

Access permission is required for Woodhill Forest. Woodhill forest is privately owned, **access is only allowed with a permit**. This includes both organised orienteering events and individuals going for a run or walk. Possession of an orienteering map from a previous event does not imply approval for future access.

The same conditions apply to a number of orienteering maps that are adjacent to Woodhill Forest, they are on private land and landowner permission is required for any access. The only map listed below on public land is the Te Rau Puriri Regional Park map, casual access is generally unrestricted, organised events need a permit (see the Auckland Council web site).

Woodhill forest is a commercial production forest with a 25-to-30-year cycle between the planting and harvesting of trees. This means that there is a continual evolution in the areas of the forest that are used for orienteering. The map below identifies areas used for orienteering as of October 2021.

There are a number of roads that can be used to access the orienteering maps. Some maps can have more than one access road. You must check on the relevant orienteering club’s website what access road will be used to get to the orienteering event. Often there will a security person controlling access onto private roads within the forest. Identify yourself as an orienteer and follow any instructions. Orienteering road signage will guide you to the event centre, you must not deviate from the signposted route. The orienteering event access permission will only cover the area of the orienteering map and the defined access road. Other areas of the forest are out of bounds: possible forest production activities, other recreation activities (shooting, mountain biking, etc), filming, etc.

Drive slowly and carefully on the forest access roads with your lights on. They are all gravel roads. Parking areas will be identified near the orienteering event centre.

