

iOrienteering – an alternative to MapRunF

An Opportunity for Orienteers who live locally (as defined by the Covid Regs)
to Duxbury Woods, Chorley

Some people, myself included, have expressed some unhappiness with the Maprun system for “virtual” orienteering, because it relies on a GPS signal which is unreliable and variable, and also relies on a close correlation between the map and reality, despite all of us knowing that orienteering maps are created as a representation of the world in the eyes of the mapper.

An alternative is **iOrienteering**. This does not need a GPS signal, or a data connection while you are on the course. Instead you need a paper map and there is a physical control on the ground confirming you are in the right place. And you use a smart phone instead of a dibber. I have created a series of iOrienteering courses in Duxbury woods, near Chorley, in the hope that some of you will like this system better than Maprun.

Firstly, [HERE](#) is a link to a document which explains how the App works. There is a further link within the document to a YouTube video.

Second, [HERE](#) is a link to a document describing the “technical” courses available. They are nominally of Short Blue and Short Green standard.

Third, [HERE](#) is a link to the British Orienteering guidelines (slightly adapted) for taking part in a virtual orienteering activity. It is important that you also follow Government guidelines concerning COVID safety – presently we are all in “lockdown” and advised only to travel “locally” for the purpose of suitable socially-distanced exercise. But it is intended that these courses will be available until 31st March and the situation may change before then.

With support from Chorley Council, I have also created an orange standard course, which they will promote to local residents as the “Community” course. [HERE](#) is a link to a document describing this course.

I hope some of you, who live locally, will try this new kind of virtual orienteering, and all who try will enjoy the experience. All feedback is welcome!

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