

# Wheaton

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**October 27  
Sunday**



**Pre-registration is required for this event, opening Monday, October 21 at 6pm and closing Saturday Oct. 26 at 12 noon. There will be no day-of registration.**

**Quantico Orienteering Club is pleased to announce the annual Spooky-O taking place at [Wheaton Regional Park](#) [2] in suburban Maryland. Wheaton Regional Park is a forested park boasting numerous outdoor and recreational activities within its 536 acres. Huge playground! Outdoor workout facility! Mountain biking course! Dog park! Brookside Gardens! You could make a day of it.**

**We will be offering six courses (White through Red), courtesy of course designer Parker Nevenglosky. Course notes and stats for all courses are now posted below. Our outdoor site for this year's event is Shelter H, accessed from the same parking lot off Shorefield Drive as the Miniature Train Station and Carousel.**

**Participants are highly encouraged to come in costume!** Trick-or-treaters of all ages in costume may get candy at the registration area.

**Free Beginner Instruction will be offered, but please reach out to the [Event Director](#) [3] if you have a group, so we can plan accordingly. Also, make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) and [For Beginners](#) webpages. Beginners are also encouraged to watch relevant videos such as this one created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst. If they don't answer any remaining questions you have, just use our [Contact Form](#) [4] and ask.**

**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.**

**For The Kids:** Come and try the free "string-O" any time between 1-2pm. As their first orienteering step, kids follow a short course marked with string (under their parent's supervision). Minimum effort for parents, maximum fun for kids! There is also a large playground onsite, plus there is an "eye spy" Halloween-themed train running weekends from 9:30-4:30 for \$8/ticket.

**Post-Event Social:** After your run join fellow orienteers at [The Dish & Dram](#) [5], just 3.3 miles southwest of Wheaton Regional Park. Thanks to the generous offer of manager Matthew, orienteers will have happy hour pricing as well as 15% off their check, with purchase and map as proof.

**Volunteer:** Please email the [Event Director](#) [3] directly if you are interested in volunteering.

**Youth & Group Leaders:** If you are leading a youth group or large group, please visit our [For Group Leaders](#) [6] webpage. Even though you will be pre-registering online, please contact the [Event Director](#) [3] to let them know your plans and numbers.

**Reminders:**

- **There is no water on the course. Participants are responsible for their own hydration need before, during and after their courses.**
- **There will be no food offered by QOC.**
- **Bring appropriate clothing (well, costuming!) for the 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).**
- **Restrooms are available at this site, next to the Train Station Party Room and by the playground/outdoor workout area.**
- **Pets are permitted in the park but must be leashed at all times.**

**Location**

**Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Area,  
Shelter H, Wheaton, MD (Classic)**

**Registration**