



Swanson Road

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May 18
Saturday



Pre-registration is

required and will open on Monday, May 13 at 6pm and will close at noon Friday May 17. There will be no day-of registration.

Quantico Orienteering Club returns to the Upper Marlboro Natural Area for this Saturday event. With about 900 acres along the western shore of the Patuxent River, it provides a mix of mid-Atlantic spur and reentrant terrain with Patuxent River lowlands.

Course Setters Ken Walker and Samantha Walker have prepared a set of classic courses, from White to Blue (beginner through advanced). Course details and comments are posted below.

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.



[\[2\] Volunteers:](#) QOC is run entirely by volunteers, and volunteering is essential to successful meets. It is also a great way to meet people and feel like part of the community. Sign up for a volunteer slot via this form [2], or email the Event Director [3] directly for other options.

For The Kiddos! Come and try the free "string-O". What's a string-O, you ask? As their first step towards becoming an orienteer, kids follow a course marked with string in a small area to find their favorite Disney characters (under parental supervision). Minimum effort for parents, maximum fun for kids!

Check in will open about 9:45am and courses will open at 10:00am. Everyone must be out of the woods and back at the registration/finish area by 3:00pm when we will begin picking up the controls. Allow yourself time to get back to the registration area and download regardless of whether you have finished. We want to make sure of everyone's safety and status.

Post-Event Social: After your run, join fellow orienteers at Panera [4], located here [5], 8 miles north of the park.

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.



- [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!](#)
- [You MUST be off the course no later than 3:00 and download at the e-punch station even if you did not finish.](#)
- [There will be no snacks offered by QOC.](#)
- [For this event \(as with most others this season\) there will be eight 15-minute check-in windows followed by two 45-minute windows.](#)
- [There are no pavilions or park shelters at this registration/parking area.](#)
- [Bring appropriate clothing for weather conditions.](#)
- [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 \(juniors and adults combined\).](#)
- [Group Leaders: Please see our For Group Leaders page if you are leading a youth or large group - even though you will be pre-registering online. Please contact the Event Director \(link below\) to make them aware of your plans and numbers.](#)
- [Pets are permitted in the park but must be leashed at all times.](#)
- [Port-a-johns will be on site.](#)

Location

[Swanson Road Natural Area, North end, Upper Marlboro, MD \(Classic\)](#)

Start Times

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

Schedule

[Saturday, May 18](#) 10:00 Classic:

[am -](#)

[3:00](#)

[pm](#)

Volunteers

[Event Director:](#) [Jane Leggett \[3\]](#)

[Course Designer:](#)

[Ken Walker, Jr \[8\]](#)

[Course Designer:](#)

[Samantha Walker \[9\]](#)

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Location Details

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