

Mason Neck

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**April 22
Sunday**

Still a relatively new park for us, this event will be just the second event ever on this map. The terrain consists of a quite 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. Contour interval is just 5 feet - not 5 meters. Course setters Tom & Trish Strat have planned a full range of courses, and details are now posted below along with map and course notes. Event registration will be from 10:45am - 1:15pm, you can start your course anytime between 11am - 1:30pm, and courses close at 3pm.

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.

**zpizza**

Post-Race MeetUp Special! ZPIZZA is offering all orienteers your choice of a **free chocolate chip cookie or brownie** with any order of \$10 or more this Sunday afternoon, or just a straight 10% discount. Known for their [menu](#) [6] featuring healthy sandwiches, salads and gluten-free pizza, and rated highly by plenty of QOC orienteers who went here after our February event at Pohick. Located ([here](#) [7]) just east of the I-95/Lorton exit 163. There's also a Quizno's and a Starbucks next door if that's more your style.

**Location**

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

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

Sunday, April 22 10:45 am - 1:15 pm Classic Orienteering: Registration window



11:00 am - Classic Orienteering:
1:30 pm Start window
3:00 pm Classic Orienteering:
Courses close

Volunteers

Event [Lisa Beck](#) [8]
Director:
Course [Tom Strat](#) [9]
Designer:
Course [Trish Strat](#) [10]
Designer:
Course [Ryan Hanna](#) [11]
Vetter:

Location Details