



**Wimborne Orienteers and
Dorset Council Countryside Team
invite you to try**

Orienteering in Thorncombe Wood Saturday 19th October

**An event for everyone with lots of help for newcomers.
Come and have a go!**

Part of Hardy's Egdon Heath, here is a beautiful mixed woodland of oak, sweet chestnut and beech. It extends to Black Heath and Rushy Pond in the east and patches of hazel coppice, home to dormice, in the south. Numerous swallet holes shape the terrain and the area is crossed by the Roman Road that ran from Dorchester to Badbury Rings.

Directions: Thorncombe Wood is 4 km NE of Dorchester in Higher Bockhampton. It can be approached from the A35 at grid ref SY 725 929 or from the Stinsford Roundabout at SY 708 912. Parking for orienteers will be signed on approach. Follow tapes 300m to the Visitor Centre at SY 724 922.

Courses: Technical course (light green) for regular orienteers. SI punching. Map 1:4000 with 2.5m contours

Choice of 4 POC courses for beginners, youngsters, families etc. Can be done using Oriento app or manually. Map 1:3500 with 5m contours

Facilities: At the Visitor Centre you will find seating, toilets, information and the delightful 'Under the Greenwood Tree' cafe.

Times: Opening of new Permanent Course 11:00 am followed by

Registration & Starts from 11:15 am to 2:00 pm. Courses close at 3:00 pm.

Cost: Technical course £3.00. POC courses free. Contributions are invited to support Thorncombe Wood Local Nature Reserve.

Organiser/Planner: Mike Kite (WIM) 07815 743798. For enquiries or to reserve a technical map, please email mike.kite@hotmail.co.uk.

For information about the POC, visit

[http://www.mjk2.net/waffle/Thorncombe Wood/POC 1905.htm](http://www.mjk2.net/waffle/Thorncombe%20Wood/POC%201905.htm)