

Cunningham Falls

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**October 19
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, Oct. 13 at 6pm and will close at noon Saturday Oct. 18. There will be no day-of registration.

Join Us For An Adventurous Day of Orienteering!

Join us once again at the Manor Area of Cunningham Falls state park in the Catoclin Mountains. The map contains many charcoal platforms (like the one in the photo), a round flat area along the hillside that is a remnant of a bygone era of charcoal making in the park.

Cunningham Falls is **more rugged** than many of our other venues, and as a precaution, QOC has again partnered with **Austere Medicine Professionals** 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 Austere Medicine Professionals first if there's a serious injury. Their emergency number **443-815-4267** will be printed on each map.

The ranger has warned us that snakes, including copperheads and rattlesnakes, are still active in the park. Please be mindful of this as you travel through the woods.

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 Course:** Perfect for newcomers, offering a gentle introduction to orienteering with straightforward checkpoints and kid-friendly terrain. Beginner Instruction will be available.



- Intermediate Course: A bit more challenging, great for those with some orienteering experience looking to improve their skills.
- Advanced Courses: For experienced orienteers seeking a rigorous and demanding course with complex navigation.

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.

Park Entrance

The Cunningham Falls Park charges a per-vehicle entrance fee - \$3 for MD residents, \$5 for out-of-staters. The park has asked QOC to help ensure all participants pay this fee. If you have an annual pass, you're all set. Otherwise, please bring exact change and pay at the park entrance. However, if there's a line of cars behind you at the entrance, feel free to proceed directly to the event parking area. You can pay the entrance fee at check-in instead—we want to avoid traffic backing up onto the highway. We'll collect the fees and submit the total to the park. 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 to be let in.

Parking Details

Park in the lot close to the pavilion. If the lot is full, there is another parking lot closer to the park entrance.



[\[2\] Volunteer: Sign up for a volunteer slot via this form \[2\] or email the Event Director \[3\] directly for other options.](#)

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 \[3\]](#) 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 \[4\]](#) webpage.

Local Orchard

Care to stock up on fruits, vegetables or pumpkins? [Pryor's Orchard \[5\]](#) is located [here \[6\]](#), just one exit north of our event and will be open until 6pm.

Location

Cunningham Falls St. Park, Manor Area (Classic)

Registration