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# **Orienteering at Guthrie-Smith**

Guthrie-Smith Arboretun and Education Centre is beside lake Tutira, 3561 SH 2, Hawke's Bay. The area is open to the public every Sunday from October to May.

#### Maps

The maps are orienteering maps, using the standard Orienteering map colours and symbols with the 'north lines' pointing to magnetic north. Take your time to study the map and the legend. Most importantly note the more dangerous features (eg) Impassable Cliffs, Impassable vegetation, Out-of-Bounds areas. Our maps are not perfect and may be updated now and then.

## Courses

There are shorter courses for beginners, and a selection of courses from 1.6 km to 5.3 km.

Standard line courses involve navigating your way from control point (shown as a circle on the map) to control point, in the sequence shown on the map. You use the map to determine the best route that suits your fitness and abilities. Although the line between the control points is the shortest route it is often impossible to follow, due to dangerous or impassable features shown on the map, or it might be the slowest route due to difficult navigation or excessive climb. The Control Description panel on the map shows the sequence number in column 1 and the control code in column 2.

Score courses have a time limit but no set sequence for visiting the control points. You need to take time to plan how many control points you can visit within the time limit. Points are gained for each control point visited, but points are deducted for finishing late. The Control Description panel on the map shows the points value in column 1 and the control code in column 2.

# **Control Points**



Control points on the ground have labels. They could be attached to fence posts, tied to waratahs or tied to tree branches.

Control points on the map are indicated by circles. The Start point is opposite the Outdoor Education Centre, indicated by a triangle. The Finish is the double circle.

## Dangers – Warnings

- Leave gates as you find them. If it won't open climb over at the *hinged end*, not the latch end.
- Climb over fences beside a *solid firm post*.
- Beware of, *don't touch*, Ongaonga (stinging nettle).
- Some tracks are a little overgrown and hard to see.
- Read the notices in the shelter at the carpark before starting your course.



Ongaonga

#### Timing your course

#### Time yourself

You can time yourself and note the Alpha code at each control point in the column on the map with a pen or pencil.

#### The iOrienteering App

You can time your run with the iOrienteering app. Download the iOrienteering App from the App Store for your phone. Best done while your at home with a good network connection.

There is no WiFi and poor/unreliable Mobile network connection at Guthrie Smith Arboretum.

To use the iOrienteering app.

- 1. Scan the COURSE QRCode on the map or enter the ShortCode. (using the ShortCode will require a network connection.)
- 2. Scan the START QR Code when you get to the start point.
- 3. Navigate the course scanning each control point in turn.
- 4. Scan the END QR Code when you get to the end point.
- We recomend turning off WiFi and Mobile data for this course.
- We recommend turning the screen off between control points.
- If the app jumps off the Control Points page, (it may also show the 'Cannot connect...' message), press the Back Arrow at top-left, do not Scan Start Code again. Failing that return to the apps Home page and tap the Return to Event option.

## Responsibilities

It is a condition of providing these maps and courses that any participants undertaking the activity accept full responsibility. You are responsible for your own safety. No liability or responsibility is accepted by the Guthrie-Smith Trust or the Hawkes Bay Orienteering Club or its members.

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