

Great Falls MD

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**November 2
Sunday**



Registration is now open closed. When you are ready to enter your information and pay, click [here](#) [2]. For a list of who's already registered, click [here](#) [3].

We anticipate this event will sell out as it has for the last several years. Youth groups interested in attending should contact the Event Directors (listed below) as soon as possible to indicate interest in attending. Registered orienteers will be able to start on their course anytime between 11 - 1:30, and must be back no later than 3pm.

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 a specific bypass between certain controls on this (long) advanced course that also avoids sensitive areas; this version of the advanced course is designated "medium advanced" below and "Advanced-medium" in the registration software. This also means that orienteers on either advanced course have a certain number of controls in common at the beginning of their courses.

Have any questions? Just use our [Contact Us](#) [4] form and ask away!



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

Back by Popular

Demand PLUS Nearby Sale: Post-Race Potomac Pizza Palooza! After your race, take advantage of a 1/2 price pizza deal at a nearby restaurant, [Potomac Pizza](#) [5]. 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](#) [6], 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](#) [7].

New This Year - Dividend Program: Potomac Paddlesports is located 2 doors away from Potomac Pizza, and they have a deal as well for QOC club members - get a 10% dividend on all purchases made in a calendar year. And this Sunday the store will be having a 50% off sale on all Patagonia summer gear, 30% off boats **AND** a clearance sale on select [Hoka One One](#) [8] running shoe models. Before or after your pizza, check out this fine store!



Location

C&O NHP (Great Falls MD), Great Falls Tavern, Potomac, MD (Classic)

Registration

Advance registration is required. Click [here](#) [2] to register and pay. To see who's already registered, click [here](#) [3].

Start Times

You may start your course at any time during the start window for this event. **NOTE!:** First Day of Daylight Savings Time! Be sure to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Schedule

Sunday, November 2 11:00 Classic: Start



am - window (start
1:30 any time
pm between 11 -
1:30)
3:00 Classic:
pm Courses close
- all
orienteers
must be back
out of the
woods

Volunteers

Event [Kathleen Lennon](#) [9]

Director:

Event [Greg Lennon](#) [10]

Director:

Course _ [11]

Designer:

Location Details

Classic, Classic From I-495, Maryland:
C&O NHP Take exit 41
(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 Course Name	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
Beginner	2.9	75	11
Intermediate	4.6	160	14
Medium	6.3	230	14
Advanced			
Long	9.4	350	22
Advanced			

Course Notes