Haysden Country Park







Location/Parking

Tonbridge. Nearest postcode: TN11 9BB W3W///:mercy.acid.little Pay and display car parking

About the Park

Haysden Country park is located close to Tonbridge and is managed by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. The park is flat and low lying, containing 2 lakes, and with part of the River Medway running through it. It is a haven for wildlife, particularly waterfowl.

Facilities

Superb Café selling cakes, sandwiches and hot food, (opens 8.30am-3.30pm). Toilets available adjacent to the car park.

Playpark and picnic area.

Start/Finish location

Dependent on course - either to the west of the car park over a small bridge, or to the East of the car park past the cafe and under the railway.

About the Map

Scale is 1:7,500 so is larger than Ordnance Survey. Map also shows more detail – fences, knolls, depressions, distinctive trees, and uses different colours to aid navigation – yellow is open land, white is runnable woodland, light through to dark green represents woodland that is increasingly difficult to pass through.

Safety & Important Information

The Park has lots of water features with 2 main lakes, the River Medway, and many other minor water channels. <u>Please take care around the water.</u>
Otherwise the park presents few hazards other than:

- trip hazards, and uneven ground
- other park users and dogs

Please note specifically:

- as the park is on a **flood plain**, in times of heavy rain, some of the courses may not be accessible.
- some of the courses may involve crossing sports pitches. Please go round the edge of sports pitches should a game be in progress
- some of the courses go around Tonbridge Castle which occasionally hosts private events which may restrict your access to control sites.

Find Your Way / Virtual Orienteering Courses

No physical controls - your position is recorded by your smartphone's GPS using an app called **MapRun6**. Download for free onto your Android or iOS device. Simple registration (name etc).

Select 'Events near me' or press 'Select Event' and navigate to: - UK > Find Your Way > FYW Kent > Haysden. There are 3 linear courses to choose from.

Short / easy	2.1km, 9 controls
Medium	3.0km, 11 controls
Long	4.3km, 15 controls

See "How To" pages for help and phone setup at https://www.findyourwayvo.org.uk/how (see QR code)

You can use the map on your phone, but it is easier to use a paper map

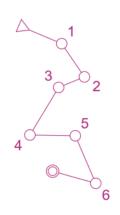
- download from Saxons Website - www.saxons-oc.org



Once the course is selected, click 'Go to Start' and head to the red triangle. The triangle will go green and your phone will bleep to register you have started.

Make your way to Checkpoint 1 (the virtual control) and each of the other controls <u>in number order</u>. The circle will go green and your phone will bleep each time you successfully find the control. Once you have visited all controls, head to the finish, (the double circle) for your final bleep.

Click on "Show Results" on the app and you can see how you did! Can you complete the course faster or try a longer, more difficult course?



Links to other activities

If you enjoyed the Find Your Way activity, there are many others to try in Kent - goto https://www.findyourwayvo.org.uk/southeast/maps. For details of orienteering events in Kent visit www.saxons-oc.org

New Haysden FYW/Virtual courses will be uploaded depending on usage.

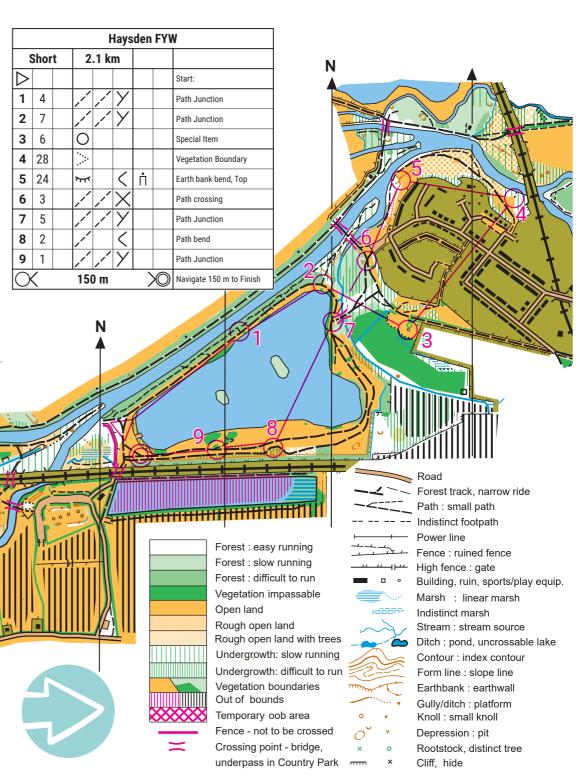
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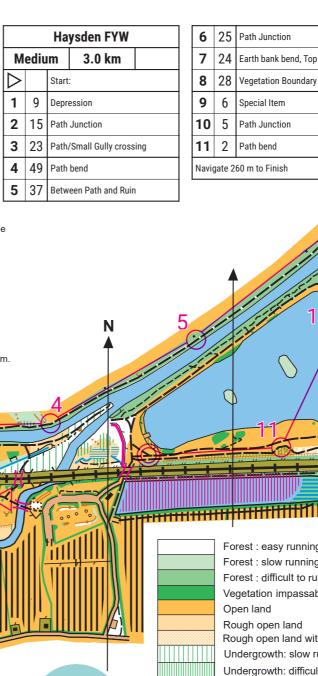


Haysden west and Barden lake Scale 1:7,500 Contour Interval 5m

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Forest: easy running Forest: slow running Forest : difficult to run Vegetation impassable Open land Rough open land Rough open land with trees Undergrowth: slow running Undergrowth: difficult to run Vegetation boundaries Out of bounds Temporary oob area Fence - not to be crossed Crossing point - bridge

underpass in Country Park

Road Forest track, narrow ride

Path: small path Indistinct footpath Power line

Fence: ruined fence High fence : gate

Building, ruin, sports/play equip.

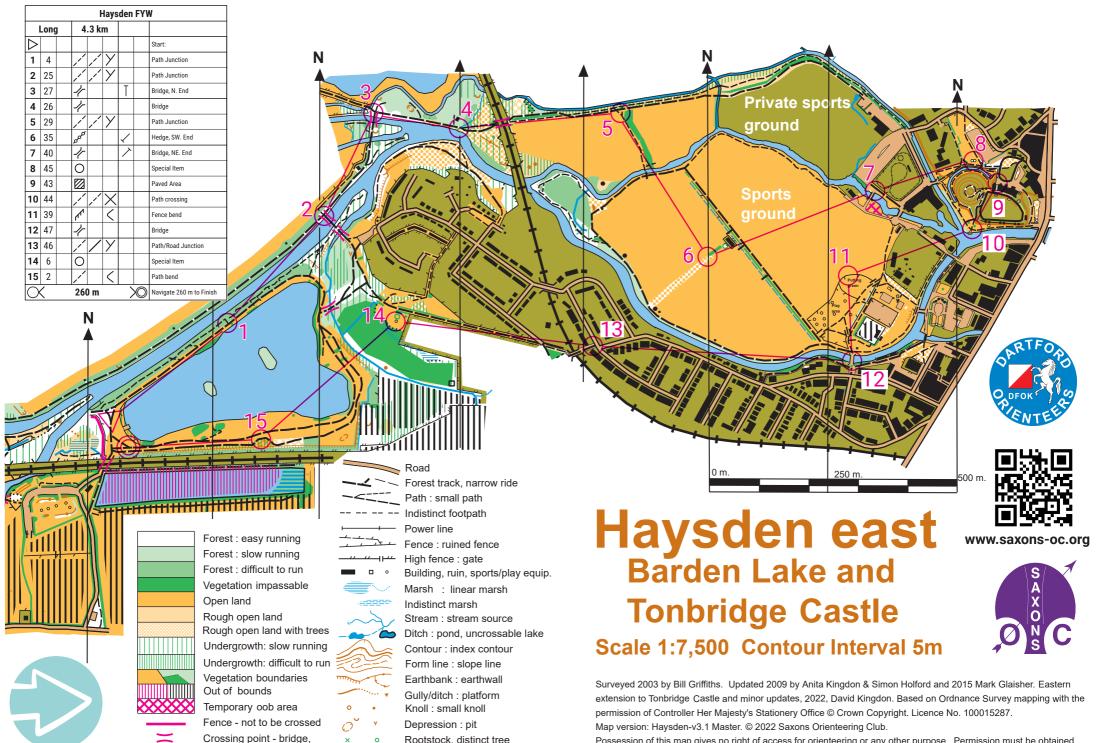
Marsh: linear marsh Indistinct marsh Stream: stream source

Ditch: pond, uncrossable lake

Contour: index contour Form line: slope line Earthbank: earthwall Gully/ditch: platform Knoll: small knoll Depression: pit

Rootstock, distinct tree

Cliff. hide



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