

Patapsco Avalon

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**February 27
Sunday**

Pre-registration for this Sunday event is required, opening Monday Feb. 21 at 6pm and closing Saturday Feb. 26 at 12 noon; there will not be day-of registration.



Welcome back to the Avalon section of Patapsco Valley State Park, where you'll find fairly typical ridge/valley terrain (similar to the other PVSP areas), with steep hillsides both to the start and on the courses. A full set of courses (white through blue, including beige) will be available courtesy of course setter Kim Jepsen, and full course details are posted below.

To take advantage of the best terrain, there will be two start locations:

- Start 1 is for White, Yellow and Orange courses, and is a 700m walk from our Shelter 105 registration area, up to the runnable terrain;
- Start 2 is for advanced courses (Beige through Blue), and is a 900m walk from the registration area; it also passes Start 1

Important Note: 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 in the preceding 24+ hours.



This park does collect entry fees, as follows:

- Honor System in effect: \$2 per vehicle in-state; \$4 per vehicle out-of-state
- Buses: \$10 per bus (any vehicle with over 9 passengers)
- Admitted Free: Children buckled in safety seats, senior citizens 62 & older with the Golden Age Pass, people with the Universal Disability Pass for persons with disabilities, members of the Maryland National Guard & all active duty military personnel who display their active military identification card (complimentary access is permitted for card holder only).

Please 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.

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](#) [2], are in effect. 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.
- **No water will be provided.** Provide for your own hydration needs before, during, and after the event.
- Park restrooms will be available.
- Dogs are permitted but must be leashed at all times.
- There is no planned, on-site beginner instruction, but beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one](#) [3] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst.

ARDF Radio Orienteering Courses: We will also offer a ten-control "Fox-O" radio-direction-finding (ARDF) orienteering course designed by Mike Kholodov for those who are interested. Click [here](#) [4] for more details.

Location

Patapsco Valley State Park, Avalon area, Elkridge, MD (Classic)

Registration