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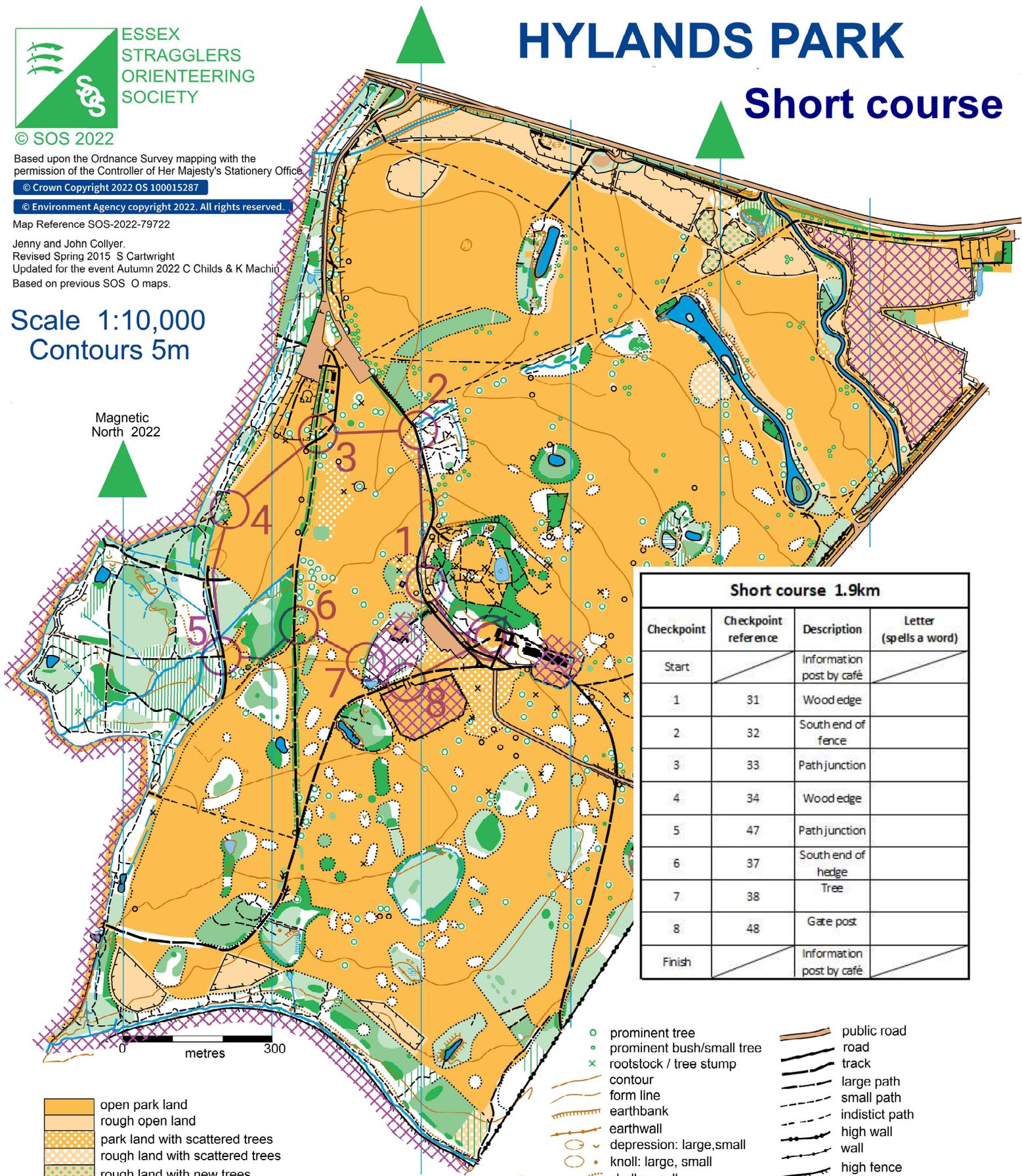
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# HYLANDS PARK

## Short course

Scale 1:10,000  
Contours 5m

Magnetic  
North 2022



Short course 1.9km			
Checkpoint	Checkpoint reference	Description	Letter (spells a word)
Start		Information post by café	
1	31	Wood edge	
2	32	South end of fence	
3	33	Path junction	
4	34	Wood edge	
5	47	Path junction	
6	37	South end of hedge	
7	38	Tree	
8	48	Gate post	
Finish		Information post by café	

- open park land
- rough open land
- park land with scattered trees
- rough land with scattered trees
- rough land with new trees
- hardstanding
- cultivated land: OUT OF BOUNDS
- OUT OF BOUNDS
- wood: easy to run
- wood: slower run
- wood: walk
- fight
- undergrowth: slow run
- undergrowth: walk

### Legend

- prominent tree
- prominent bush/small tree
- rootstock / tree stump
- contour
- form line
- earthbank
- earthwall
- depression: large, small
- knoll: large, small
- shallow gully
- uncrossable river
- small river, stream
- ditch
- shallow ditch
- lake
- pond; wet depression
- marsh
- raised drain covers
- public road
- road
- track
- large path
- small path
- indistinct path
- high wall
- wall
- high fence
- ruined fence
- fence; crossing place
- wood edge
- seat
- building
- ruin
- uncrossable log pile

# Hylands Park – permanent orienteering course guidance



## The map

This special orienteering map has numbered red circles showing the position of small, square, orange/white markers. These are numbered to show the sequence you should follow. The markers look like this:



Each marker has the checkpoint reference number at the top left of the square (7 in the photo above) and code letters at the bottom left (HE in the photo).

Visit each marker on your course. For the short and medium routes, note the code letters in the table on the map. When you finish, unscramble the letters to spell words.

Short course    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_    (7, 4)

Medium course    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_    (7,5)

## Navigating

The start/finish is in the same place and is marked on the map by a red triangle. It is an information post, close to the Stables Café, showing the orange and white square, with some more instructions.

Making the map match the ground using a compass is helpful, so the North lines on the map are lined up with Magnetic North. The scale of the A4 map is set so that 1cm on the map is 100m on the ground.

## Courses

There are three courses to choose from. The direct distance between each of the course markers has been calculated, but the distance you travel will be longer as you must find the best route avoid obstacles, such as woods and the lake.

Short	1.9km
Medium	4.0km
Long	5.5km

The courses are available as 'virtual' routes available by downloading the Maprun app on your phone.

Go to [www.stragglers.info/anytime/](http://www.stragglers.info/anytime/) for more details.

## Hazards

1. The park has areas of uneven & slippery ground.
2. There are fallen branches, vegetation at eye height and foot-catching undergrowth at low level.
3. There are lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. Courses are designed to avoid the need for getting too close.
4. All the courses will cross roads used by cars.

Please avoid running near other park users when completing the course, especially if they are with horses or dogs.

Please do not enter areas on the map that are covered by red cross hatching, as they are out of bounds.

A responsible adult should assess their group's needs and abilities prior to attempting the courses.

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