

Further Information about Orienteering, 1st & 2nd June 2024

Many thanks for your interest in this fundraising event. At present, our charity, Friends of Benmore Outdoor Centre, is focused on raising funds to install a pontoon at the Benmore boat station at Lock Eck to help visitors to the Centre who have mobility difficulties into and out of canoes and kayaks.

At the orienteering events there will be a small charge to enter of £5/map to cover event expenses; but we would be very grateful if, instead or as well as, you could make a donation to our charity to support the pontoon project (cash or card).

It would help us enormously for the purposes of map printing and refreshments to know roughly how many people are likely to come to the events. If you are intending to come or thinking of it, please drop an email to me at roger.scrutton@ed.ac.uk saying 'Yes to Dunoon' or 'Yes to Benmore' or 'Yes to both'

1st June 11:00 to 13:00 at Dunoon Castle Gardens.

Please come to the Lodge just off the Pier Esplanade (NS 1757 7641). There are car parks nearby.

At the Lodge we will issue you with a course map and control card. We will take payment and offer advice on orienteering. The Start and Finish will be adjacent to the Lodge, and there will be a digital clock if you are interested in recording your time round the courses. There will be two courses on offer (you can do one or other or both) and each course will take, at most, 30 minutes.

2nd June 11:00 to 13:00 at Benmore Outdoor Centre.

Please park in the Botanic Gardens car park (NS 1427 8547) and then walk through to Benmore House following the red/white tape streamers. Arrangements for the orienteering will be the same as at the Castle Gardens, Start and Finish for the courses being adjacent to Benmore House. Again, two courses, and each course will take about 30 minutes.

General information

Courses will be almost entirely on paths, for which trainers would be suitable footwear. Otherwise, please dress according to the weather. However, both areas have some steps or gradients that will require extra effort. Please be alert to other members of the public who will be in both of these areas.

We intend to have some refreshments available at both events for a small charge.

We are very grateful to Argyll and Bute Council for permission to use Dunoon Castle Gardens and the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh at Benmore for permission to use their car park and paths within their jurisdiction.