

Gunston Hall

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**October 17
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, October 11 at 6pm and will close at noon on Saturday October 16, the day before the event. There will be no day-of registration.

Welcome back to Gunston Hall as we enter the peak of the autumn orienteering season!

The terrain at Gunston Hall includes forest of varying density, open fields, historic structures, and bluffs along the Potomac shore east of Lorton, VA, and we have a full set of seven classic courses designed by Rob Field (full details shown below) with some parts of the longer courses including a road crossing to Gunston Hall's property on the west side of Gunston Road.

We will also be offering a "Fox-O" radio-direction-finding orienteering course at Gunston Hall. Click [HERE](#) [2] for more details.

The entrance to Gunston Hall (see directions below; overview map [here](#) [3]) is about 600 meters beyond the Pohick Bay Regional Park entrance on Gunston Road. Please drive with particular caution as you enter Gunston Hall. The first 300 meters of the entrance road is curvy and hemmed in by vegetation reducing the visibility of oncoming vehicles.

Parking will be in the lot adjacent to the visitor's center. The parking lot and the registration site right across the entrance road from it will be easily discernible as you drive in. Port-a-johns will be on site adjacent to check-in.

Guided Tour Included: The QOC fee will include an additional \$5/person surcharge in addition to the regular meet fees. This surcharge covers Gunston Hall grounds fees for each participant, and it entitles participants to take one of the guided tours of the Hall offered during the day at no additional cost.

[Gunston Hall staff would appreciate it if you would sign up before your orienteering run for a later tour so they know when to expect you.] Tours will be available on the hour and half hour starting at 10am, with the last tour at 4:30pm; just present your course map (before or after your run) at the front desk inside the visitors center to sign up (max tour group size ~20). To learn more about Gunston Hall, the home of the principal designer of the Bill of Rights, George Mason, visit the [Gunston Hall website](#) [4].



COVID Risk Reduction Protocols:

As with all 2021-2022 QOC events, this event requires pre-registration via the link below. QOC's COVID risk reduction protocols, as also enumerated somewhat [here](#) [5], are in effect. Please read these guidelines carefully. Key points:

- **PROPERLY WORN MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED** at all times when near registration, epunch and any other areas or queues where volunteers and/or participants are congregating.
- No water will be provided. Provide for your own hydration needs before, during, and after the event.
- There is no planned, on-site beginner instruction, but beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one](#) [6] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst.
- There will be eight 15 minute check-in windows followed by two 45min windows (as for most QOC events this season).

Additional notes:

- Dogs are allowed, but must be on leash at all times.
- Spikes are not allowed in the Visitor Center.
- Please respect the out-of-bounds areas shown on your course map.
- **You're Invited!** QOC veteran Sidney Sachs will host a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 8pm to review selected Gunston Hall course legs and analyze the routes various orienteers took. Please contact [Sid Sachs](#) [7]) for the invite link.

Location

Gunston Hall, Main parking area, Lorton, VA
(Classic)

Registration