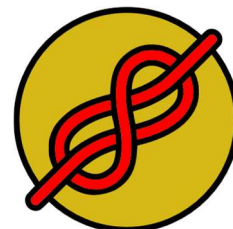


17. Knot Orienteering



17.1 Overview

- Knot Orienteering is an activity where the participants have to explore Bentley Copse, following clues to locate sixteen red markers and record the pictured knot and/or letter.
- These are red with a picture of a knot and a letter.
- The equipment needed to run this activity can be collected from reception.



17.2 Location

- You may start from any location.
- Care should be taken to avoid disturbing other uses of the site - *participants may have to take the long way.*

17.3 Equipment Pack

- A copy of these operating procedures and the activity risk assessment.
- Laminated sheet containing answers - *For activity leader only*
- Participant answer sheets x6
- Pencils x6

17.4 Groups and starting the activity

- We recommend working in pairs sharing an answer sheet and pencil. Our Pack is suitable for 12 participants.
- Provide each of up to 6 groups with a an answer sheet and pencil
- Brief them on their goal; to locate each marker, record the letter and knot name.
- Stagger the groups as they start; recording their start times, and their final finish time.

17.5 Scoring

- Assign one point for each correct knot, and one point for each correct letter

17.6 Option : Make use of limited time

- Rather than time each participant on how long it takes to complete the full set of sixteen, you may give them a fixed period of time to complete as many as they can.

17.7 Option : For those with knowledge of knotting or pioneering

- You may add a competitive practical element to the activity. Asking the participants to physically tie each knot. You can either bring your own supplies for this, or borrow rope from Bentley Copse.
- To see how each knot is tied, this website produces useful animations : <https://www.animatedknots.com/>

17.8 Option : Team work makes the dream work

- Split the group of twelve into six pairs.
- Leave the answer sheets at the start location with the activity leader who will complete it for the team.
- Send each pair off in different directions to find one marker, note the letter and knot name and return.
- The activity leader can distribute useful clues as they see fit.
 - Provide a general direction of where to search.
 - More useful clues EG 'on a fence post'
 - The written clue on the answer sheet

17.9 After the Activity has ended

- Count all equipment and return it to reception.