



# Mason Neck

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**December 8  
Sunday**



Orienteering in Mason

Neck provides a distinctive navigation experience due to its flat ground and relatively few easily identifiable features. Its 2.5m map contours (rather than the standard 5 meters) will give orienteers the chance to develop a heightened appreciation of terrain subtleties and provide a great opportunity for them to work on their compass skills and pace counting. Runners will have their choice of a full set of classic courses designed by Aaron Linville.

As usual, we will set up the registration site on the west side of main parking area. Heated rest rooms are immediately adjacent.

Event registration will be from 10:45am - 1:15pm. Start your course anytime between 11am - 1:30pm, but be back before the courses close at 3pm. There is an entrance fee for the park (\$7 (in state) or \$10 (out-of-state) per car). Please pay your entrance fee prior to registering for your course.

**NEW:** In conjunction with this meet, QOC will be kicking off a new Course Review program that we hope will become a permanent feature at our events. The course review will consist of a brief summary by the course setter of one of his or her courses and some ensuing discussion featuring observations from an experienced orienteer as well as some general discussion. Total duration will be 20-30 minutes or so. The intent is to foster a stimulating exchange of perceptions and the sharing of tactics, techniques and procedures for all those interested.

For this event, course setter Aaron Linville will lead a discussion of his Brown course at 1:15pm in the vicinity of the registration site. All are welcome to attend.

Park Information: [Mason Neck State Park](#) [2] is also a great place by bike this time of year, a very smooth and family-friendly bike path runs through the park and connects with other parks on the Mason Neck peninsula. Additionally of note:



- There's an extensive playground adjacent to our registration area.
- Dogs are welcome in the park, but must be on a leash of length 6 feet or less at all times and "with a human on the other end", as a park ranger said.
- [Nature Programs for Kids & Families](#) [3]: There are three programs on Dec. 8th: 11am (Natural Inquirer), 1pm (Visitor Center Exploration), 3pm (Microscope Detectives)

Any youth or large groups attending, please contact the [Event Director](#) [4] so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group; the group registration and waiver [form](#) [5] is part of the information on our [Group Leaders](#) [6] page.

<b>Location</b>	Mason Neck SP, Mason Neck SP, Lorton, VA (Classic)
<b>Registration</b>	No advance registration required. Just show up and have fun!
<b>Start Times</b>	Start any time between the specified times (usually 11am - 1:30pm).
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Sunday, December 8</b> 11:00 Classic: am - 3:00 pm
<b>Volunteers</b>	Event <a href="#">Laura Linville</a> [7] Director: Course <a href="#">Aaron Linville</a> [8] Designer:

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