

FVO Urban Series 2025 – Bannockburn West, Wednesday 1 October

FINAL DETAILS

Directions/Car Parking: The Bannockburn West map is to the SW side of the A9 and the event assembly area should be approached on foot.

There is on-street parking on or near Park Drive or Firs Entry/Morrison Drive (both accessible from the A9 roundabout) at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/AgLZnVEgrqb8yHxh7> or <https://what3words.com/avoid.older.shaky>

Registration/assembly: The event is based where the footpath crosses the Bannock Burn, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2FGYtX5Y5DJHYZZW6> or <https://what3words.com/turns.fuel.magic>



Start and Finish: the start and finish are both close to assembly. Start times 1730-1900

Courses close: courses close at 7.30pm but you are recommended to bring a head torch if likely to still be on the course much past 7pm...

Courses:

(Parents/guardians of juniors please read the safety notes, particularly points 1&2).

Long: 4.2km, 55m climb, 15 controls

Short: 3.3km, 55m climb, 12 controls

Junior/Novice: 1.9km, 25m climb, 15 controls

Timing System: SPORTIdent will be used. Touch free punching will be activated but the start and finish controls require to be punched.

Safety:

1. Please note that the Junior/Novice course does briefly (twice) visit short sections of dead-end road, so there is a possibility that slow-moving traffic may be encountered. Parents/guardians please make sure your children are aware to watch out for traffic if on the road, as they may not have had traffic at all when attending other races in the series

2. The area includes some muddy footpaths, visited by all courses, and on occasion these are quite close to the banks of the Bannock Burn. Please take care!
3. Please take care of other members of the public using the area for dog walking, bike riding etc.
4. A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.
5. You have the option of downloading, completing, and handing this Medical Form to the Organiser (via Registration) so that existing medical conditions are known about in the event of an incident. Please put in a sealed envelope with your name on it. It will only be opened if required and will be destroyed unread if you don't collect before the end of the event.
6. Everyone must download at the finish, whether or not you have completed the course.
7. If you have covid, or covid symptoms, or a recent positive covid test – please do not attend the event.

Map: 1:4,000, 2.5m contours, mapped by Graham Gristwood 2021 with minor updates 2025. There are some out of bounds areas indicated on the map with purple hashing. There has also been major construction work (a new housing estate) with further work still ongoing. These areas (ie new houses and muddy fenced off fields) are both shown on the map as a large area of purple shading (out of bounds).

As with other urban events – features marked on the map as uncrossable/impassable must not be crossed, even if you might be capable of doing so.

Terrain: Very varied with some housing estate, parkland, open countryside (rough and overgrown in places), as well as the Bannock Burn valley. Courses have been planned to avoid routes through the large bramble thickets!. The river should only be crossed at the bridges. The paths/terrain may be slippery/muddy in places when wet, and a few minor paths near the river may be slightly overgrown.

Control descriptions: no loose control descriptions available, these will be printed on the map and made available on the FVO website.

Toilets: There are no public toilets near the event, so please plan accordingly.

Contact Details: Please contact Jon Cross (07803 796773 or crossjq@gmail.com) if you have any questions prior to the event or need an emergency contact on the day. Enjoy your evening's orienteering!