

Hoyle's Mill

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January 12
Sunday



Pre-registration is required for this event, opening Monday, January 6 at 6pm and closing Saturday January 11 at 12 noon.

There will be no day-of registration.

Welcome to QOC's first Maryland event of 2025! For this event, QOC's Nadim Ahmed has mapped a new area in the north to add more varied terrains to the map. Advanced runners, other than Beige, will take a short shuttle ride to a remote start location near the Lodge at Little Seneca Creek, and will then orienteer through the newly mapped area back to the finish. All course finish near the registration, while the White, Yellow, Orange and Beige courses will also start near registration. For full course and map details, please see the 'course notes' section below.

FINAL WEATHER & COURSE UPDATE (as of 5pm Jan. 11): Get ready for a Snow-O! Additional comments:

- Parking is behind the main building. The entry road to the parking area is snow covered in parts. **It will be icy in the morning** so please drive slowly and carefully. The parking lot is mostly clear of snow but remains wet with icy spots. Walk slowly and carefully.
- For those considering the beige course, note that there is a larger stream crossing that might be more difficult than originally planned due to the conditions. Both beige and orange have additional crossings where the stream is narrower.
- Streams are a little higher than normal, due to snow melt. Pick your crossings and you



can stay dry.

- Crossing Little Seneca Creek w/o the bridge is an option for the Blue, Red, Green and Brown courses but doing that is not necessary nor does it give a clear advantage.
- It's hard to see some rocks that are covered on-top with snow.
- Good protective gaiters on the advanced courses are advised. One might even protect thighs since some thorny growth grows tall, then loops downward. The winter does make it easier to get through some low vegetation but densities can change.
- Advanced courses have a climb that can be slippery with the snow.
- Regardless of what course you're on, your pace is likely to be slower than usual, and for those who pace count, you'll probably find it takes more steps to go a given distance. And any tracks you see might not be heading to your control!

Free Beginner Instruction will be offered, but please reach out to the Event Director if you have a group, so we can plan accordingly. Also, make sure to check out our [Your First Event \[2\]](#) and [For Beginners \[3\]](#) webpages.

Youth Group Leaders: Please see our [For Group Leaders \[4\]](#) page if you are leading a youth or large group - even though you will be pre-registering online. Please contact the [Event Director \[5\]](#) to make them aware of your plans and numbers.



[\[6\] Volunteer: Sign up for a volunteer slot via this form \[6\], or email the Event Director \[7\] directly for other options.](#)

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 snowy run, join fellow orienteers at the [Rio Grande Bar & Grill \[8\]](#), located [here \[9\]](#) just 2.7 miles northeast from the Soccerplex.

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 need before, during and after their courses.
- There will be no food offered by QOC.
- 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).
- Pets are permitted in the park but must be leashed at all times. However no pets are allowed in shuttle buses, unless they are service animals.

Location

Maryland SoccerPlex, Fields 12-13 Parking,
Germantown, MD (Classic)

Registration