



# Avalon

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## October 3 Sunday

Welcome to the Avalon section of Patapsco Valley State Park!

This will be a classic orienteering event comprised of 7 courses, and e-punching will be used on all courses.

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Courses will be pre-printed on the map.

- Map scale is 1:10,000 with 5 m contours
- Map has been updated by the course setter (but see course notes below!)
- Bathrooms are available
- Pets are allowed on trails; MD State Park policy says pets are to be leashed and owners are responsible for waste cleanup
- Red & Blue course runners must remove invasive plant seeds after their run and dispose of them in the QOC-provided bags.

Control pickup will start at 4:00 pm.

Have a great time and enjoy this park!

### Schedule

**Sunday, October 3** 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Classic Courses: Start Window

### Volunteers

Event [Jan Merka](#) [2]  
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 Course [Ted Good](#) [4]  
 Setter:

### Course Details

Classic Courses	Course Name	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
	White	2.1	5	11
	Yellow	2.9	95	8
	Orange	4.9	160	10
	Brown	4.5	160	9
	Green	6.1	135	11
	Red	7.5	245	12
	Blue	10.4	305	15

### Course Notes

**Classic Courses**  
 Course notes: White will be using a new area on both sides of the river. The course will stay in the



lowlands. Red and Blue will be using a new area previously unmapped. Unfortunately I have found some sizeable wavy leaf basket grass in this area and it is now seeding. It produces a sticky seed that attaches to hair and clothing. In order to not propagate this invasive species, **ALL** Red & Blue competitors **MUST REMOVE** the sticky seeds **BEFORE** leaving the park. **DO NOT DROP** the seeds on the ground or in the trash. Use our special bag that will be properly destroyed. Map Notes We will be using the newly redone LiDAR-based map. Vegetation There are large sections of the park that are now covered in stilt grass. In the thicker areas the grass makes it hard to see your footing but doesn't impair visibility. There is a new symbol on the map to show where the stilt grass is thickest. I recommend checking out the sample map so you are familiar with the new symbol. As the map is new not all the stilt grass is mapped but the areas mapped can be used to affect your route choice. Those who are used to the old map will realize there is very little green on the map. Most light green is small saplings. Medium and light green is almost always greenbriar. Except for the stilt grass the woods are very open. There is no poison ivy. Only the larger root stocks are mapped. Larger is defined as those 2 meters or larger. Rock: There are parts of the map with lots of smaller rocks. Rocks have been simplified some cases. Trails There are tons of trails on the map courtesy of the bikers. I used the 'ride' symbol to show noticeable old unused trails. There are lots of bikers in the area so be alert so there aren't any collisions. Private Areas: There are numerous private areas. Please stay respect the out of bounds areas on the map. Bugs: Ticks have been found in past years but I haven't seen any this year. There are no chiggers.

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