wooded areas & an arboretum with a complex path network.

**Entry** is on-the-day, with start times from 10:30 to 11:30.

Courses close at 12:30.

Electronic timing (SIAC enabled) will be used - SI cards may be borrowed.

### Entry Fees:

Seniors: £4.00      Juniors (under 21) £1.00

Groups - same as senior rate (extra maps £1)

Standard SI Card: free loan, but there will be a replacement cost of approximately £40 if not returned

**The Course** can be best described as a "pick & mix" - there will be 2 maps, each with 10 controls shown - even-numbered checkpoints on one map, odd-numbered on the other. You'll start with one of the two maps, find your controls (in any order), go back to base to swap maps, then find as many as you can on the second one.

Each control will be worth 10 points, & you'll have a time limit of 45 mins. You'll need to keep a close eye on the time, as each minute over your time limit will mean a penalty of 20 points - oops!! You'll also only score for controls which are on the map you're working from at the time - if you happen to stumble across a different control you won't lose anything but it won't give you points, either.

If things are going well you might like to try to score extra points. How? There'll be 6 extra controls out in the park but which aren't on either map. Their whereabouts won't be a closely guarded secret, but you'll only find the directions for them (a map extract) when you visit another of the main controls in the vicinity. Whereas you can visit other controls in any order, these special ones will only count if you record them in between two particular controls - the sequence of 3 numbers will be explained at registration. It'll be a bit of a gamble - you'll still have only 45 mins to complete your course, even with the extra distance - but some of you will relish the challenge!

**Directions:** Registration will be at the bandstand in the Arboretum. Please use the Arboretum entrance to Christchurch Park on Henley Road (opposite the main entrance to Ipswich School and just north of the Ivory Street junction) & follow the marked route south to the bandstand. Parking is permitted on Henley Road itself on Sundays, but the nearby side roads are preferable as they are quieter.

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OS Grid  
Ref: TM 161  
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For those unfamiliar with Ipswich the simplest route is to follow the A1214 northern ring road to the Henley Road traffic lights and then take Henley Road south towards the town centre. The Park is then on your left as you travel down Henley Road.

**Facilities:** Toilets are to be found close to the Henley Road entrance & there are several locations for refreshments within the park & in the town centre.

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