

# McKeldin

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**January 21**  
**Sunday**



Continue to challenge our January weather by coming orienteering! We hope to see lots of folks out to experience McKeldin's hilly terrain and the challenging courses (white through blue; see below) set by course designer Kim Jepsen. Event timing will be standard (register any time between 10:45 - 1:15, start any time between 11 - 1:30, and finish and download no later than 3pm). **Updated course notes** are posted below.

Any youth or large groups attending, please contact the [Event Director](#) [2] so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group; the group registration and waiver [form](#) [3] is part of the information on our [Group Leaders](#) [4] page.

If you are considering trying a harder level course than usual, you might want to consider it carefully since McKeldin is known for its rather steep terrain.

Carpooling is encouraged as a courtesy to other park users due to limited parking space. All vehicles must park in designated parking spots. There are only about 80 parking spaces near the registration area, although more may be found going south and east in the park.

Note: There is a park entrance fee (\$2 per vehicle for MD residents and \$4 per vehicle for others, \$10 per bus (a bus that holds more than 9 passengers). Bring exact change since the park entrance fee will likely be collected using an honor system, and a ranger may not be on duty to provide change. Please remember to pay the fee - our future use of the park will be compromised if there is a gross mismatch between number of participants and collected fees.

## Location

Patapsco Valley State Park, McKeldin Area, Shelter 501, Marriottsville, MD (Classic)

## Registration

No advance registration required. Just show up and

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have fun!

You may start your course at any time during the start window listed below for your event.

**Sunday, January 21** 11:00 Classic:

am -

3:00

pm

Event [Anne Jepsen](#) [5]

Director:

Course [Kim Jepsen](#) [6]

Designer:

**Classic** From I-695/I-70 West  
Patapsco take I-70 to Marriottsville  
Valley State Rd. (Exit 83). Go North on  
Park Marriottsville Rd. for 4  
McKeldin miles to the park  
Area, entrance on the right.  
Shelter 501 After paying park  
Marriottsvill entrance fees, follow  
e, MD O-signs to shelter #501.  
[Google Map](#) [7] From I-70 East take Rt.  
40 (Exit 82, Balt. Natl.  
Pike) to Marriottsville Rd.  
Turn left. Park entrance is  
5 miles on the right. After  
paying park entrance  
fees, follow O-signs to  
shelter #501.

ClassicCourse	Length	Climb (m)	No.
Name	(km)		Controls
White	2.7	65	11
Yellow	3.2	105	10
Orange	4.4	170	12
Brown	4.6	195	12
Green	6.1	235	17
Red	7.3	270	21
Blue	8.8	355	25

**Classic**

The McKeldin area has some of the steeper terrain amongst our venues and as a result, the courses have a little more climb than usual. The terrain is generally runnable with good visibility, but has some areas with deadfall and and barberry bushes that may slow you down; this is especially the case in the NW and northernmost parts of the map, visited by all the advanced courses. The rootstocks on the map tend to be old and decaying; where a severely decayed rootstock has been used for a control, this has been indicated with the 'decayed' symbol. A number of newer rootstocks around the terrain, some of them in close proximity to a control, have not yet been mapped.

**Update:** A few controls on the advanced courses are placed quite close together. Please make sure



that you check the control numbers so you do not accidentally mispunch.

**Also:** There is only one control with drinking water on today's courses. However, drinking water is placed centrally on a couple of footpaths - look for the "cup" symbol.

The Yellow course has an off-trail section following a linear feature, although a longer, on-path route option exists; also, the yellow course has an option for a good short-cut through the terrain to practice following a bearing before moving up to an orange course. The Orange course has one or two course legs where a short precision compass bearing will be required, but they are not overly difficult. The advanced courses use a newly mapped section in the northernmost part of the park, courtesy of John Blaisdell. Also, the advanced courses all cross Marriottsville Road which carries high-speed traffic, so please use caution when crossing the road.

Map Scales: White 1:5000, Yellow 1:7500, All others 1:10000. Contour interval 5m for all course maps.

## Entry Fees

### Individual Entries

*Note: juniors = under 21*

	Club Member, adult	Club Member, junior	Non-Mem ber, adult	Non-Mem ber, junior
Epunch Owner	\$5	\$5	\$10	\$5
Epunch Borrower	\$10	\$5	\$15	\$10

### Team or Group Entries

Participants are welcome to compete together as a single team entry. Teams containing one or more nonmembers are charged the nonmember individual rate. Teams containing one or more adults are charged the adult individual rate. For teams to receive member or junior rates, all members of the team must be members or juniors, respectively. Each extra team map beyond the first is an additional \$2. Individuals or teams desiring to compete on a second course can do so for a reduced fee of \$2/map.

### Important Notes

- If you wish to become a QOC member do so online via [this webpage](#) [8] (which also explains the member benefits).
- Most of our events use an 'epunch' timing chip for electronic timing. Individuals or groups without their own epunch pay a higher entry fee (see above), which includes the loan of an epunch for that event. Loaned epunches that are lost incur a \$40 replacement fee.



Epunches (also known as SI-cards or finger sticks) are usually available for sale at each event as described [here](#) [9].

- Former QOC members who have let their membership lapse pay non-member fees.
- Compasses are available at no charge, but if lost incur a \$15 replacement fee.
- Please provide collateral (driver's license or car keys) when borrowing a compass or epunch.
- For additional safety, whistles are available for sale at \$1/each.
- Free beginner instruction is always available - just ask at the registration table.

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[2] <http://qocweb.org/contact/Jepsen/Anne>

[3] [http://qocweb.org/sites/default/files/Group\\_Registration\\_Form.xls](http://qocweb.org/sites/default/files/Group_Registration_Form.xls)

[4] <http://qocweb.org/content/group-leaders>

[5] <https://www.qocweb.org/contact/Jepsen/Anne>

[6] <https://www.qocweb.org/contact/Jepsen/Kim>

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[8] <http://qocweb.org/content/membership-types>

[9] <http://qocweb.org/epunch>