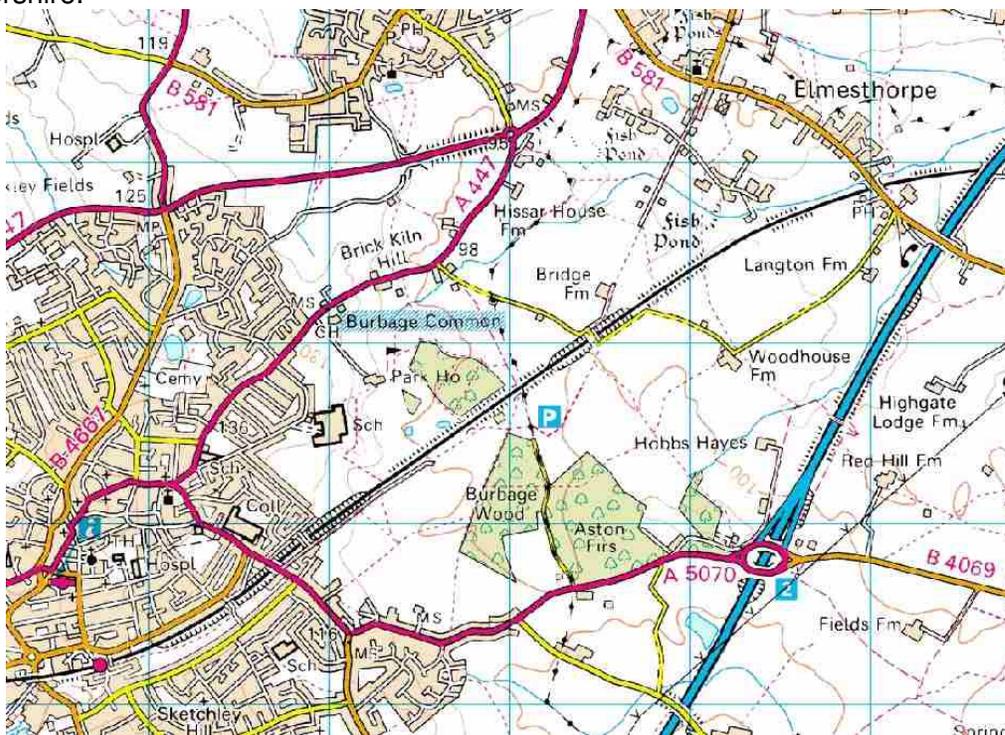


# **LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB**

## **Permanent Orienteering Course**

### **Burbage Common, Hinckley**

Burbage Common and Woods lies off the B4668 about 3km northeast of Hinckley. The area is managed by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. <http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk>  
The area contains a mixture of woods and open land. Many knolls in the open common area are remnants of its former use as a golf course. Some areas of woodland have been designated an SSSI because they contain some of the best examples of Oak, Ash and Maple woodland in Leicestershire.



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#### **Getting there**

The permanent orienteering courses start and finish at the car park by the Visitor Centre at Grid Ref SP446952 off Burbage Common Road. This joins the B4668 at the back of a lay-by and parked vehicles can obscure the access.

You can use the following links to other maps which allow you to zoom in or out.

#### **Streetmap**

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/mapl.srf?X=444659&Y=295294&A=Y&Z=3>

**Google Maps** (also provides directions and aerial photographs)

[http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&ie=UTF8&lr=lang\\_en&ll=52.546504,-1.337414&spn=0.019625,0.060081&t=h&z=15](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&ie=UTF8&lr=lang_en&ll=52.546504,-1.337414&spn=0.019625,0.060081&t=h&z=15)

WGS84 co-ordinates Lat 52.55366 N, Long -1.34276 W

Nearest postcode LE10 3DD

Car Park Free (2008).

#### **Bus services**

From Hinckley town centre - No. 81 (every 20 min Mon-Sat) and No. 159 (hourly) use the B4668.

## The Map

Orienteering maps are drawn to an international standard using specific colours and symbols and unlike most maps, use white to show woods which are easy to run through. Darker shades of green are used to show that a wood is harder to run through. Orienteering maps can be very detailed and are usually drawn to a scale of 1 to 15,000 or 1 to 10,000. The Burbage map is drawn at 1 to 10,000 where 1cm on the map represents 100m on the ground.

## Control descriptions and courses

26 Control sites have been established using small posts or fence / sign posts. Currently there are three courses which make use of the posts :-

Easy	1.6km	9 controls	Technically easy, approx Yellow standard (TD2),
Medium	3.6km	11 controls	Suitable for novice adults, approx Orange standard (TD3)
Hard	4.6km	15 controls	Some experience desirable, approx Light Green standard (TD4)

The starting and finishing point is a notice board to the north east of the Visitor Centre. You must visit the controls in the order specified for the particular course. A list of the controls used for each course is printed on the map and this has a description of the feature where the control is located. The course descriptions show a number which should correspond to a number which will be found on a plaque on the post. Each plaque also has a letter (except No 10 which has a second number) and this should be written down in the appropriate box on the Control Card. This can be used to check that the correct controls have been visited.

You will probably be able to complete the easy and medium courses without the need for a compass providing you follow the map carefully. A compass could be useful for the Hard course. Orienteers are taught to hold the map so that it is horizontal and rotate the map so that the arrows on the magnetic north lines on the map always point north. This means that when you are going south the top of the map (north end) will be closest to your body. This ensures that features on the ground are in the same relative position as features on the map.

Bear in mind that permanent posts can suffer from deterioration and / or vandalism so some posts may be missing. In addition, some of the posts might be obscured by long grass or undergrowth during the summer period.

## Safety

All courses start near a car park – watch out for vehicles. A full risk assessment should be carried out having regard to the abilities of the people undertaking the courses and the need for appropriate supervision. Neither Leicestershire Orienteering Club nor Hinckley and Bosworth Borough can accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage incurred by any person undertaking these courses.

## Further information

The Leicestershire Orienteering Club (LEIOC) website [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk) has details of forthcoming events and information to assist newcomers to the sport. The club organises more than 40 events per year which are open to non-members and beginners are welcome. Information on Orienteering in general can also be found on the British Orienteering website [www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk)

## Feedback

We would welcome any feedback on the courses or on this information particularly if you find posts vandalised or missing. There is a feedback form on the LEIOC website.

## Control check letters

1	C
2	H
3	M
4	E
5	R
6	K
7	B
8	Y
9	W
10	7 with a horizontal line through it
11	Z
12	A
13	X
14	V
15	T
16	P
17	D
18	S
19	N
20	G
21	L
22	J

### **Easy 9 controls**

Start (23), 5, 10, 14, 13, 12, 8, 3, 4, 1, Finish (23)

R, 7, V, X, A, Y, M, E, C

### **Medium 11 controls**

Start (23), 1, 6, 3, 11, 12, 16, 18, 22, 20, 21, 7, Finish (23)

C, K, M, Z, A, P, S, J, G, L, B

### **Hard 15 controls**

Start (23), 4, 3, 11, 12, 6, 15, 16, 20, 22, 18, 19, 17, 9, 7, 2, Finish (23)

E, M, Z, A, K, T, P, G, J, S, N, D, W, B, H