

Great Falls

[ShareThis](#) [1]

**November 24
Sunday**



Update as of Nov. 22: This event is now sold out. If you were on the waitlist and have paid the PayPal invoice sent by the registrar, you are confirmed as an attendee (otherwise: not). We will not be offering day-of registration in any form though since we have reached our permit capacity. Feel free to [email the registrar](#) [2] if you have any questions.

Course Information: Course stats are now posted below. Note that there are officially 3 approved courses (beginner, intermediate, and advanced). These courses are carefully designed to avoid areas that the National Park Service has designated as sensitive. In order to provide safety options for advanced orienteers that are likely to be unable to complete the full advanced course of 9.4km, we have designated two bypasses between certain controls on this (long) advanced course that also avoid sensitive areas. These two "bypass" options are named below and for pre-registration purposes as the 'short advanced' and 'medium advanced' courses. This also means that all orienteers on an advanced course have a certain number of controls in common at the very beginning and at the very end of their courses.

Want to see who's currently registered? Click [here](#) [3]. Note: this list is not complete since it does not include all names from the waitlist or youth groups.

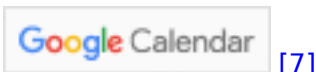
Have any questions? Just use our [Contact Us](#) [2] form and ask away!



Just tell them, "I ran the race in Great Falls park!"

Back by Popular

Demand: Post-Race Potomac Pizza Palooza! After your race, take advantage of a 1/2 price pizza deal at a nearby restaurant, [Potomac Pizza](#) [4]. Normally \$17 for a large cheese and tomato pizza, just wave your QOC map at Guillermo the friendly manager and you'll get this 8 slice pizza for just \$9, and additional toppings are only \$1 each. There's seating for everyone at this friendly local place with a full [menu](#) [5], free soda refills, and it's no problem to go "as you are" post-race. There's plenty of room to go over your map and routes and meet up with your fellow orienteers. The address is 9812 Falls Rd in Potomac; to get there, just take a left at the stop sign as you exit the park, and in less than 2 miles take a left just before River Road into the Potomac Promenade parking area. Directions are also shown in the [Event Locator Map](#) [6].



Location

[C&O NHP \(Great Falls MD\), Great Falls Tavern, Potomac, MD \(Classic Orienteering\)](#)

Registration

Registration is now closed - the event is sold out. Period. There is no day-of registration. [For those who have registered and paid, a "one vehicle" emergency contact form/waiver is located here \[8\]; print it and fill it out in the warmth of your vehicle \(or home\) to avoid standing in a cold cold line just to do the same thing.](#)

Start Times

[You may start your course at any time between 11am - 1:30pm \[making sure to be back no later than 3pm.\]](#)

Schedule

[Sunday, November 24](#) 11:00 [Classic](#)
am - [Orienteering:](#)
3:00



Volunteers

[pm](#)
[Event](#) [Greg Lennon \[9\]](#)
[Director:](#)
[Event](#) [Kathleen Lennon \[10\]](#)
[Director:](#)
[Course](#) [_ \[11\]](#)
[Designer:](#)

Location Details

Classic Orienteering [From I-495, Maryland:](#)
[g](#) [Take exit 41](#)
[C&O NHP](#) [\(Carderock/Great Falls,](#)
[\(Great Falls](#) [MD\), follow Clara Barton](#)
[MD\)](#) [Parkway to the end. At](#)
[Great Falls](#) [the stop sign, turn left](#)
[Tavern](#) [onto MacArthur Blvd.](#)
[Potomac,](#) [Follow MacArthur ~3.5](#)
[MD](#) [miles to the park](#)
[Google Map](#) [entrance booth.](#)
[\[12\]](#) [MacArthur Blvd. ends at](#)
[the park.](#)
[From I-495, Virginia:](#)
[Cross into Maryland over](#)
[the American Legion](#)
[Bridge \(beltway inner](#)
[loop\) and take exit 41](#)
[\(Clara Barton Parkway\)](#)
[Westbound, staying left](#)
[at the fork. Follow Clara](#)
[Barton to the end. At the](#)
[stop sign, turn left onto](#)
[MacArthur Blvd. Follow](#)
[MacArthur Blvd ~3.5](#)
[miles to the park](#)
[entrance booth.](#)
[MacArthur Blvd. ends at](#)
[the park.](#)
[After paying the park](#)
[entrance fee, park in the](#)
[large lot to the right](#)
[\(north\) of the](#)
[roundabout, then walk](#)
[south back past the](#)
[roundabout and beyond](#)
[the Tavern to find our](#)
[registration area.](#)
[Printable detailed maps](#)
[showing the](#)
[parking/registration area](#)
[and the route to the Pizza](#)
[Palooza are available](#)
[here \[13\].](#)

Course Details

Classic Orienteering	Cours	Length	Climb	No.
e	h	(m)	Contr	ols
Name	(km)			
Beginner	3	60	11	
er				



Interm	4.6	150	14
ediate			
Short	3.7	140	8
Advan			
ced			
Mediu	6.4	240	16
m			
Advan			
ced			
Long	9.4	350	24
Advan			
ced			

Course Notes

Classic Orienteering

This year's courses officially consist of 3 courses. The Beginner course is a true 'White' course that leads you along trails into the park. The Intermediate (orange level) course leads you along with definitive handrails and perhaps a short advanced level leg thrown in for some variety. The Advanced course(s) loop back near the finish to offer shorter options for those runners who do not feel up to completing the entire 9.4 km course. All versions of the Advanced course utilize subsets of the controls and legs contained in the complete Advanced course - the shorter versions just finish at shorter distances. Once again, the finish is located in a forested area and not next to the start. This is done to avoid an unnecessary downhill finish along a trail with less than optimal footing. Please remember to return to the start area to download after finishing.

Last year's advanced course employed butterfly loops to exploit interesting areas of the park; this year's courses are more of the standard variety with some short movement legs to avoid sensitive areas of the park. You may remember control locations that are being re-used in this year's course, and that is done to direct the courses around several of these sensitive areas that we must avoid when planning the courses.

The forest is now wide open with excellent visibility. Even those areas mapped as light green (generally young saplings) will annoy you only slightly as you run through them, but not really slow you down to any appreciable extent.

As always, have fun and enjoy the day.

Entry Fees

-