

# Newmillerdam Country Park

Newmillerdam Country Park, 237 acres of woodland and water, lies 3 miles south of Wakefield. The Park was once part of the medieval 'Cevet' estate, later owned by the Newile family who built Chevet Hall in 1529. In 1753, the Pilkington family bought the estate and remained owners until 1954 when they sold the park to the local authority. The park was opened to the public in 1955.

The wooded park and long lake provide an ideal setting for peaceful strolls, picnics and birdwatching.

The lake was originally constructed as a reservoir that fed water onto cornmill wheels at the north western end, across the main A61 road. At the western end of the dam, a small weir allows water to flow to join up with the river Calder.

## Orienteering at Newmillerdam

The permanent orienteering course has been developed in the park to give you a chance to try a non-competitive form of this exciting sport, using your map reading skills to navigate around a series of markers.

### The map

Study the map carefully to find out the meaning of the symbols – they may be different from those you might be accustomed to on other maps. The parallel black lines show the direction of magnetic north. The scale of the map is 1:10,000 i.e. 1 centimetre on the map represents 100 metres on the ground.

### The control points

Purple circles on the map with accompanying letters, mark the positions of the permanent markers. The markers at each point are steel posts, painted green with an orange top. The marker has the letter corresponding to the map and a number. The purple circle inside a triangle marks the start and finish of all the courses. This is the notice board in the main car park at the west side of the dam. Each control is on a distinct feature that is listed in the control descriptions.

### The courses

Your challenge is to visit all the controls on your chosen course in the correct order. At each control, write down the number on the marker post in the corresponding box on the control card. You can try one of the suggested courses, make up your own course or try visiting all the controls on the map. Control T is not on any of the suggested courses and is quite a challenge to find.

## Suggested courses

Course A 2.0 km - a short course all on paths

Course B 3.3km - a medium course visiting more of the park

Course C 3.5km - harder navigation with more controls off paths

Course D 5.0 km - a challenging course needing careful map reading

Y C E Q P R V Z

Y X W Q F J L P R V Z

A B D F J L M Q P S W X Z

A B D F G I H J K L N M S U W X Z

**This permanent orienteering course** has been planned by **East Pennine Orienteering Club** in association with **Wakefield Countryside and Conservation Service** and with the assistance of the **Friends of Newmillerdam**, in accordance with normal orienteering practice. However it is impossible for any of these bodies to monitor the area on a full time basis and users must accept that none of the above bodies can be held responsible for any accident, injuries or damage that may occur.

We hope that you will enjoy this taste of orienteering. The local club (EPOC) organises regular events to suit all ability levels at which you will be very welcome. Details can be found on the club's web site [www.eastpennineoc.org.uk](http://www.eastpennineoc.org.uk)