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BARC 2024 VHF FOXHUNT ON FOOT
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024
VENUE: DR ANNIE BESANT PARK



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<https://www.barc.in/activities/ardf-foxhunt/>

IMPORTANT TIMES TO NOTE

Reporting Time: 08:30 AM
First Flag off at: 10:00 AM
Event Wrap Up: 02:30 PM

EMERGENCY CONTACT

(To be contacted ONLY in case of emergencies)

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EMERGENCY VHF FREQ

(Use ONLY in case of emergencies)
145.000 MHz

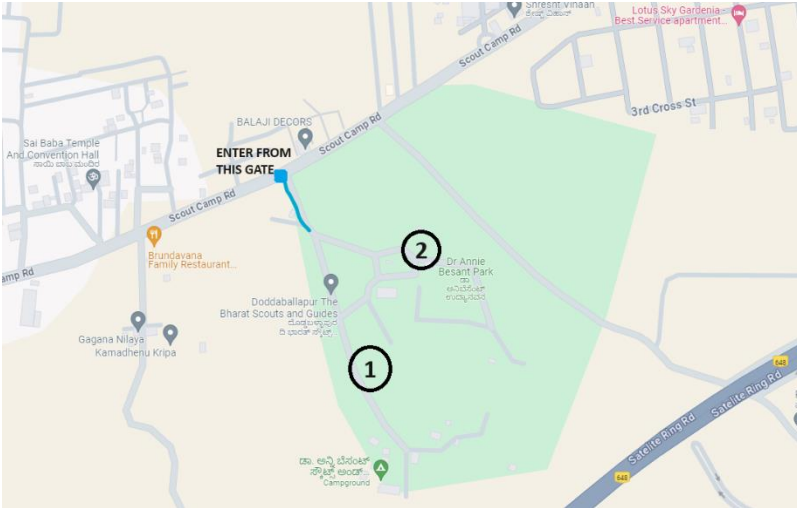
VENUE

DR ANNIE BESANT PARK, DODDABALLAPUR, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8xqJ8uYrcV59ETim6>

LAT. & LON.: 13.2806°N, 77.5647°E

GRID: MK83sg



Use the gate marked above to enter the park. Depending on the weather, for registration we will gather at (1) or (2) (as shown in the map). Please follow the directions using the arrow marks as shown above.

All participants are requested to carry rain jackets. In case of a drizzle or light rain showers, the event will continue, but the organizers may decide to halt the competition in case of heavy rain showers.

To reduce the use of plastics and to leave the park clean after the event, 20-litre water cans will be placed at the venue. Kindly carry reusable water bottles from home and refill with the water from the cans when required. We thank you for your cooperation.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Each participant will compete/ hunt individually.**
- All participants are expected to **report at the venue by 08:30 AM**. Note that the venue is about 40 km from the Bangalore city centre, therefore plan your travel accordingly to reach the venue on time.
- On arrival, please proceed to the registration desk to collect your registration kit, ID cards, and RFID cards, and then proceed for breakfast.
- **A South Indian breakfast will be served at the venue.**
- After the breakfast, there will be a briefing on the competition process and rules.
- **Do not miss the briefing. Those reporting late and not present during the briefing will not be allowed to participate.**
- After the briefing, all participants must deposit their antennas and radio setup on the tarpaulin sheet placed on the ground near the flag off area.
- Each participant will be flagged off individually with a time gap between each participant.
- Each participant will be allowed to take possession of their setup just before their start time.
- **Flag off will start at 10:00 AM sharp.**
- Participants who complete hunting, shall switch off their setup and hand over RFID cards at the designated finish area.
- The **competition concludes at 12:30 PM**. Regardless of your progress in finding the transmitters, please return to the registration area by this time to hand over the RFID cards and proceed for lunch, and eyeball QSOs with all participants.
- **A vegetarian lunch will be served from 12:30 PM onwards**. Meanwhile, the judges and the timekeepers will evaluate scores to arrive at the results.
- Prize distribution will be conducted after lunch.
- **There will be no RF in this event.**
- **The event will wrap up at 2:30 PM**. Please plan to depart by this time.
- There are 3 competition categories (based on age group):
 - C1: 19 to 30 years
 - C2: 30 to 60 years
 - C3: 60+ years
- There are **3 prizes per category**: Therefore, there are 9 prizes to be won.
- **The decision of the judges and the organizing committee will be final.**



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THE COMPETITION & RULES OF DISQUALIFICATION

The competition

- Each participant will be provided with an RFID tag during registration.
- Participants will be **flagged off individually** from the Start Point.
- There will be three transmitters (foxes) to hunt. Each participant must hunt the first, second, and third transmitters, and *log his/ her hunt by tapping their RFID card on the RFID readers placed near each fox. Additionally, participants are also required to punch their badge with the coded punch placed at each fox.*
- The first and the second transmitters will Tx on 144.700 MHz at every *alternate minute*.
- The first transmitter will send a 30-second tone followed by CW: MOE (da-da, da-da-da, dit).
- The second transmitter will send a 30-second tone followed by a CW: MOI (da-da, da-da-da, di-dit).
- The third transmitter, which is the Finish point, will Tx on 144.600 MHz
- The third transmitter will send a 30-second tone followed by a CW: MO (da-da, da-da-da) every minute.
- The first and second transmitters can be hunted in any sequence, but the third transmitter (Finish) must be the last one to be logged.
- After hunting all three foxes and logging in, participants are requested to return to the registration area to hand over their RFID cards.
- *The frequency of 145.000 MHz will be used only for emergencies and for brief announcements.*

Disqualification rules

- Participants who lose their RFID card shall be disqualified.
- Participants shall remain quiet and neither interfere nor supply any information (verbally or via gestures) to fellow participants until the competition concludes. There will be observers monitoring.
- If a participant is found using a mobile phone to share any information, he/ she shall be disqualified. Mobile phone usage is only allowed in case of medical emergencies.
- Attempts to gain any information beyond that provided during the briefing are not permitted before and during the competition.
- A participant who breaks any rule, or who benefits from the breaking of any rule, shall be disqualified.



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GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Before the Event:

- **Footwear:** Choose sturdy hiking boots or shoes with good ankle support and appropriate tread considering the event will be on wet or muddy ground.
- **Clothing:** Layer your clothing for changing weather conditions. Bring long pants and long sleeves for protection from brush, insects, and sun exposure. Pack a rain jacket or poncho in case of unexpected showers.
- **Sun Protection:** Pack sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat to protect yourself from the sun, especially during long events.
- **Navigation:** Review the event map and familiarize yourself with the designated search area. Consider bringing a compass and a basic map (even a printout).
- **Hydration and Nutrition:** Pack enough water and snacks for the duration of the event. Consider the effort level and adjust your food and water accordingly.
- **Communication:** Ensure your handheld transceiver is fully charged and bring extra batteries. Inform a friend or family member about your participation, the event location, and your expected return time.

During the Event:

- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink water regularly, even if you don't feel thirsty. Dehydration can impair your judgment and stamina.
- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Pay attention to the terrain and potential hazards like loose rocks, pits, or uneven surfaces.
- **Caution About Snakes and Other Reptiles:** The area is known to have a large number of snakes, scorpions, bees, hornets and wasps, in addition other wildlife like monitor lizards, mongoose etc. Please exercise caution while hunting the foxes and stay away from them. In case of any unfortunate event, please raise alarm on 145.000 MHz. Otherwise, do enjoy the nature around in addition to hunting the foxes.
- **Stay on Paths:** Unless instructed otherwise, stick to designated paths and avoid venturing off-trail. This helps prevent getting lost and minimizes environmental impact.
- **Use Your Compass:** Learn to use a compass for basic navigation.
- **Listen for Instructions:** The event organizer might provide updates or warnings during the fox hunt. Pay close attention to their instructions.
- **Mind Your Pace and Energy Level:** Don't push yourself too hard, especially in hot weather. Take breaks when needed to avoid exhaustion.
- **Travel Light:** While you need essentials, avoid carrying a heavy backpack that can slow you down or strain your back.

Additional Tips:

- **First-Aid Kit:** Bring a small first-aid kit containing basic supplies for treating minor injuries (bandages, antiseptic wipes, etc.)
- **Insect Repellent:** Apply insect repellent to protect yourself from bites and stings.
- **Radio Etiquette:** Maintain clear communication on your radio and avoid interfering with other participants.
- **Lost Procedures:** Know what to do if you get lost. This may involve staying put and signalling for help with your whistle or radio.
- **Leave No Trace:** Be respectful of the environment. Pack out all your trash and avoid disturbing wildlife.



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LETTER OF INDEMNITY

UNLESS YOU FULLY ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND SIGN THIS LETTER OF INDEMNITY YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN THIS COMPETITION.

I, the undersigned, by participating in the BARC 2024 VHF Foxhunt on Foot event, an Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) competition, acknowledge the inherent risks involved in this outdoor activity, including but not limited to:

- Physical exertion and potential stress on the body
- Exposure to various weather conditions (sun, heat, cold, rain, etc.)
- Uneven terrain, which may cause slips, trips, and falls
- Stings and bites from insects and reptiles
- Wildlife encounters
- Getting lost or disoriented
- Potential equipment malfunction

I understand that natural and man-made hazards, along with environmental conditions, could combine with my actions and lead to serious injury or even death.

I take full responsibility and accept all risks associated with my participation in the event, regardless of the cause (my own negligence, others' negligence, acts of nature, etc.).

I confirm that I am in good health and physically capable of participating in this event and that the demands of the event are appropriate for my fitness level.

I agree to act responsibly and avoid actions that could endanger myself, other competitors, officials, or the public.

I agree that I as a participant must take an active role in understanding and accepting these risks, conditions and hazards.

I and the accompanying person(s) indemnify the Bangalore Amateur Radio Club, its office bearers, the event organizers and Dr Annie Besant Park staff from any claims, damages, loss to property or limb or life or any other legal claims and liabilities.

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness #1 Signature: _____

Witness #1 Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness #2 Signature: _____

Witness #2 Name: _____

Date: _____