



## Lake Needwood

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**September 23  
Sunday**



Welcome to the second event of the QOC season!

This will also be only our second event at Lake Needwood, and it will feature a full slate of beginner through advanced courses on our almost-brand-new map that now includes post-derecho updates courtesy of course setter (and mapper) Nadim Ahmed.

As with all QOC events, we will have free newcomer instruction at this event. A QOC member will show you how to read a map, teach you how to use a compass with your map and give you hints on how to navigate your choice of course. Besides that, just wear a smile and the clothes you would for a hike or run in a local park. Bring a compass, if you have one, or borrow one at the event. And dogs (on leash) are welcome at Lake Needwood too. Driving directions are below; the specific shelter we will be using this year is Shelter C. Map scales will be 1:5000 for beginner (white, yellow) courses, 1:7500 for intermediate (orange) and brown, and 1:10000 for green through blue courses.

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.

Nearby attractions include:



- Boating on Lake Needwood - great for adults, kids and even dogs, click [here](#) [5] for info, and for a panoramic photo by Nadim of part of the lake, click [here](#) [6]
- Park map - a Rock Creek Regional Park trail map with plenty of amenities can be found [here](#) [7], and a brochure [here](#) [8]
- See below for information about the Go Ape treetop adventure course!

**NEW !** Anyone attending our orienteering event can receive a 10% discount on the nearby Go Ape treetop adventure course, located a very short walk away from our registration area. The course is made up of numerous rope ladders, 34 crossings including the Giants Leap and Cacapon Crossing, 2 tarzan swings and 5 zip lines. Check participant requirements and fees on the [Go Ape! website](#) [9]. Reservations are highly recommended since Go Ape cannot guarantee space for walk-ins; use promo code "QOCLUB" when booking at [www.goape.com](http://www.goape.com) [10] or by calling (800) 971-8271. One of many online videos about Go Ape posted by past fun-seekers is shown below.

**Location**

Lake Needwood, Circle Parking Area, Derwood, MD (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, September 23**

10:45	Classic
am -	Orienteering
1:15	:
pm	Registration window
11:00	Classic
am -	Orienteering
1:30	: Start
pm	window
3:00	Classic
pm	Orienteering
	: Course closure

**Volunteers**

Meet [Patti Mace](#) [11]  
 Director:  
 Meet [Mark Mace](#) [12]  
 Director:  
 Course [Nadim Ahmed](#) [13]  
 Designer:

**Location Details**