

Patuxent

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**October 31
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, October 25 at 6pm and will close at noon on Saturday October 30, the day before the event. There will be no day-of registration.

Welcome to one of our most favorite, least steep parks! Our course setter Craig Shelden has prepared a full range of courses from White (Beginner) to Blue (Advanced) and every other color course in between that QOC normally has available.

As always, please be off the course no later than 3 pm and remember to download at our e-punch station even if you did not finish. We want to make sure of everyone's safety and status - especially since we want to make sure no one has ridden away on either of the [zebras on the loose](#) [2] in the vicinity of this event!

And since it's Halloween, there just might be some surprises for younger participants (in addition to the possibility that some of you might choose to wear a zebra-style face mask, head mask, or clothing!).

Also, make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) [3] and [For Beginners](#) [4] webpages, and if they don't answer any remaining questions you have, just use our [Contact Form](#) [5] and ask away!

There will not be any full, on-site beginner instruction, and beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one](#) [6] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst before arriving at the park. However, there will be a volunteer on hand to ensure that first-time orienteers know how to get to the start and use the e-punch.

Group Leaders: please see our [For Group Leaders webpage](#) [7] and then contact the [Event Director](#) [8] so we can get you registered in advance and contact the event director to apprise them of your plans.

Roadwork Alert:

For many QOC members, the usual road to Patuxent leads south on US Route 301 followed by a left onto Croom Station Road. However, **Croom Station Road is closed for repairs** and is likely to remain closed for the rest of our Orienteering season. Therefore, if you usually use Croom Station Road, continue south on US 301 to Croom Road (Route 382) and follow the directions normally from



that direction.

Other notes: Pets are allowed in Patuxent River Park, but must be on a leash at all times.

Reminders:

- There is no water on the course. Participants are responsible for their own hydration. A very limited supply of bottled water for emergency use will be on hand with the Meet Director; but it is vital to stay well hydrated. Please come prepared!
- There won't be any food or snacks either.

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, are in effect. For more information on how our events are run in line with our COVID-19 guidelines, please look over the announcement for the first event of our season [here](#) [9]. Please read these guidelines carefully. Key points:

- **PROPERLY WORN MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED** at all times when near registration, punch and any other areas or queues where volunteers and/or participants are congregating.

Detailed course notes are provided below.

Location

Patuxent River Park, Barn parking area, Upper Marlboro, MD (Classic)

Registration