

Hartwood Acres Orienteering Information and Instructions

Orienteering is a sport in which you use a detailed topographic map and a compass to find marked locations (called **controls**) in the forest. The form of orienteering used at Hartwood Acres is known as “Score”, although no scoring will actually be done. Score orienteering allows you to go to **any number of controls in any order** that you want. No one will check on what you do; you are on your honor with regard to which controls you find.

The controls are marked with posts topped with red and white signs in the forest and marked with circles on the map. The lists at the right are called the “**Control Descriptions**”; they tell you exactly what mapped feature each control is at. The descriptions are for two suggested activities: **Beginner** – an easy course that can be completed by going about 2.3 km; and **Intermediate** – a considerably more difficult course that can be completed by going about 4.5 km. You are not restricted to these suggestions; as stated before, you may go to **any controls in any order** you want. There is a separate map available for each course,

Finally, orienteering uses a some often unfamiliar terms; here are a few that are on the map. **Cairn**: a pile of rocks. **Copse**: a small group of trees. **Contours**: connections between points of equal elevation. **Form line**: shows the shape of the land between two contours. **Knoll**: a small hill or mound. **Reentrant**: a place where the contour lines bend to indicate a ravine or place where a stream could start. **Ride**: resembles a trail/path but is not intended for human traffic, often a buried water line or gas line or old logging road.

Orienteering does not specify coordinates of control locations or the distances to them; and it does not use the names of any trails or other features that may appear on a typical park map. Also, orienteering maps are metric and drawn to International Orienteering Federation standards, with exceptions noted. When doing orienteering, you are expected to find the controls using only the orienteering map and compass.

Give orienteering a try and have fun!

Hartwood Acres	
The Purple Triangle marks the Start	
The Double Circle marks the Finish	
Beginner	9 controls
▷	Start: S end of path
1	NW side of path crossing
2	Lone tree
3	Bend in path
4	SW side of utility pole
5	SE side of path crossing
6	W end of seasonal stream
7	E path junction
8	W edge of clearing
9	N side of path and stream crossing

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Intermediate	13 controls
▷	Start: S end of path
A	W side of NE spring
B	S edge of clearing
C	W side of ruin
D	W side of pit
E	Top of hill
F	E side of middle boulder, 1.3m high
G	E side of boulder, 0.4m high
H	Upper part of reentrant
J	Lower part of reentrant
K	SE outside corner of open land
L	SW end of cliff, 1.3m high
M	W side of spring
N	Top of hill