



Swanson Road

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**May 17
Saturday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, May 12 at 6pm and will close at noon **Friday**** May 16. There will be no day-of registration.**

Orienteering at Upper Marlboro Natural Area

Join Us for an Exciting Family Adventure!

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.

What to Expect

Participants will navigate through diverse terrains, including wooded areas, open fields, and waterways, using a map and compass. This event is designed to test your navigation skills, endurance, and for groups, teamwork. Various courses will be available to accommodate all skill levels:

- Beginner Courses (white & yellow): Perfect for newcomers, offering a gentle introduction to orienteering with straightforward checkpoints and kid-friendly terrain. Beginner Instruction will be available.
- Intermediate Course (orange): A bit more challenging, great for those with some orienteering experience looking to improve their skills.
- Advanced Courses (brown, green, red & blue): For experienced orienteers seeking a rigorous and demanding course with complex navigation.

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.

What to Bring

Participants should come prepared with the following items:

- Comfortable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear
- Water bottle and snacks
- Compass and whistle if you have them. Loaners are available if needed.

Groups

QOC allows groups of up to 4 people to orienteer together. Any youth or large groups attending this event should contact the Event Director in advance so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group. Details and the required waiver form can be found on our [For Group Leaders](#) [2] webpage.



[\[3\] Volunteer: Sign up for a volunteer slot via this form \[3\], or email the Event Director \[4\] directly for other options.](#)

Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to navigate the diverse landscapes of the Upper Marlboro Natural Area and test your skills in an exhilarating orienteering challenge.

Post-Event Social: After your adventure, join fellow orienteers at [Panera](#) [5], located [here](#) [6], 8 miles north of the park.

Happy orienteering!

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 17 10:00 Classic:
am -
3:00
pm

Volunteers

Event [Reiko Rager](#) [9]
 Director:
 Event [Massey Bartolini](#) [4]
 Director:
 Course [Tom Nolan](#) [10]
 Designer:

Location Details