

## SYO -Use of our mapped areas for individual training.

All events, activities and training run by SYO will have permission from the land owners.

Sheffield is really fortunate to have a great deal of land that can be accessed by the public.

All SYO maps state;

‘Possession of this map does not imply right of access for orienteering or any other purpose. Permission must be obtained from the landowner. Representation of a path on the ground does not indicate a right of way.’

Sheffield city council owned land; parks

- Concord Park
- Cholera Monument Grounds
- Endcliffe Park/Porter Valley Parks
- Ecclesall Woods ( see special note)
- Firth Park
- Graves Park & Animal Farm
- Hillsborough Park & Walled Garden
- Millhouses Park
- Norfolk Heritage Park
- Peace Gardens
- Rivelin Valley Park
- Sheffield Botanical Gardens
- Weston Park
- Bingham Park (Porter Valley Parks)
- Bolehill Recreation Ground
- Botanical gardens
- Chelsea Park
- Crookes Valley Park
- Devonshire Green
- Herdings Park
- High Hazels Park
- Manor Fields Park
- Meersbrook Park
- Parkwood Springs
- Ponderosa
- Rother Valley Country Park
- Westwood country park ( Tankersley)
- Whirlow Brook Park
- Loxley common
- Bowden housteads
- Clay woods
- Limb valley
- Forge damn
- Hutcliffe wood

These are covered by bylaws which tell everyone what is allowed and not allowed, basically this does not exclude orienteering but no ‘notices’ are allowed to be fixed to anything, nothing may be damaged, all signs should be obeyed.

In addition please avoid all out of bounds areas marked on the newest map available, they are mainly ecological in nature and need to be respected.

### Woodlands;

Sheffield has a tree strategy, the first line of which is–  
“For all current and future generations to use and enjoy”

Ecclesall woods is very pressurised in terms of total footfall, we are only allowed events November to February inclusive. The out of bounds are to protect the crayfish! But also birdlife and ground flora are easy to damage especially in the spring.

Little Matlock wood

Wheata wood

Redmires –open access land

Shirebrook

Greno wood

Are not covered by the parks bylaws.

Think about not disturbing birds and ground flora particularly in the spring 1st March to 31<sup>st</sup> July.

### Moorland areas:-

Bigmoor, Blacka moor, Burbage, Burbage mines, Ramsley moor, Cowms rocks

These are covered by open access legislation;

People can normally access open access land on foot. They can: Walk, sightsee, run

However you must not play organised games or post notices.

They are all also sights of special scientific interest ( SSSI). SYO will not get permission for events or training from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> July, to avoid disturbing ground nesting birds. Many also have the ‘wet flushes’ marked out of bounds to avoid paths being created in wet areas and destroying the vegetation.

Other open access areas include Wharncliffe, Wombwell, some of Haggside, Rivelin, Lady cannings. They are clearly marked on new OS maps.

### Private woodlands/ other private land

Hugset

Some of West Haigh ( some is Barnsley council)

Hesley woods

Cawthorne

Beeley woods

Treeton wood ( Rotherham council)

Canklow ( Rotherham council)

Sandall beat ( Doncaster council encourages use)

Silverwood ( Rotherham council)

Edge campus

Collegiate campus

Beauchief golf course

These would need specific permission to use. There is very little information available but the council areas are widely used by the general public.

#### Embargoes

These mean that you should avoid areas that are being used for major events in the near future and you would have to declare yourself non competitive if you had trained on them if they appear on the embargoed list. ( it may not be fully up to date!)

[https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/embargoed\\_areas](https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/embargoed_areas)

#### Finally

We rely on the good terms built over many years with land owners for permission for our events, please do not jeopardise this by placing obvious controls, grouping in numbers particularly wearing similar orienteering kit, doing any damage or aggravating any other users!