

Cunningham Falls

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October 20
Sunday



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(announcement below is for the 2024 event)

Pre-registration is required and will open Monday, October 14 at 6pm and close at noon on Saturday October 19, the day before the event.

There will be no day-of registration.

Welcome back to Cunningham Falls for the seventh 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 will be available soon.

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.

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.

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. Group Leaders should scan our [For Group Leaders](#) [3] webpage and then contact the Event Director with their plans and numbers for her awareness.

Other notes & reminders:

- Pets are allowed in Cunningham Falls Park.
- The campground is out of bounds.
- 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.
- 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