

FVO Night Event – King’s Park, 12th November 2025

Final Details

Venue

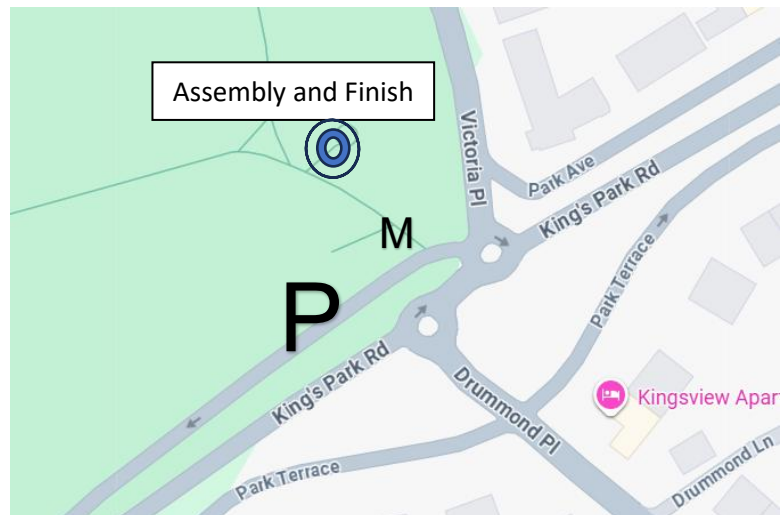
The area is King’s Park which contains Stirling Golf Course in Stirling. Assembly and Finish is at what3words ///admire.oppose.hung which is at the parterre and (former) drinking fountain near the main entrance
Ordnance Survey – NS 791 929

Lift shares / pick-ups

Stirling railway and bus stations are a 15 min walk from assembly area; use FVO mail or WhatsApp Group if you need help.

Parking

There is parking (P) available along a track adjacent to the SE edge of the Park. Note the track is one way going SW (unless you are a cyclist) and entry is from the northeast most roundabout by the Park main entrance (M). Take care as turning at this roundabout is an unusual manoeuvre and other motorists may not expect this.



Toilets

The King’s Park public toilets will not be open at the time of the event, so please plan accordingly. The nearest available toilets are probably at the railway station.

Note – The car parking is close to houses and is often used by others, so please park considerately and change discreetly.

Entries

Entries are via the FVO web site. [Orienteering Signup - Enter](#)

Start/Finish

Assembly and Finish is at the parterre and drinking fountain near the main entrance to the Park.

There will be a briefing at 18:25, followed by a 400m warmup jog to the start at 18:30, If anyone prefers a punching start after the mass start, then this can be accommodated.

SPORTIdent will be used and touch free punching will be activated. You will not have to punch a start box unless you have elected to have a punching start, but you will need to manually dib the finish box.

The courses close at 20:00. All participants **MUST** report to the Finish by that time and please make sure you download.

Terrain

King's Park is owned by Stirling Council who lease the majority to Stirling Golf Club. We are grateful to the council and the golf club for their agreement for us to use the area for night orienteering. Geologically, it is a crag and tail and so there are hazardous cliffs on the NW, W and SW parts of the area.

The area consists of an 18-hole golf course surrounded by a gravel track. Around the periphery are cliffs and areas of bracken and brambles. The bracken has died down, but not the brambles. The golf course area is mown but has a few areas of rough open. There are many isolated trees and small patches of woodland – woodland is where the isolated trees merge into one another! As it is a golf course there are several parallel features i.e. the fairways – getting the right parallel feature may be a challenge!

In line with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code golf course tees and greens are out of bounds. There will be no flags on the greens at this time of year/day!

Greens are shown in olive green:



Area that shall not be entered

The tees are not shown as out of bounds but should be treated as though they are.

Extract from the map showing:

tees
green



The area is mostly very runnable and so the courses are longer than normal. Expected leading times are about 30mins.

Map

1:4,000, 2.5m contour interval, mapped by Graham Gristwood some time ago. Some updates have been done where they are near control sites. Some paths shown as intermittent may well be invisible on the ground. Golf Club machinery has made some extra unmapped tracks that may be noticed due to the wet weather

Courses

Long – 6.9km, 100m climb. TD4/5
The Long Course will have a map flip.

Short – 4.6km, 75 climb. TD4/5

Dark Orange – 2.2km, 25m climb. TD3

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions are printed on the map. Separate control descriptions on waterproof paper will be available at the start when the maps are given out prior to the mass start.

Newcomers to night orienteering

If you have never or rarely done night orienteering before, the dark orange course would be a good one to try. It is mostly along tracks.

Safety

Headlamp, spare torch and whistle are compulsory. You may be asked to carry a waterproof jacket on the night, depending on the weather.

The courses are all within the Park and so there are no road crossings. There may be an occasional cyclist, hopefully with lights. There will be dogs being taken for a walk – they often have illuminated collars.

Whilst a risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Any participants with relevant pre-existing medical conditions which might affect their participation 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.

Note that U16s are very welcome but must be accompanied (individually or in groups) by an adult willing to take responsibility, unless exempt.

The organiser is not first-aid trained but a basic first aid kit will be available at the assembly/finish for injured people to mend themselves. The nearest hospital is Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling Rd, Larbert FK5 4WR.

Competitors are reminded that they take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Post event food

The Highland Gate, Kildean by Jn 10 of the M9 is the chosen eatery and you don't have to book a table – please feel free to join other orienteers there.

Contact

Please contact Geoffrey Hensman geoffrey@henmanweb.net

Some help with collecting controls would be appreciated – please contact me, ta.

I hope you all enjoy your evening's orienteering.

Geoffrey