

## Bumble at Rosaryville

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**February 10  
Saturday**



**Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, Feb. 5 at 6pm and close at noon on \*Friday\* Feb. 9. There will be no day-of registration.**

**IT'S BUMBLE TIME!**

Celebrating its 12th year, the Bumble will be held at Rosaryville State Park. The Bumble is great fun with courses for all skill levels. Come out and enjoy fun in the woods and fun snapping pics with the Abominable "Bumble" snow monster.

The main event of the Bumble is the Mass Start race, which comprises five advanced courses equivalent to beige - blue. The controls are spread over five "windows" and each course level requires a different "handicap" of windows that must be run. For instance, Beige must do one window; blue must do five. Click [HERE](#) [2] to read the full description. It is a super fun style of orienteering with options for bonus time reductions! If you have never tried it but have been successfully completing orange level courses for a while, give



this a try. Click [HERE](#) [3] to see last year's course, and [HERE](#) [4] to view 2023's Bumble photos. There will also be great white, yellow, and orange courses on this former farmland with fields and forest alike.

**The mass start will be at 12:00pm for those advanced course runners who want to participate.** *If you want to run a Bumble advanced course, but are not comfortable with a mass start, please sign up for one of the other start time windows.* Mass starters, please be sure to arrive early to avoid a last-minute rush and back-ups at the park entrance gate. Registration and downloading will be in Pavilion A. Port-a-Johns will be on-site. The parking area is large but should it fill up, there are additional lots ~600 meters (when cutting through the field) and ~750 meters away; see locator map [HERE](#) [5].

If the weather is nice, consider bringing lunch and hanging out and chatting about your courses. It is especially fun to compare window routes. The pavilion has lots of tables and there is a playground on site. We will also announce the Bumble winners and hand out their prizes.

Note that Rosaryville State Park has installed an automated toll machine - an inverse ATM - for admission. The toll machine (see photo below) only accepts credit cards and exact change \$1 and \$5 bills. Fees are \$3/pp for Maryland residents, \$5/pp for out-of-state on weekends and holidays. All Maryland State Park passes are accepted by the automated toll gate. Park staff should be on hand to help speed entry, but please have exact change on hand if possible.

**Volunteer SignUps:** If you can help out at this event please contact the [Event Director](#) [6].

**Our Super (Bowl) Poll Is Back!** Last year, the team that more registrants wanted to win - and thought would win - did win ... Will our streak continue? You'll have a chance to vote during registration (and to see the counts as they come in).

**Post-Event Social:** After your run, join fellow orienteers at [Topolino Restaurant](#) [7], located [here](#) [8] just 8 miles northwest of Rosaryville.

**PLEASE read ALL meet notes below for important details! (Course setter notes are now posted below)**

Meet notes:

- **CLICK [HERE](#) [2] TO READ HOW THE BUMBLE WORKS!**
- White, Yellow, and Orange courses will have regular check in/start windows from 9:45am to 1:15pm. (Yes, you are welcome to register for the 11:45am-12:15pm window).
- Advanced (Bumble) courses will have a MASS START at NOON. Please be ready for PRE-RACE briefing at 11:45am at the Start location (~200 meters from the pavilion).
- Clothing drop available for mass start; clothes will be returned for pick up in the Pavilion.
- Everyone must be out of the woods by 3:00pm, which is when we will begin picking up controls.
- Bumble prizes awarded (mass start only):
  - First male and first female competitors to cross the finish, regardless of course.
  - Fastest male competitor on Blue and fastest female competitor on Red
- Free Beginner Instruction will be offered, but please reach out to the [Event Director](#) [9] if you have a large group, so we can plan accordingly. Also, make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) [10] and [For Beginners](#) [11] webpages. Beginners are also encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one](#) [12] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst (and Bumble course designer!) If they don't answer any remaining questions you have, just use our [Contact](#) [13] Form and ask.
- Group Leaders: Please see our group leaders webpage if you are leading a youth or large group - even though you will be pre-registering online. Please contact the [Event Director](#) [9] to inform her of your plans and numbers.
- Pet Policy: leashed pets are permitted in the park but are not recommended to accompany Bumblers doing the mass start.

**Also keep in mind:**

- We will continue to use pre-registration as the **ONLY** method of sign-up for our events. There will be **NO** day-of, on-site registration. Refunds are paid only in the case of event cancellation. We are unable to handle cash transactions at the event.
- We will continue our policy of not providing **WATER** or food to participants at our events aside from an emergency water for first aid purposes only. So don't forget your canteens/Camelbacks/other hydration arrangements.
- 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 on-site.

**Location**

Rosaryville State Park, Pavilion parking area, Rosaryville, MD (Bumble)

**Registration**

Registration for this event opens at 6pm on Monday Feb. 5 via [this link](#) [14]. Registration will close at 12 noon on \*Friday\* Feb. 9 (the day before the event). Pre-registration is mandatory.

**Who's Registered?** Check by clicking [here](#) [15]. Up-to-the-minute Super Bowl poll results from registrants are now available - view them [here](#) [16]!

**Start Times**

Start times will be by windows (to be defined for this event before registration opens).

**Schedule**

Saturday, February 109:45 Bumble:  
 am - Registratio  
 1:15 n Check-in  
 pm open  
 10:00 Bumble:  
 am - White,  
 1:30 Yellow and  
 pm Orange  
 courses:  
 start any



time during  
this period

**11:45 Bumble:**  
**am Pre-race**  
**briefing for**  
**Mass Start**  
**(at start**  
**line) /**  
**clothing**  
**drop**  
**available;**  
**~175 meter**  
**walk to**  
**start**

**12:00 Bumble:**  
**pm Mass Start**

**3:00 Bumble: All**  
**pm courses**  
**close -**  
**everyone**  
**should**  
**have**  
**finished**  
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**Volunteers**

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