



Mason Neck

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**January 5
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required for this event, opening Monday, Dec. 30 at 6pm and closing Saturday January 4 at 12 noon.

There will be no day-of registration.

Happy New Year!! Please join us to ring in 2025 with a wonderful day of orienteering at a club favorite, Mason Neck State Park!

Orienteering at Mason Neck provides a distinctive navigation experience due to the flatness of this coastal plain terrain. With a great trail network, many sections of open woods, and distinctive terrain, this a fine venue to get started or to hone your advanced skills. The park's subtle contours (2.5 meter contour interval rather than the standard 5 meters) and subtle features present a change from the usual Northern Virginia spur and reentrant terrain. At Mason Neck you'll enjoy the chance to develop your compass skills and pace counting. Runners have their choice of a full set of classic courses, White to Blue (details below) thanks to QOC course setter Rob Field. Course stats & notes are posted below.

Also, to help those new to the very useful skill of pace-counting, we will set up a 100 meter pace course near registration. Those interested will be able to get some instruction/recommendations on how to calculate your pace and employ pace-counting most effectively.

As always, you must be off the course no later than 3pm and remember to download at our



e-punch station even if you do not finish. We want to make sure of everyone is safely out of the woods and accounted for. Check in will be on the west side of the main parking area as usual. Follow QOC signage from the turn off Gunston Road.

Post-Event Social: After your run, join fellow orienteers at [Casa Tequila Bar and Grill](#) [2], located [here](#) [3], just 9 miles north of the park.

Beginners: Make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) [4] and [For Beginners](#) [5] webpages, and if they don't answer any remaining questions you have, just ask them via our [Contact Form](#).

Group Leaders: please see our [For Group Leaders](#) [6] webpage and then contact the [Event Director](#) [7] so they are apprised of your plans.



[8] [Volunteer: Sign up for a volunteer slot via this form](#) [8], or email the [Event Director](#) [7] directly for other options.

Park Entrance Fee: The park entrance/parking fee is \$10 per vehicle, except for VA State Park Pass holders who should display their pass while parked. Payment is cash, credit, and check, with self pay options if entrance station is not manned. Details [here](#) [9].

Other notes and reminders:

- **Beginner instruction will be offered.**
- **Pets are allowed in Mason Neck State Park but must be kept on a leash and under the owner's control at all times.**
- **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.**

Location

**Mason Neck SP, Mason Neck SP, Lorton, VA
(Classic)**

Registration