

Little Bennett

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March 23
Saturday



Welcome back to Little Bennett Park, site of one of QOC's most popular permanent orienteering courses. This year, we'll be based out of the Nature Center, with registration open from 10:45am - 1:15pm, starts anytime between 11 - 1:30, and everyone out of the woods by 3pm. Traditional beginner (white and yellow) courses will be offered, along with one intermediate (orange) and one traditional-style advanced (brown) course.

And in addition ... only for all you adventure racers, rogainers and other advanced runners ... Sam's Surprise Score-O! With 30 controls spread over this large park, and different point values per control, your goal (should you choose to accept it) is to total as many points as possible. Maximum total



number of points is 1880 (if you visit all of them), but you'll be penalized 40 points per minute over two hours that you take, and of course no matter what you should be back by 3pm. Score-O participants should also know that their map will be on 12x18 inch paper at a scale of 1:15,000. Are you ready for the challenge?

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.

Some additional information:

- Course summaries are now posted below.
- White and yellow course maps will be printed at a scale of 1:7500; orange and brown are at 1:10000; and the Score-O is 1:15000.
- Detailed course setter map and course comments are also now posted below.
- Want to do the Score-O course but for less than 2 hours? No problem, come back whenever. You might want to time yourself for exactly 60 or 90 minutes, so in the results, you'll at least see how your # of points compares to anyone else coming in just at or under 60 (or 90) minutes. Just be back by 3pm (or earlier).
- Dogs on leash are welcome.
- Hungry or thirsty after the meet? Or just want some Irish hospitality during the month of St. Paddy's Day? See the info about Bennigan's below!
- Some of the materials printed earlier in the season listed Sunday March 24 as the day for this event. While this was correct at the time, circumstances led to a change in date. Rest assured: the correct date is Saturday, March 23.
- Feel free to use our [Contact Us](#) [5] form if you have any questions!



Post-Race MeetUp Special! It's pretty new to Clarksburg, and only 2 minutes from Little Bennett Park, so why not head over to Bennigan's after our event? You'll get a **20% discount** off your food purchase if you bring the QOC/Bennigans flyer we'll have at the event (or just print it from [here](#) [6]). Hint: for a special treat, sign up for their E-club [here](#) [7] in advance. Bennigan's is located near the intersection of Frederick and Stringtown Rds; driving directions are [here](#) [8].

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, March 23

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



3:00 pm Classic Orienteering: Courses close

Volunteers

Event [Jon Pifer](#) [9]
Director:
Course _ [10]
Designer:

Course Details

Course Name	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
White	2.2	55	11
Yellow	2.2	50	10
Orange	4.4	140	13
Brown	4.5	160	10
Score			30

Course Notes

Classic Orienteering

The park has beautiful areas of wide open, runnable forest and areas of some really nasty vegetation. At this time of the year, areas of light to even some areas of medium green will not slow your running speed. Areas of dark green, however, should be avoided. The symbol for green undergrowth, or slash, is used liberally on this map. There are two types, the wider spaced parallel green lines that usually indicate areas of older fallen trees where visibility is good, but you will still have to navigate over these fallen trees and it may slow you down a bit. The more closely spaced parallel green lines indicate areas of more densely spaced fallen trees in which visibility is reduced and progress through these areas can be severely hindered. One can get through these areas, but it'll take some time. The park has created several new trails and taken several older trails out of service. The new trails are mapped and when the older trails are clearly visible, they are mapped as intermittent trails. Be aware that the park, when taking these trails out of service, will plant saplings in the field portion of these trails and pile debris at the beginning and end of these trails when they enter wooded areas. The rock features mapped tend to be on the small side (i.e. less than 1 meter to 1 meter in height), but they are present. A significant number of rootstocks were added to the map for this meet, they all are larger than 1.5 meter in height or diameter and still have dirt present. Older rootstocks not meeting this criteria were removed. Trails at this time of the year tend to be muddy and portions can be rocky. The White through Brown courses were designed not to cross the entrance road to the park nor to have a route choice through the campground loops A through D. White and Yellow courses: At this time of the year



portions of the trails along your route can be wet and muddy, be prepared to get your shoes dirty. Orange and Brown courses: Your courses do not cross Little Bennett creek nor campground loops A through D. Course legs were designed to give you options for getting through or around some of the nastier vegetation.

Score-O: The only rule in the Score-O is that one must stay within the outer perimeter borders of the park. Clarksburg Road bisects the park and although it is NOT marked as Out Of Bounds, it IS marked as Dangerous. Be very careful crossing this road and minimize using this road as a route choice. Little Bennett Creek is crossable, but you will probably get your feet wet at this time of the year. Dry crossings (i.e. bridges) across the creek are indicated by the purple crossing symbol on the map. While water will be at two control locations, three other water stops (not at control locations) will be at the small parking lots along Clarksburg Road. These locations are indicated on the map. On portions of the map both mountain bikers and horseback riders may be present on the trails, so be aware and try and not startle folks or horses. Also, if you choose to cross through the campground area as a route choice, please be respectful of anyone camping there and avoid running through their campsite. Hopefully, some of you will venture out into portions of the park that normally are not used due to course setting constraints. Remember, there is a strict maximum limit of 2 hours to complete this course. Penalties are per minute after two hours. But you don't have to spend the full two hours on this course - it is perfectly OK to spend less time if that is what you desire. Enjoy and have fun

Entry Fees

Individual Entries

Non-Member: \$10/adult, \$6/junior (under 21 years old)

Member: \$6/adult, \$4/junior (under 21 years old)

Team or Group Entries

Participants are welcome to compete together as a single team entry. Teams containing one or more nonmembers are charged the nonmember individual rate. Teams containing one or more adults are charged the adult individual rate. For teams to receive member or junior rates, all members of the team must be members or juniors, respectively. Each extra team map beyond the first is an additional \$2. Individuals or teams desiring to compete on a second course can do so for a reduced fee of \$2/map.

Important Notes



- At the event, we can only accept payment in cash or check; online, you may use a credit card or PayPal account.
- Most of our events use electronic timing. We will provide you with an electronic timing chip (aka e-stick, finger dibber, or SI-card) for free if you don't own one. Loaned e-sticks that are lost incur a \$40 replacement fee.
- Compasses are available at no charge, but if lost incur a \$15 replacement fee.
- Please provide collateral (driver's license or car keys) when borrowing a compass or e-punch.
- For additional safety, whistles are available for sale at \$1/each.
- Free beginner instruction is always available - just ask at the registration table.

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[6] http://qocweb.org/sites/default/files/Bennigans_QOC_Coupon.pdf

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