## ORIENTEERING GUIDE — WHITECOURSE

Difficulty: Easy (children) | Length: 1.6km

Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest If you are a beginner theses notes will explain how you can get the most from the course. You may wish to bring a compass with you to complete the course.

**The Challenge**: You have to navigate your way around Bedgebury using this map as quickly as you can. To prove you can do it you need to find a number of control posts and record the letters you find there.

**Map:** Study the map carefully. Open land is yellow, whilst woods are shown as white or green. Water is blue and manmade objects, eg buildings and paths, are black. More detail is given in the key on the left of the map.

**Scale:** The scale of the map is 1:5000 which means that 1 cm on the map is equal to 50 metres on the ground.

**North:** Magnetic north is at the top of the map and is shown by the thin vertical black lines.

**Start:** Is in front of the visitor centre.

**Finish**: Is behind the visitor centre.

**Controls:** The controls are shown on the map as purple circles with accompanying numbers. At each control there is a post marked with a red and white square. This will have a **post code**, eg "**D**" and on each post there is also a **control code**, eg "**X4**". Write this control code down in the space below to prove you have been there. The control codes can be checked against a master list in the visitor centre.

**Courses:** There are four courses, each given a different colour, which matches the British Orienteering Federation standard:

White: Children (Easy) length 1.6km Yellow: Beginners length 1.9km

Orange: Intermediate length 2.3km for orienteer's with some experience

Green: Advanced length 2.7km for experienced orienteer's

For more details on orienteering in this area and for information about how to orienteer visit: saxons-oc.org

Bedgebury Information Office: 01580 879820 (9.30am - 4.30pm daily)

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Number	Post Code	Control Code	Description
Start	Start post		In front of visitor centre
1	А		Footpath road junction
2	В		Woodland edge
3	С		Cycle trail crossing
4	D		Crossing point east side
5	Е		Cycle-walk trail junction
6	F		Crossing point west side
7	G		Play trail ride junction
8	Н		Play trail junction
9	I		Cycle/play trail junction
10	J		Cycle trail junction
11	К		Cycle trail junction
Finish	Finish Post		Behind visitor centre 150 meters

