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## Armidale to stage state orienteering event

NORTHERN Tablelands Orienteering Club (NTOC), in association with Queensland club Bullecourt Boulder Bounders and Orienteering NSW, will be holding the annual Queen's birthday three-day event in the Armidale area from June 9-11.



**PRETTY:** Armidale Pine Forest.

The event is expected to draw competitors from NSW, Queensland and the ACT for this outstanding weekend of orienteering in varied terrain. Orienteers can choose from a range of 'very easy' to 'hard' courses. Members of the local community are invited to come along as there will be opportunities for all levels of orienteers to participate.

On Saturday June 9, NTOC will host the short distance event at the Armidale Pine Forest just north of Armidale on the Rockvale Road.

With a dense network of minor tracks and some open areas, this event provides a variation on the classic sprint terrain. For those new to orienteering, or those who enjoy a more leisurely pace, it provides a safe, sheltered environment with good visibility.

On Sunday June 10, competitors will be

heading 35kms west to Mt Brown to test their skills on granite areas over a middle distance event. Mt Brown has open to semi-open paddocks in flat to undulating terrain with open eucalypt forest and areas of scattered granite.

Competitors in the 'hard' courses would expect to find themselves in areas of scrub amongst exposed bare rock and scattered to complex granite outcrops in the steeper areas.

On Monday June 11, the event will be heading 65kms south west of Armidale to Banalasta for a long distance event. Banalasta offers a variety of terrain from undulating open grazing land with granite outcrops to steeper forest areas with more extensive and complex granite areas.

Entries open on Friday March 23 and close on Monday May 7.



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