



Upper Marlboro MapRun

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**April 10
Saturday**

Quantico Orienteering Club and the [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#) [2] are pleased to announce a GPS Orienteering Event from Monday 22 March through Saturday 10 April 2021 at the Patuxent River Park, Upper Marlboro Natural Area. This event will take place over three weeks to reduce risk of COVID infection.

Our permit has been approved and registration is now open (link is below).

There are eight courses to choose from (2 beginner, 1 intermediate, and 5 advanced) thanks to course setters Mike and Pam Dvorsky and supported with map updates from Dave Linthicum. Detailed course notes **and updates** are posted below and have been updated with some MapRun specifics.

This distributed, GPS Orienteering event requires online pre-registration. Registration is limited to a total of 20 starts (group or individual) per day. QOC's [COVID risk reduction protocols](#) [3], as also enumerated [here](#) [4], will be in effect. Please read these guidelines carefully. We encourage everyone to download and use any or even all of the [DC](#) [5], [Maryland](#) [6] and [Virginia](#) [7] COVID exposure notification apps.

This event requires [MapRun6 software](#) [8], available from the [Google Play](#) [9] and [Apple App](#) [10] stores.

Other points:

- **Properly worn masks are required** when near other non-family group participants.
- **Water will not provided** in accordance with QOC COVID-19 risk reduction policies. Bring your own water.
- **The nearest restrooms are portapotties located near the Radio Controlled Aircraft field at the end of Swanson Road** [Google Maps Link [here](#) [11].] If the gate for southern access to the park is locked, then the next closest restroom will be one of the businesses along Route 301.
- **There will be no on-site QOC presence during the event.** Unlike other events, there is no safety plan to ensure all participants depart the woods safely. We recommend all participants ensure someone knows their plans and provide some degree of overwatch to confirm your safety. If an emergency arises, call 911.
- For this event, the **course controls are pink construction streamers**, labeled with handwritten text, e.g., QOC # 31. Although streamers were verified and checked before the first date, it is possible some may have been removed.
- **The Start has been streamered. The Finish will not be streamered.**
 - **Start** will be the western tip of the first barn when proceeding east along Swanson Road Spur located about 300 m ENE from the parking area. This is QOC's usual registration site when working from the North part of the park.
 - **Finish** will be the intersection of Swanson Road Spur and the local access road heading to the SE about 200 meters ENE from the parking area. You will pass Finish on your way to the Start.
- **Parking**
 - The designated parking area is very small and can accommodate no more than a few vehicles. Parking along the shoulder of Swanson Road Spur near the parking area is allowed, provided access for others is not impeded. Please do not block any roads or intersections. See figure.
- Pets are permitted in the park but must be on the leash at all times.
- Beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one](#) [12] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst.



How this should work:

- This is our first fully distributed, multi-day GPS Orienteering event. We have done many trials of the approach with our one-day “COVID-normal” events this season and are pretty confident we have the bugs worked out, but this will be the first full scale event of its type. Please send [feedback to the Event Director](#). [13]

For Participants:

- Choose your preferred day within the event window and register.
- Cost is a flat fee of \$ 10 per registration.
- **After completing registration and payment on PayPal, you will be presented a button to “Return to the Merchant.”**
- Follow that link.
- That will provide access to the printable map files, MapRun Access Codes (PINs), printing instructions, and a MapRun tutorial.
- If you miss this step, contact the [Event Director](#) [13], who will verify your registration and send the link - but this might take a day or two, depending on availability
- If you have not already done so, download and install [MapRun6](#) [8].
- If you want a hard copy map print them from the provided package. Color printing is recommended.
- Come to the Patuxent River Park Upper Marlboro Area on your chosen day and run your course.
- See results on MapRun’s Leader Board [here](#) [14].
- Please participate in QOC’s Course Review after the event concludes. Contact [Sidney Sachs](#) [15] for schedule specifics, tentatively planned for 8pm Wednesday, April 14.
- If you notice missing streamers, unsafe conditions, or get injured, please notify the [Event Director](#) [13].

Location

Swanson Road Natural Area, North end, Upper Marlboro, MD (Distributed GPS)

Registration