



# Patapsco

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**March 15**  
**Sunday**

**UPDATE: This event has been postponed and will not take place March 15. We will announce the new date when possible.**



Welcome back to the McKeldin area of Patapsco Valley State Park, for orienteering in classic - albeit a bit steep at times - Mid-Atlantic terrain. There will be a full set (7) of courses designed by Kim Jepsen, and course stats and his comments are now posted below. Event timing will be standard (register any time between 10:45 - 1:15, start any time between 11 - 1:30, and finish and download no later than 3pm).

Patapsco Valley State Park has a strict rain policy, which will force us to postpone or cancel the event in case of more than 1/4" of rain within the 24 hours preceding the event. Please **check this webpage** for possible cancellation notices before traveling to the meet if rain has been falling. [*Edit: Well, even though the event has been cancelled, at least rain wasn't the reason ...*]

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.

If you are considering trying a harder level course than usual, you might want to consider it carefully since McKeldin is known for its rather steep terrain.

In addition to our regular courses, this event will feature a different navigational challenge: amateur radio direction finding. In ARDF, you use directional radio receivers to locate beacons in the woods. The beacons transmit periodically, and by listening for their signals as you move through the forest, you attempt to triangulate their locations. You carry a map with only the start and finish marked on it. Your goal is to find at least one transmitter station and return to the finish in the shortest time.

Michael Kholodov is designing and setting the ARDF course using his own equipment. He will have a number of receivers available for use at this event on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a



separate fee of \$10 for the use of a receiver. For a quick introduction to ARDF please go to [www.arfdc.org](http://www.arfdc.org) [5].

You can run the ARDF course before or after (or instead of) your regular course. The start window is the same (start between 11 and 1:30, off the course by 3). If you are interested in trying ARDF, please [email Michael](mailto:Michael) [6], letting him know the approximate time you think you'll be able to start.

Carpooling is encouraged as a courtesy to other park users due to limited parking space. All vehicles must park in designated parking spots. There are only about 80 parking spaces near the registration area, although more may be found going south and east in the park.

Note: There is a park entrance fee at this venue (on weekends, \$3 per person for MD residents and \$5 per person for others). Bring exact change since the park entrance fee will likely be collected using an honor system, and a ranger may not be on duty to provide change. Please remember to pay the fee even if the entry booth is unmanned.

**Not Feeling That Well?** If you're coughing and sneezing or just generally feeling under the weather, please stay at home. And if you've been in contact with someone who's not feeling well, or if you or others you are in close contact with have traveled this year to a [CDC Level 3](#) [7] country (China, South Korea, Italy, or Iran), we also recommend you skip this public event.

**Location**

Patapsco Valley State Park, McKeldin Area, Shelter 501, Marriottsville, MD (Classic)

**Registration**