

Southern Orienteering Weekend 2018

Event Programme

Welcome

We're very pleased to welcome you to Southern Orienteering Weekend 2018! We are very grateful that Nelson Orienteering Club have gifted use of their maps to use for the weekend, so you can all look forward to a weekend of great orienteering at the top of the South Island.

Thank-you to all our volunteers!

Thanks to the enthusiastic group of volunteers who responded to our plea for some additional helpers on the day; David & Paula McDiarmid, Rolf Wagner, Maggi Salmon, Nathan Fa'ave, Dene Gavin, Chris Rowe, Sue Cooke, Nick Hann, Richard Geatrix, the Moore family, the Bixley family and the Smith family. Also to the Southerly Storm orienteering team who are helping out with registration and control collection. And of course our Tuncliffe planner and controller duo Georgia Whitla and Brent Edwards.

Health and Safety Statement

By entering the Southern Orienteering Weekend you acknowledge that the organisers have taken all practicable steps to identify and mitigate the hazards at the events. You have read and understood these Health and Safety guidelines and acknowledge that Orienteering may incur some risks to participants.

Hazards

In addition of the usual hazards of orienteering events, tree roots, cliffs, unstable fences, other members of the public etc. please be aware of the following hazards at these events:

Wasps (all events): Wasps mainly congregate in Beech forested areas rather than Kanuka/Manuka areas we are using, and we saw very few on planning visits. However this is peak wasp season in the Nelson area, so please be vigilant. If you have a known allergy you **must run with an epipen and whistle**.

Tunnickliffe

- **Horses:** The forest is open to the public and is very popular with horse riders. Please take care not to startle any horses and approach with caution, particularly from the rear.

Teetotal

- **Logging trucks:** The Teetotal road that you will drive in on is currently being used as a main logging road with several trucks coming through every hour. Be extremely cautious when running on/crossing the road, particularly if you are popping out of the bushes.

West Bay

- **Mt Robert Road:** The Mt Robert Road running through the event centre is quite busy so take care to stay off the road. All runners will cross the road during their course, so once again take care and take the time to stop and look both ways.

Safety Bearings:

- Tunnickliffe: West to edge of forest.
- Teetotal: South to edge of main road, then follow road back.
- Waikaia Middle: East to Mt Robert Road.

Start process

A three-minute call-up process will operate. You will be called into the first box three minutes before your actual start time. Please be at the start 5-10mins before your start time.

- 1st Box: Call-up and Clear and Check
- 2nd Box: Control Descriptions
- 3rd Box: Maps

Teetotal and West Bay the start is right by the events centre. For Tunnicliffe (day 1) the start is 1km away and 100m climb from the event centre. If for any reason you miss your start see the person at the start or go to the registration tent.

Friday 26th January: Tunnicliffe Forest Middle Distance

Middle Distance event at Tunnicliffe forest, a new map recently made by Michael Croxford. The terrain is a pine forest with some native. Note there is a 1km walk to the start with 100m of climb from the events centre.

Planner: Georgia Whitla

Controller: Brent Edwards

Start window: Midday-2pm (see start times published separately). Start interval 2min.

Course closure: 3:30pm

Directions: Drive 7mins South from Wakefield (south of Nelson) on State Highway 6. The event centre is at the Wai-iti domain (signposted), please be careful turning off SH6 as there are no turning bays. Park in the domain. Google maps <https://goo.gl/maps/qCSVNyi4uN22>

We advise full body cover, there is lots of blackberry. A wasp nest was located during planning and marked on the map as out of bounds in the general area where they were noted (aka the controller was attacked), we make no promises that there are not others.

Map Notes

- Map scale: 1:7,500
- Contour interval: 5m
- Mapper: Michael Croxford (Nov-Dec 2017)

Terrain: Moderate to steep gully spur pine forest with a central patch of native forest. Both forest types have variable runnability from fast open through to full on fight. The southern margin of the pine forest has been subjected to significant wind fall with isolated patches elsewhere in the pine forest. These areas have been mapped as fight and are very difficult and slow to traverse.

- The black cross map symbol has been used to mark picnic tables, bbqs and stacks of fence posts - rubbish bins and signs aren't mapped.
- The green cross map symbol has been used to mark tree stumps.
- The brown cross has been used to mark rootstocks caused by windfall. Rootstocks have not been mapped when they are 'buried' under another fallen tree or are not easily accessible due to 'fight' vegetation. Where there are a significant cluster of rootstocks then the outer most have tended to be mapped only.

Hazards

- **Horses:** The forest is open to the public and is very popular with horse riders. Please take care not to startle any horses and approach with caution, particularly from the rear.
- A wasp nest was located during planning. This has been marked on the map, however there may be others. If you are allergic **take a whistle and epipen.**
- The current ground conditions are extremely dry and very slippery, especially on steep areas of pine needles.
- There are some very steep slopes hidden by vegetation in the gullies or beside tracks. These have been marked on the map as passable cliffs to stand out on the map.
- Take extra care when crossing fallen trees. The dry conditions many branches tend to not have much give or to snap unexpectedly becoming a puncture wound hazard. Full body cover is highly recommended - besides the thick vegetation in places, there is also plenty of blackberry and bush lawyer. Generally, fight means FIGHT.

Course	Length	Map Scale	Climb
Red 1	3.5km	1:7500	210m
Red 2	3.1km	1:7500	180m
Red 3	2.9km	1:7500	170m

Red 4	2.6km	1:7500	160m
Red 5	1.7km	1:7500	75m
Orange	1.9km	1:7500	85m
Yellow	2.6km	1:7500	65m
White	1.9km	1:7500	40m

Saturday 27th January: Teetotal Flat Long Distance

Long Distance at Teetotal Flat. Kanuka/Manuka scrub with large amounts of rock detail and some contour detail. Areas of open land are very fast while the forest is relatively slow. The start is located across the road from the events centre

Course setter: Nick Smith

Start window: 10:30am-1pm (see start times published separately). Start interval 3min.

Course closure: 3:30pm

Directions: Drive 2mins West of St Arnaud and turn off on the right at Teetotal road (will be signposted). The events centre is a further 500m up Teetotal Road with parking on both sides of the road. <https://goo.gl/maps/B7NDGGM7WLx>

Map Notes

- Map scale: 1:10,000 & 1:7,500
- Contour interval: 5m

Hazards

- Logging trucks: The Teetotal road that you will drive in on is currently being used as a main logging road with several trucks coming through every hour. Be extremely cautious when running on/crossing the road, particularly if you are popping out of the bushes.
- Few wasps were observed during course planning, but if you are allergic **take a whistle and epipen.**
- The bushes can have sticks pointing upwards that do not snap easily. Be careful not to be speared. Full leg cover is recommended.

All courses except Red 1 & 2 have negligible amounts of climb.

Course	Length	Map Scale	Climb
Red 1	10.3km	1:10,000	150m
Red 2	7.9km	1:10,000	125m
Red 3	6.0km	1:10,000	-
Red 4	4.1km	1:7500	-
Red 5	3.0km	1:7500	-
Orange	3.5km	1:7500	-
Yellow	2.0km	1:7500	-
White	1.9km	1:7500	-

Sunday 28th January: West Bay Chasing Start

Chasing start on the tight and technical West Bay map. West Bay is similar terrain to Teetotal in that it is Kanuka/Manuka scrub, however West Bay has much more vegetation detail. It can be vague in places and it is very easy to lose your location. The start is located across the road from the events centre.

Course setter: Nick Smith

Start window: 10am-Midday (Chasing start from 10am).

Course closure: 2pm

Directions: Drive 2mins West of St Arnaud and turn off on the left at Mt Robert road (will be signposted). The events centre is a further 500m <https://goo.gl/maps/eP6fnowABPD2>

Sunday Start Times

The Sunday West Bay event is a chasing start and so your start times will be based on your results from the Saturday Long Distance event (only the Sat event, not the two previous days as was previously on the website- we're keeping it simple). Your start time will be 10:00am plus your time behind the leader of your course (not class) from the Long Distance. This means that the winner of each course from the previous day will be starting at 10am.

If you are more than 1hr behind the winner of your course then we will begin to have mass starts. For those competing in the Sunday Chasing Start but who have not entered in the Saturday Long Distance we will provide you with a start time between 11am-Midday. A full start list will be published as early as practically possible on Saturday evening after results from the Long Distance are confirmed.

Parents/Shadowing

For parents who require split start times for childcare we will be having a special early start at 9:45am, where one parent will be able to start. If the other parent misses their start time just come the start and we will be able to fit you in.

For those shadowing a child, the Open White (shadowed) grade is non-competitive so we will not be including these runners in the formal chasing start process. Open White runners will be able to start anytime from 10:30am onwards. Parents who need to shadow their child are welcome to start at the early 9:45am start.

Map Notes

- Map scale: 1:7,500 & 1:5000
- Contour interval: 2.5m

Hazards West Bay

- The Mt Robert Road running through the event centre is quite busy so take care to stay off the road. All runners will cross the road during their course, so once again take care and take the time to stop and look both ways.
- Few wasps were observed during course planning, but if you are allergic **take a whistle and epipen.**
- The bushes can have sticks pointing upwards that do not snap easily. Be careful not to be speared. Full leg cover is recommended.

All courses have negligible amounts of climb.

Course	Length	Map Scale	Climb
Red 1	5.1km	1:7,500	-
Red 2	4.0km	1:7,500	-
Red 3	3.0km	1:7,500	-
Red 4	2.5km	1:5000	-
Red 5	2.1km	1:5000	-
Orange	2.4km	1:5000	-
Yellow	2.0km	1:5000	-
White	2.1km	1:5000	-