

EVENT INFORMATION

To comply with government regulations you must enter by our online entry system Eventor - there will be no entry or payment on the day. If you turn up without pre-entering you will not be allowed to participate.

If you are a member and pre-entry is a problem for you, contact Lucy Hawthorne geilstongully19july2020@gmail.com with your name, the number of maps you require and for which courses.

If you are a newcomer, you are very welcome, your first event is free and there are special instructions for you at the bottom of this sheet.

Location:

Geilston Gully – Pilchers Hill Reserve

Date:

Sunday 19 July 2020

Event Category:

Southern Region

Event Series Information:

Southern Local #5

About This Event:

After four months of cancelled events due to COVID-19 lockdown, enjoy a walk or run around Geilston Gully. There are four courses to suit all ages and fitness levels. Shorter courses will take you through the many intersecting bush tracks, while the longer courses will enjoy the lightly forested hills and gullies. Wallabies and ancient rusty cars abound. Remember to practice social distancing at all times.

Where is the Start?

You must park at the western end of Geilston Creek Rd. If travelling from Hobart along the East Derwent Highway, turn right shortly after Lindisfarne North Primary School into Clinton Rd, then sharp right into Geilston Creek Rd. Registration, map pick-up and the toilets will be there. Grid reference is 42°50'06.0"S 147°21'04.1"E

The start is a pleasant walk of about 800m further up the creek.

When Can I Start?

You can start anytime between 10am and 12pm. Starting as early as possible gives you more time to complete the course.

When Do I Have To Finish?

You need to finish before the course is closed at 1pm. If you will not be able to complete your course in time you will need to abandon it and head back to the assembly area to arrive by course closure time. Whether or not you have completed your course, you must download your SI at the computer, so that we know you have returned safely, and don't organise a search party for you. Also be aware that as soon as the course is closed, the organisers start bringing in controls.

What are the Courses?

Novice, Short, Medium and Long distance courses are available. The novice and short courses are suitable for newcomers. There is a special class for walkers. If you wish to be identified as a walker, complete the Short course and identify yourself as a walker at the finish.

Long	Hard	4.8 km
Medium	Hard	3.6 km
Short	Easy	2.7 km
Novice	Very easy	2.2 km

Do I need an e-stick or P card?

All Tasmanian Orienteering clubs use the SportIdent (SI) electronic punching system, so an SI-stick or a P card is required at all events. Due to COVID-19 we strongly encourage everyone to consider buying their own timing device.

If you do not own an SI-stick or P card, you can hire one for \$4, or buy a P-card for \$20 when you enter online. It's free if you are a first-timer. Hire sticks will be disinfected between events.

If you would like to buy an SI-stick for \$60, see aussiogear.com. P-cards are suitable for all local events, but if you get keen on bush events it is preferable to have an SI-stick – they are faster to use and register more controls.

How Do I Enter?

To comply with government regulations there are changes to the way orienteering in Tasmania takes place. Key changes you need to know about before you go to an event are:

- Entry to all events is by our online entry system Eventor - there will be no entry or payment on the day (but see below if you are a newcomer)
- Entries will close at midnight on the Wednesday prior to the event.
- In order to enter online you will first need to [register as a casual or club member of Orienteering Tasmania](#). Casual membership is free.
- Then see the [How to Enter guide](#)
- Please read the [COVIDSAFE Participant checklist](#)
- Bring your own water - no water will be available on the course or at the assembly area
- Bring your own snacks/lunch - no catering will be available
- Social distancing and a range of hygiene measures will be enforced
- Conditions of entry for all participants have changed to ensure anyone with symptoms, recent contact with a COVID-19 case or have travelled overseas recently will not be able to participate.

How Much Does It Cost To Enter? (First-timers are free)

Event Fees	Adult	Adult	Youth or Concession	Youth or Concession	Family	Family
	Casual Member	Full Member	Casual Member	Full Member	Casual Member	Full Member
Local event	\$12	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$30	\$20

Contact Information

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Who are the Course Planners and Course Controllers?

Course controller: Mike Calder

Course setter: Lucy Hawthorne

Which Map Is Being Used?

Geilston Gully – Pilchers Hill

Information for Newcomers

Newcomers, you are encouraged to come along and give bush orienteering a try. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for walking or running; bring warm clothes and wet weather gear in case the weather is inclement. Long pants are a good idea if you plan on doing a course that takes you off tracks and through the bush. When you arrive at the event come to the registration desk and let the organisers know you are new; an experienced member will help you through the registration, start and event procedure.

Your first orienteering event will be free of charge (including timing card). Our online entry system is not set up to allow free entry, so if you are a first-timer please [register as a casual or club member of Orienteering Tasmania](#) and then email Lucy Hawthorne on geilstongully19july2020@gmail.com, telling her how many maps you require and for which courses. If you wish to participate as a group you only need to register one person. Registration is required to comply with Government COVID safety regulations. It is free of charge, you only have to do it once, and it only takes a few minutes. General information for newcomers is available on the website under [Get Involved](#)

What Else Do I Need To Know?

As Orienteering Tasmania events are often conducted on private property we have blanket policy of not permitting dogs at our events. Please leave your dog at home if going orienteering. As well, please leave gates closed or open as you find them.