

Mason Neck

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**May 8
Sunday**

A new park (with a new map)! This event will feature the debut of the new orienteering map of Mason Neck State Park, an area never before used for orienteering. The terrain consists of a very flat and generally open (but forested) plateau, with steep but short slopes down to the bay and marshes that border the park on two sides. Running will be fast to very fast in the predominantly white woods. The map was field-checked by Tom Strat over the past year, who's this event's course-setter, based on a basemap from Greg Lennon. Contour interval is 5 feet (yes feet!); map scale will be 1:5000 for the White course, 1:7500 for Yellow, and 1:10000 for all others.

A full slate of courses will be offered (2 beginner, and intermediate, and several advanced courses; details below). Ample parking and flush toilets are available at the assembly area. A state park entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle will be collected upon entrance to the park. We will also have the use of a large (pavilion style) tent, so feel free to bring food or beverages.



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.

[Mason Neck State Park](#) [5] is also a great place for exploration on the water or by bike (a very smooth and family-friendly bike path runs through much of the park). Of note:

- Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent one. Rental rates are \$10/hr for a kayak, \$15/hr for a tandem kayak, and \$12/hr for a canoe (all + tax).
- A 2.5 hour guided kayak tour is conducted on Sunday mornings at 9am. Cost is \$15 per person; reserve a spot by calling the park office at (703) 339-2385.
- Bring your own bikes, or rent one. Rental rate is \$5/hr.
- There's a fine playground quite near our registration area.
- Dogs are welcome in the park, but must be on a leash of length 6 feet or less at all times and "with a human on the other end", as a park ranger said.



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Location

Mason Neck SP, Mason Neck SP, Lorton, VA (Classic Courses)

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 (Noon to 2pm). Please be out of the woods by 4pm.

Schedule

Sunday, May 8 12:00 pm Classic Courses:

Volunteers

Event [Van Anthony](#) [6]

Director:

Course [Tom Strat](#) [7]

Setter:

Location Details