

South Hill Park

South Hill Park is a large, attractive, historic park located south of Bracknell Town Centre. The grounds are open to the public every day of the year and include landscaped gardens, lakes and woodland, all of which surround a Grade II listed mansion, currently used as an Arts Centre.



The park has been awarded a Green Flag Award for its quality, and a Gold Award by the RHS in the Parks Category of the In Bloom competitions.



The grounds are managed by Bracknell Forest Council, in partnership with Bracknell Town Council and South Hill Park Arts Centre.



Location

South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, Berkshire
RG12 7PA

For directions and further information on facilities in the park, please visit:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/south-hill-park

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If you need this in an alternative format please contact the Parks and Countryside Service on 01344 354441.

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Discover ...

Orienteering at South Hill Park



Explore the park using the exciting orienteering trail.



What is Orienteering?

Orienteering is an exciting and challenging form of competitive navigation. It involves running / walking around an outdoor course, using a map (and sometimes a compass as well).

The aim is to navigate between a set of control points (red and white markers) and decide the best route to complete the course in the fastest time.

It is a brilliant way to improve navigation skills (without using a sat nav!) whilst enjoying the outdoors.

Which course is best for me?

There are several orienteering courses across Bracknell Forest, a list of which is available on our website (see back of leaflet).

The course at South Hill Park can be used by beginners and more advanced orienteers alike.

Do I need a compass?

No compass is needed to complete the course, you should be able to use the legend on the map (which shows the vegetation types) to guide you. If you have a compass, it may be helpful to bring, just to help you to orientate the map in the first instance.

Course instructions

The full course contains 23 control points (9 on the north side of the park and 14 on the south side) and spells the Latin name of the giant Wellingtonia tree. Rearrange the letters in this order to find the answer:

Word one:

1, 7, 4, 12, 9, 10, 14, 6, 11, 8, 13, 5, 2, 3

Word two:

17, 22, 20, 16, 19, 18, 15, 21, 23

For beginners, less complex courses of 4-6 control points can be created around the lawn areas (on either north or south sides of the park) to find a collection of letters.

You can also design your own course and create your own words from the letters on the control points across the site. If you want to do this, the answers page (available from our website) will help you to set this up.

How do I use the maps?

The maps have been especially produced for orienteering and are designed to show the features and vegetation on site. We recommend you spend a few moments studying the legend before starting the course.

Each pink circle and number on the map shows the location of a control point (red and white marker). These control points may be attached to a wooden post, or a static feature within the park. On each you will find both a number and a letter.



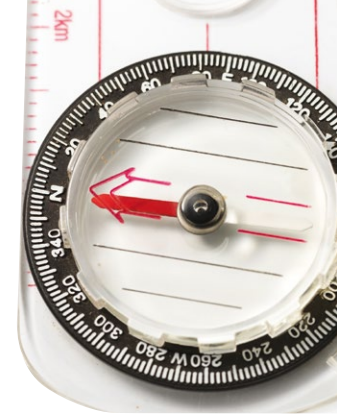
The number shown on the control point corresponds to the same number shown on the map.

Download a copy of the orienteering map www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/orienteering

The aim is to visit each control point and make a note of the letter in the boxes at the bottom of the map.

When you have identified all the letters you need, return to the start and unscramble the letters to reveal the mystery word(s).

If you have any problems, ask a member of staff to help.



Scale: 1 cm on the map represents 20 metres on the ground.