

10 Feb 2011 Dudmaston Winter Evening Event

Planner/Organiser's Comments

Dudmaston is a great forest for orienteering. There is just enough variety of features and path network to make it interesting for both day and night running. The initial armchair planning was easy, building on the good work of Roger Keeling (P) and Sam Chambers (C) the previous year. However the first visit showed that some northern areas had been significantly felled. Some pits had completely disappeared under the brashings, making one corner of the forest unusable. My main concern however was safety around the water features to the south, with one gully being deep and very steep-sided. The controls were positioned to make deviation from the path in this area unlikely.

At the finish there were discussions about controls that were hard to find. I was concerned until I realised that everybody was discussing a different control! Thanks to Mike Annis, the Forester who keeps Dudmaston in such good condition, and to all the runners who managed to come back uninjured.

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