



Seneca Creek

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**September 25
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required

for this event, opening Monday, Sept. 19 at 6pm and closing Saturday Sept. 24 at noon. There will be no day-of registration.

Orienteer on terrain near the Clopper Lake section of Seneca Creek State Park (Gaithersburg, MD). There will be a full set of 8 courses (from beginner through advanced, including beige), and detailed park and course notes are now posted below thanks to course setter Peggy Dickison.

Check in and map issue will be at the Blue Jay Pavilion, towards the west end of the parking area shared with the Nuthatch Pavilion. We encourage carpooling. A park map is [here](#) [2]; the Blue Jay Pavilion is way down in the lower left (southwest) edge. If we overflow the parking lot, we are allowed to park along the NW side of the road leading to it, i.e., the right-hand side of the road as you drive in. Please be aware that there will be people walking, running along, and crossing the road! Use caution to avoid hurting anyone.

Check in will open about 9:45am and courses will open at 10:00am.

Junior Training: QOC is welcoming all junior members and guests age 10 to 21 and their parents to join us at 10am to meet the coaches and each other. Coaches John Cumings, Adam Smith, and Alexa Merka are planning to offer free training at events about twice a month through the end of the year. This session should run approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Junior training is a great way to build team camaraderie, learn more about orienteering and improve your skills in a safe, fun, and welcoming environment. Please contact [John](#) [3] or [Adam](#) [4] if you plan to attend.

Free Beginner Instruction will be offered, but please reach out to the Event Director if you have a large group so we can plan accordingly. Also, make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) [5] and [For Beginners](#) [6] webpages, as well as beginner [video](#) [7], and if they don't answer any remaining questions you have, just use our [Contact](#) [8] Form and ask away!



Group Leaders: Please see our [For Group Leaders \[9\]](#) page if you are leading a youth or large group - even though you will be pre-registering online. Please contact the [Event Director \[10\]](#) with your plans and participant numbers for her awareness.

Reminders:

- QOC will continue to use pre-registration as the **ONLY** method of signing up for our meets. There will be **NO** day-of, on site registration. Refunds are paid only in the case of event cancellation.
- The park charges an entrance fee at this time of year: Maryland residents \$3/person; out-of-state residents \$5/person; Maryland Golden Pass holders (62+) have free entry (passes can be purchased at the entry booth if you're eligible).
- For this event (as with most others this season) there will be eight 15 minute check-in windows followed by two 45min windows.
- Pets are allowed but must be leashed at all times.
- Masks are optional at all locations connected with the event. Please continue to minimize clustering at and around the check-in, e-punch, start and finish areas.
- As mentioned above, beginner instruction has resumed to provide an overview of orienteering basics for newcomers to the sport or those who just want a refresher.
- 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 are no snacks offered by QOC.
- The four longest advanced courses go onto/through the disc golf course. This is an active disc golf course and you will definitely see players. Please use caution; try to stay out of the players' way and don't get hit by a disc!

Location

Seneca Creek State Park, Clopper Lake, Blue Jay Pavilion, Gaithersburg, MD (Classic)

Registration