

Radio Society of Great Britain

Clent and Walton Hills, Worcestershire

Sun 26th June 2022

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Summary

A middle distance classic 5 transmitter event on the 2m band followed by a short distance 5 transmitter classic on the 80m band. Clent Hills have not been used for ARDF for a very long time and Walton Hill – never.

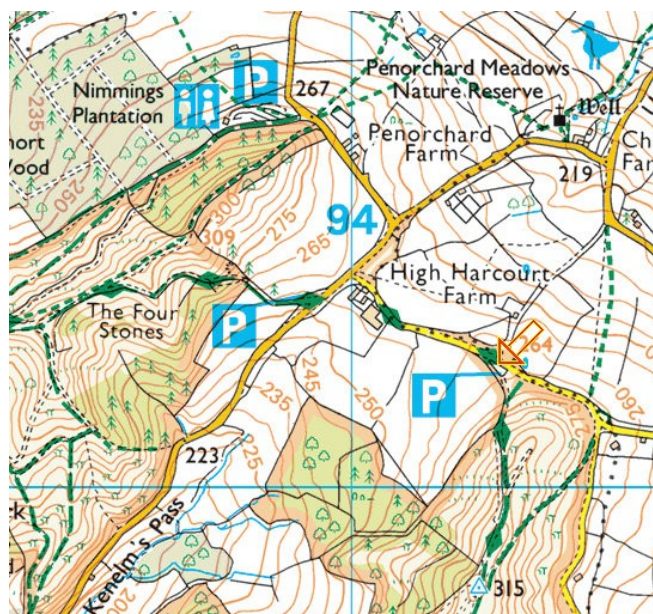
Location

Registration will be in the Walton Hill Car Park – 5 miles/10 minutes Southwest from Junction 3 on the M5 motorway, which itself is on the western limits of Birmingham.

Nat Grid SO943802 / SO9430580255

Nearest Post Code B62 0NQ

Lat,Long (WGS84) 52.420255756453656,-2.085166696967815 (approximately)



Walton Hill CP is south-eastern most parking location shown on the map above (arrowed). There are no facilities at the event location. Toilets and a coffee kiosk will be found at the National Trust car park. There is a charge for use of this car park – sometimes on the gate or a ticket machine may be in use. Bring your national Trust Membership Card. Parking outside the NT car park is controlled (double yellow lines)

Format of Event

The event will conform to the general principles of IARU events.

For the 2m Classic there will be a five transmitters but no MO Beacon as this would risk “blocking” the other transmitters on your run-out.

The transmitters will be separated by at least 400m and the nearest transmitter to the Start will be more than 750m away. Optimal distance 5km* with a 4 Tx alternative at 4km*. Note that the run out from the start and the walk back from the finish are along country lanes – there will be motor and bicycle traffic.

For the 80m 5 transmitters. Optimal distance 2km*

*all subject to a final field and vegetation check

Timing and transmitter registration will be SportIdent (SI).

There will be a time limit of 2 hours to complete the 2m course and 90 minutes for the 80m. Competitors who are over time will be listed in the results below those who are inside the time and have found at least one transmitter.

A limited number of SI dibbers/Chips can be hired at £1. If you lose the dibber then the replacement cost will be payable. Contact ardf.chairman@rsgb.org.uk to reserve.

Map

2m: Scale is 1:10000* Size A4. Inkjet printed on standard non-waterproof paper

80m: Scale is 1:5000*. Size A4. Inkjet printed on standard non-waterproof paper

*awaiting OCAD files from Harlequins OC.

I don't want to print more maps than necessary – please email the planner on ClentARDF2022@ddwilliams.net before midnight on Thursday 23rd to ensure that a map is printed for you



The terrain is hilly (clue in the placenames) with some steep hillsides. There is an extensive track and path network. By late June to bracken will be up, transmitters will be placed so as to minimize any need to wade through more than a few metres of resistive vegetation. It is not a very big area but you will get more than sufficient exercise.

Timetable

9:30 Registration opens

10:00-11:00 Starts at 5 minute intervals on the 2m Classic

13:00-14:00 80m starts at 5 minute intervals

13:00 2m Classic course closes and transmitters will be collected in.

15:30 80m course closes. Transmitters will be collected in starting from 90 minutes after last competitor start.

Entries

- Entry fee £5
- Notify the organiser of your planned attendance (before midnight on 23rd)
- The results will be posted on this web site as soon as possible after the event.

Procedures

Registration will be in the car park. Start and Finish will be close by.

In accordance with the informality of the event the organisers will not require you to deposit your receiver in a pound before the transmitters start sending. They do expect you to respect the spirit of this concession by refraining from using your receiver until reporting to officials in the start area and then only under their supervision. You will be permitted to tune-in to the transmitter frequencies before starting.

The 'flags' for the 2m and 80m competition will be 15cm side length.

Safety

Competitors are responsible for their own safety and take part at their own risk. No smoking in the forest.

Whistles should be carried (the emergency signal is 6 blasts repeated at 1 minute intervals).

Area and event specific safety notes will be provided to competitors in an updated version of this flyer, following field check and subsequent approval of the event risk assessment.

Loan Equipment

Receivers for 2m (limited number) and 3.5MHz (80m) are available on loan at no extra cost (unless you lose the receiver, when the cost is replacement (£200/£40)).

E-Mail the ardf.chairman@rsgb.org.uk to reserve well in advance.

Enquiries

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