

# Cunningham Falls

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**October 15  
Saturday**



**Pre-registration for this**

**\*Saturday\* event is required and will open on Monday, Oct. 10 at 6pm and close at noon on Friday Oct. 14.**

**There will not be day-of registration.**

Welcome back to Cunningham Falls for the sixth edition of Platformpalooza, which is "an orienteering celebration of that rare in our area but nevertheless humble remnant of the era before fossil fuel dominance, the charcoal platform" (a grassier than usual for this event Scottish exemplar of this trace of human impact on the landscape is pictured to the right). Course stats and comments are provided below.

The park charges a per vehicle entry fee - \$3 for MD residents, \$5 for out-of-staters. If a ranger states the park is too crowded to enter and tries to turn you away at the gate, since we have a permitted event, please tell the ranger on duty you are attending our event in order to be let in.

Cunningham Falls is more rugged than many of our other venues, and as a precaution, QOC has again partnered with Maryland and Mid-Atlantic Wilderness Rescue Squad to provide on-site first response in the event of participant injury. The on-site responders will almost certainly arrive faster than calls placed to 911, so, unlike other QOC events, call the Rescue Squad first if there's a serious injury.

Their emergency number will be printed on each map.

We also plan to offer [MapRun](#) [2] versions of the courses, and participants are encouraged to use that app while out on their courses.

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

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.



**Free Beginner Instruction will be offered, but please reach out to the Event Director if you have a group, so we can plan accordingly. 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!**

**Group Leaders: Please see our [For Group Leaders \[6\]](#) page if you are leading a youth or large group - even though you will be pre-registering online. Please contact the [Event Director \[7\]](#) with your plans and numbers for her awareness.**

**Other notes:**

- **Pets are allowed in Cunningham Falls Park.**
- **Advanced courses have ~600m uphill walk to the start, so plan your start window accordingly.**
- **The campground is out of bounds.**

**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.**
- **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 park charges an entrance fee: Maryland residents \$3/person; out-of-state residents \$5/person.**
- **For this event (as with most others this season) there will be eight 15 minute check-in windows followed by two 45min windows.**

**Location**

**Cunningham Falls St. Park, Manor Area  
(Classic)**

**Registration**