



## Orienteering Map Witton Country Park, Blackburn, BB2 2TP

Witton Country Park consists of 480 acres of beautiful countryside. The park was purchased from the Feilden family in 1946, by the local council. Today there are miles of footpaths, trails, riverside walks, cycleway, picnic sites and viewpoints.

Admission to the park is free, car parking fees apply.

Charges: Laminated Orienteering maps showing all controls - £1 per map or 75p each for groups of 10 or more available from Countryside Services, Witton Country Park, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP. Tel: (01254) 666977 Email: [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk)

For free downloadable maps showing all control points or suggested courses visit <https://blackburn.gov.uk/parks-and-playgrounds/witton-country-park> or <https://www.pfo.org.uk/info/permanent-orienteering-courses>

### Orienteering

The orienteering map shows more detail than most other maps and is at 1:10,000 scale: 1cm on the map is equivalent to 100m on the ground. You should first of all study it carefully so that you understand what all the symbols mean. You will notice that on the map there are a set of numbered circles and a triangle/double circle. The circles are the sites of control posts, the triangle/double circle is the start/finish. At each site there is a 2ft post with a red and white "flag" symbol, a number corresponding to that on the map and a letter, which is used for competition orienteering.

Associated with each control is a control description, giving you an idea of what to look for when you get close to the control site.

No.	Description	No.	Description	No.	Description
P01	Path Junction	P08	Stone	P15	Earth wall end
P02	Gate	P09	Bridge	P16	Earth wall bend
P03	Thicket west side	P10	Ditch Edge	P17	Depression
P04	Playground edge	P11	Gate	P18	Small Knoll
P05	Fence Corner	P12	Path Junction	P19	Ruin
P06	Spur north side	P13	Gully	P20	Re-entrant
P07	Stone	P14	Stream	P21	Path Junction

The aim of orienteering is to visit, in order, a number of these control sites by navigating with the map. You should start and finish where the triangle and double circle symbol is shown on the map - this is where the two roads meet near the entrance to the old stables.

There are seven suggested courses you can try, or you can just take a walk and find any of the controls:

Easy 1 - 2.1km - 5 controls: Start, 4, 3, 21, 9, 5, Finish

Easy 2 - 2.6km - 8 controls: Start, 4, 3, 21, 13, 12, 11, 10, 5, Finish

Medium 1 - 3.2km - 8 controls: Start, 6, 7, 8, 20, 9, 21, 3, 4, Finish

Medium 2 - 3.8km - 7 controls: Start, 4, 9, 14, 12, 11, 10, 5, Finish

Medium 3 - 4.3km - 11 controls: Start, 4, 3, 13, 12, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 11, 10, Finish

Difficult 1 - 4.2km - 11 controls: Start, 1, 2, 3, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 11, 10, 5, Finish

Difficult 2 - 6.8km - 15 controls: Start, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 11, 10, 5, Finish

When you get to each control you should check that the number corresponds to that on your map.

If you have enjoyed the experience of orienteering at Witton Country Park and would like to do more within the area, there are local clubs who run orienteering events throughout the year and always welcome newcomers. You will also find details of other permanent orienteering courses on their websites.

**Pendle Forest Orienteers** covering the Blackburn/Burnley/Rawtenstall areas. See their website at [www.pfo.org.uk](http://www.pfo.org.uk) for upcoming events or contact information.

**South Ribble Orienteering Club** covering Chorley/Preston/Blackpool & Lancaster. See their website at [www.sroc.org](http://www.sroc.org) for upcoming events or contact information.

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