

Formal organised orienteering events in Riverhead Forest require a permit from the forest manager.

For orienteering events in Riverhead Forest check the NWOC web site to see which map and access point is being used for the event.

Generally, casual recreation access by individuals to the areas of the forest with orienteering maps is possible over the weekends. Be very aware of other forest users (motor bikes, mountain bikes, horse riders, dog walkers, shooting range, vehicles, etc). Access is not a right and the forest can be closed at weekends for a range of reasons (harvesting, fire danger, car rallies, motor bike races, etc). You are responsible for establishing if you are allowed to access the forest. Possession of an orienteering map from a previous event does not imply approval for future access.

Riverhead Forest is a commercial production forest, with a 25-to-30-year cycle from tree planting to harvesting. Hence the areas mapped for orienteering evolve with the cycle of forest growth; in Riverhead only the more mature forest is suitable for off track orienteering.

All the forest roads have locked gates on the forest boundary.

