

Warwick MetrO Event Information

Introduction

Warwick Bushland is 60 hectares of original native vegetation surrounding Warwick Senior High School, Warwick Stadium, and a multi-sport facility. It is mainly jarrah-banksia woodland with scattered tuart trees, with more than 200 species of wildflowers and wildlife includes many reptile species, over 60 native bird species, and mammals include bats and bandicoots.

The Friends of Warwick Bushland have a <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>, and Orienteering Western Australia encourages local orienteers to support and/or join this group.

Entries

Pre-entry is preferred. If you do not have an Eventor account, click on 'Create Account' and follow the prompts.

Orienteering Map

The competition map includes the entire Warwick Bushland, and the urban area westward as far as the Mitchell Freeway. The map was drawn by Ricky Thackray in 2017 and updated by Tony Simpkins in 2020.

Assembly Area

The Start and Finish for the event are located immediately south of the tennis courts off Lloyd Drive. Note that you cannot access the southern entry to Lloyd Drive from the westbound lanes on Beach Rd.

Park in either the tennis court car park, or the gravel area next to the Start/Finish (limited spaces).

Refer to the Toilet Map on the Eventor page. If you think you might need the toilet before the race, **arrive early!** The toilet is 400m away, and has a single, unisex cubicle.

Competition Notes

- 1 The whole of the Warwick Bushland is a conservation area **you MUST STAY ON THE MAPPED PATHS**. The only exceptions are open areas (coloured yellow on the map) and a few treed areas coloured white (refer to the Map Legend). Some paths are sandy, narrow and sometimes less distinct, while others are broad and either paved or limestone.
- 2 The Bushland is surrounded by a 1.2m high fence, which is mapped as 'impassable' ie may only be crossed at marked gates and crossing points. Gates are shown with the usual black symbol **||**. Other crossing points are shown by a gap in the fence, and a purple symbol **)** (. Crossing at broken or damaged sections of the fence is not allowed!
- 3 When choosing your route between control points you will need to carefully consider the location of crossing points.
- 4 The Bushland includes Warwick Senior High School, which is surrounded by a high fence and is out of bounds, however the school oval and playing courts are accessible.
- 5 The Short and Medium courses can be completed by staying entirely within the Warwick Bushland, however if you prefer to visit controls in the urban area, or doing the Long course, note that you will have to cross Erindale Rd twice. There is a broad median strip, making it easier to cross than other major roads, but **please take care!**







- 6 There may be sporting events (eg cricket, hockey) on some ovals do not enter the playing areas.
- 7 **Prams:** the narrower sandy tracks are unsuitable for prams, but all the controls (except one) can be reached by using the paved or limestone tracks, which are very suitable for modern prams.
- 8 **Dogs:** are allowed but must be kept on a leash within the Warwick Bushland, and throughout the event under MetrO Series conventions.

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