

# Patapsco McKeldin

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**March 14  
Sunday**



***UPDATE SAT. MARCH 13: Weather is fine and this event is on! Remember to adjust any clocks for Daylight Savings Time.***

As long as it stays dry enough\*, plan on enjoying orienteering in the McKeldin area of Patapsco Valley State Park, near Marriottsville, MD. There will be eight courses to choose from (2 beginner, 1 intermediate, and 5 advanced), and detailed park and course notes are now posted below, thanks to course setters & event directors Kim & Anne Jepsen.

This Sunday event requires on-line pre-registration, and we will open registration at 6pm on Monday, March 8. QOC's [COVID risk reduction protocols](#) [2], as also enumerated [here](#) [3], will be in effect.

Please read these guidelines carefully, particularly keeping in mind the need for participants to bring their own water for all their hydration needs before, during, and after their runs/walks.

\*Why did we say "dry enough" earlier? Doesn't orienteering occur rain or shine? Well, yes, normally, but Patapsco Valley State Park cancels our permit if it's been too wet within the 24 hours prior to our event. **Make sure to check this webpage** just prior to this event to ensure we've been allowed to conduct it. And yes, if we cancel the event, we will refund all registration payments.

**Parking:** McKeldin has limited parking space and 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 (see [locator map](#) [4]), so be prepared for having to add a hike to the registration area.

Other points:



- **PROPERLY WORN MASKS ARE REQUIRED at all times when near registration and e-punch areas and their volunteers.**
- Entrance fees/procedures: There is a park entrance fee at this venue (Maryland Residents \$2/vehicle; out-of-state residents \$4/vehicle). We suggest bringing 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.
- Don't forget to adjust any manually set clocks and watches ahead one hour on Saturday evening (March 13) due to **Daylight Savings Time**. Please show up at the correct registration time!
- Water will not be provided in accordance with QOC COVID-19 risk reduction policies. BYOW.
- We encourage everyone to download and use any or even all of the [DC \[5\]](#), [Maryland \[6\]](#) and [Virginia \[7\]](#) COVID exposure notification apps.
- Pets are permitted in the park but must be on the leash at all times.
- The restrooms by the entrance station will be open as usual.
- The size of start teams (groups of individuals orienteering together with one e-punch) on a course must be no more than four (4) individuals (juniors and adults combined). Any youth or large groups attending, although you will be pre-registering online, please contact the [Event Directors \[8\]](#) of your plans and numbers for their awareness.
- There is no planned, on-site beginner instruction, but beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one \[9\]](#) created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst

**Location**

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

**Registration**