Patuxent

October 23
Sunday

Welcome to one of our least steep parks! Event director Dan Do will have plenty of food and fun on hand, and course setter Nadim Ahmed has designed white through red courses plus the increasingly popular **Goat**! If you don't know what a **Goat** is, or even if you do, we'll explain it in a moment.

For the regular/classic courses (beginner/white through advanced/red), register at the event anytime between 10:45am - 1:15pm, start any time between 11 - 1:30, and be back at the finish no later than 3pm. The **Goat** has a mass start at 11:00am from a site near the registration area (near the barn).

And now for the **Goat**: The QOC **Goat** is styled after the most famous goat event in the USA — The Billygoat. Besides being a long race with a mass start at 11:00am, and mostly intermediate/Orange level controls (there are 1-2 technically difficult controls), there are a few twists. Competitors may socialize and/or follow others. It can be great fun to navigate in a pack; less experienced competitors often learn skills from better navigators this way. However, following may lead to trusting someone who makes a mistake, or trusting someone who is tricking you to beat you, or being left behind by someone who's faster, and potentially receiving some ribbing from competitors and judges for a lack of self-confidence (the famous Billygoat race gives out infamous titles to the male and female who do the least navigating on their own). Another very important and fun thing about this race format is that competitors may skip any one control. Note that competitors must still complete all of the remaining controls found, in order. Lastly, there will be one forked leg (this can be selected as one's skip if desired). Going to all controls is allowed but skipping one will shorten the overall distance. Competitors must be back to the start, finished or not, by 3pm.

New to orienteering? We will hold beginner clinics continuously during the event; just tell the friendly folks at registration if you'd like to be in one and they'll take care of you. Also, make sure to check out our Your First Event and For Beginners webpages, and if they don't answer any question you have, just use our Contact Us [2] form and ask away!

Group Leaders: please see our For Group Leaders [3] webpage and then contact the Event Director [4] so your group can get pre-registered in advance.

Note to all orienteers: While out on your course, you may encounter control bags that were hung not for today's QOC event but for a scout event next weekend. Please do not move or remove these

controls, which are not in any case marked on your QOC-issued map and do not have e-punch boxes. QOC bags have a blue stripe (and an adjacent e-punch box). Check carefully the locations and codes for the controls on your course!

Location	Patuxent River Park, Barn parking area, Upper Marlboro, MD (Classic + Goat)
Registration	No advance registration required. Just show up and have fun!
Start Times	The Goat mass start will be at 11am. White through Red courses may start any time between 10:45am - 1:15pm.

Schedule

Sunday, October 23	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Classic + Goat:

Volunteers

Event Director:	Dan Do [5]
Course Designer:	Nadim Ahmed [6]

Location Details