

Granite

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April 21 Saturday

Welcome back to Patapsco Granite! We will have a full set of seven courses taking advantage of this complex, occasionally rocky terrain. Course details and course setter comments are now posted below. Note that this is a ***Saturday*** event.

Event timing: Register at the event anytime between 10:45am - 1:15, start between 11 - 1:30, and be sure to check back in no later than 3pm.

REMINDER: Use the cups we provide at each water stop. **DO NOT CHUG** directly from the water containers. We encourage event directors to void the results of anyone violating this policy. Every orienteer can take the extra few seconds to use the cups.

If you will be bringing a large group (youth or otherwise), please contact Event Director [Patti Mace](#) [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.



Additional information:

- Parking will be in the large lot of the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez church parking lot.
- Registration will be in the nearby field.
- Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a leash at all times.
- There are no entrance or parking fees at this venue.
- GPS watches will be available for loan for those who wish to try them.
- Have any questions? Just use our handy [Contact Us](#) [5] form.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER REQUEST ON THE DAY OF THE MEET:

The managers of the Patapsco Valley State Park have a policy that requires large groups like QOC to



put in some number of volunteer hours doing trail maintenance and/or cleanup at the various park locations. Since our club uses a number of areas in the Patapsco State Park (Hilton, Avalon, Orange Grove, Granite and McKeldin), and our participants are roaming through many sections of the park that may not be accessed normally, we have suggested that we would like to try doing some trash removal and cleanup on the day of our event in order to meet our volunteer obligation. So, after you have completed your course on Saturday, please consider giving the club and the park a half hour of your time to pick up trash and debris in the area.

We will have trash bags available for your use near the refreshment station. We would hope that you would take whatever you collect with you for disposal at home. This is our way of giving back to the parks and woodlands from which we derive so much pleasure. If this pilot initiative works out we may also try doing some invasive plant removal as part of this effort in the future. Thanks for your help.

Location

Patapsco Valley State Park, Granite Area,
Woodstock, MD (Classic)

Registration

No advance registration required. Just show up and have fun!

Start Times

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

Schedule

Saturday, April 21 11:00 Classic:
am -
3:00
pm

Volunteers

Event [Patti Mace](#) [6]
Director:
Course [Mark Mace](#) [7]
Designer:

Location Details

Classic Park in the large parking
Patapsco lot to the south of St.
Valley State Alphonsus Rodriguez
Park Church on Old Court Rd.
Granite Area From the Marriottsville Rd
Woodstock, exit of I-70, go north on
MD Marriottsville just 0.8
[Google Map](#) miles and then turn right
[8] on Old Frederick Rd (Rt
99). Go east 0.8 miles,
then turn left (north) on
Woodstock Rd. In 2 miles
the church will be on your
left, after Woodstock Rd
has changed its name to
Old Court Rd.

Course Details

Classic	Course Name	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
	White	2.8	60	8
	Yellow	2.8	75	10
	Orange	3.9	90	10
	Brown	3.6	115	8
	Green	5.2	180	10
	Red	7.3	220	12
	Blue	8.4	290	15

Course Notes**Classic**

Some of the trails tend to be a bit rocky. The open woods have less barberry bushes and are runnable



with good visibility depending on the warm weather in a few weeks. The mostly open fields are thick dead tall grasses and may be slower to run through. Some of the rootstocks on the map are now old and decaying.

Entry Fees