

ELO SoSOL 2 Binning Wood – 28th January 2018

Final Details

- **Info updated:** 24th Jan 2018
- **Type of event:** Level C event in the [South of Scotland O League](#)
- **Terrain:** Woodland - see below
- **Registration and event base:** Binning Wood NW carpark

ELO hosts the second [SoSOL](#) of the 2018 series at Binning Wood on Sunday 28th January.

[Online entries](#) are now open at SIEntries and will save time and trouble at the event. If you know you are coming, please try to enter online.

Location

- Nearest town/village: East Linton
- Postcode: EH40 3DU
- Grid Ref: NT 593 801

Directions

Leave the A1 at either Haddington (if coming from the west) or Dunbar (if coming from the south) and then follow the A199 ("the old A1") to its junction with the A198 signposted North Berwick. Follow the A198 for 2 straight kilometres to Tynningham village. Turn left onto the B1407 and take the next right after 1 km onto the minor road signposted Newbyth and Lawhead. Go north for 2 km to the north-west corner of Binning Wood.

Parking for cars will be along the side of this minor road as directed by marshalls. Larger vehicles will be asked to park at one of the two public parking areas on the west side of Binning Wood at 600m and 800m from assembly. There is no charge for parking.

The NW carpark will not be used by competitors. It is reserved for visitors to the memorial wood and for members of the event team.

On leaving it will reduce congestion if you continue N for 1km before turning right to Whitekirk village and then right onto A198 going S for 4km to A199 junction.

Registration

Registration and Download are near the north-west entrance and open from 10:00 am to 12:00. Start times are from 10:30 to 12:30.

If possible, please enter in advance at [SI Entries](#). There will be entry on the day for which filling in [this form](#) will help.

Start and Finish

Registration / Download is 350 metres from Start, and 150 metres from Finish.

We will not be allocating start times. Just join the queue for your course at Start. Members of the same club should not start the same course in consecutive slots.

Courses close at 2:30 pm. Please report to the Download by 2:30 pm even if you have not completed your course.

Courses

The usual range of SoSOL courses ...

- Brown - 9.7km
- Blue - 6.8km
- Green - 4.8km
- Short Green - 3.7km
- Light Green - 3.9km
- Orange - 3.5km
- Yellow - 2.4km
- White 1.7km

White and Yellow maps should be collected from Registration. Other maps (and loose descriptions) will be given out at the Start.

Brown map is double sided.

Maps for all courses are 1:7500 with contours at 2.5m intervals.

There will also be a free String course of approximately 400m for young juniors near Registration. This is not suitable for buggies or prams as the ground is boggy and/or uneven in places with scrubby undergrowth. Wellies recommended.

Entry Charges

- Senior (BOF or SOA member) - £8.00
- Senior (non BOF or SOA member) - £10.00
- Seniors (BOF or SOA member) running White / Yellow / Orange - £4.00
- Seniors (non BOF or SOA member) running White / Yellow / Orange - £6.00
- Juniors and students - £4.00

Results

Results will be published here after the event. There may be a local WiFi results service in the assembly area.

Contact / Officials

- Planner: Trina Rogerson
- Organiser: Pete Younger [Contact](#)
- Controller: Paul Caban (Interlopers)

Cancellation

If bad weather forces cancellation or postponement that will be notified here. If in doubt you should check this website before travelling.

Facilities

- **Toilets:** There will be two Portaloos in the NW car park nearest to the registration / download area.
- **Catering:** From 12:30 coffee and cake will be available in return for donations to Saskia's [fundraising appeal](#) for [Project Trust](#)

Terrain

Binning Wood was originally planted in the 1700s and was almost completely felled during the second world war to build Mosquito fighter-bombers. It was replanted with conifers and beech and has a complex network of rides, paths and ditches which can be disorientating to the unwary. Although much of the site had been overrun with rhododendron, work is ongoing to clear some of the site which has dramatically improved the runnability. In many areas visibility has improved and hidden ditches have reappeared, although the brashings, shown by green undergrowth screen, will slow you down.

The map was updated for the Scottish Relay Championships in 2017 and shows the ride network radiating out from three large clearings along with an area at north of the map which is a green burial site - the [Binning Memorial Wood](#). This area is marked on all maps as out of bounds to orienteers.

While making minor changes to the map for this event, we realised that the contours in the wood are 2.5m, not as marked on maps since 1992. (No-one has complained in the last 25 years!)

Safety and Risk

A comprehensive risk assessment is carried out by the organiser but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Ticks are currently present and active in the wood. Wear appropriate clothing and check skin for ticks as soon as possible after the event.

Note that the area is popular with dog walkers so please warn children that they are likely to come across dogs running loose.

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Please note that there is no Saturday afternoon ELO local event this month.