

Patapsco Granite

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**April 30
Saturday**



Saturday April 30 UPDATE/CONFIRMATION: It hasn't rained, and this event - and the cleanup - is a go!

Welcome back to Patapsco Granite! This event marks our first event here since 2018 and will offer classic beginner, intermediate, and advanced courses (White to Blue).

The Granite map provides a good opportunity to practice navigation in a rocky terrain, which is rare for the D.C. area. Course details and course setter comments are now posted below. Note this is a **Saturday** event.

ARDF Radio Orienteering Course: We will also be offering a ten-control "Fox-O" radio-direction-finding (ARDF) orienteering course designed by Mike Kholodov, a perfect complement to your classic course for those who would like to try a new orienteering experience. Click [here](#) [2] for more details.

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 as forecast.

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](#) [3], 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](#) [4] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst.

Additional information:

- Any large groups planning to attend the event or anyone with questions please contact the [Event Director](#) [5].
- There are no pavilions or park shelters at this registration/parking area.
- 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).
- Port-a-johns will be located at the parking area.
- Pets are permitted in the park but must be leashed at all times.
- You're Invited! QOC veteran Sidney Sachs will host a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at 8pm to review selected course legs and analyze the routes various orienteers took. Please contact [Sidney Sachs](#) [6] for the invite link.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER REQUEST ON THE DAY OF THE MEET:

The managers of the Patapsco Valley State Park require groups like QOC to put in volunteer hours doing trail maintenance or cleanup at the various park locations. Since our club uses a number of areas in the Patapsco State Park (Hilton, Avalon, Orange Grove, Granite and McKeldin), and our participants are roaming through many sections of the park that may not be accessed normally, we would like to try some trash removal and cleanup on the day of our event in order to meet our volunteer obligation. So, after you have completed your course on Saturday, please consider giving the club and the park a half hour of your time to pick up trash and debris in the area.

We will have trash bags available for your use at the parking area. We would ask that you take collected trash for disposal in your usual trash disposal venue. This is our way of giving back to the parks and woodlands from which we derive so much pleasure. If this pilot initiative works, we may try doing some invasive plant removal as part of this effort in the future. Thanks for considering the support.

Location

Patapsco Valley State Park, Granite Area,
Woodstock, MD (Classic)

Registration