

Turkey Run

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**March 29
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, March. 23 at 6:00pm and close at Noon on Saturday, March 28. There will be no day-of registration.

IT is FINALLY time to BUMBLE!

After all these weather delays, we are delighted to host the Spring version of the Bumble. Now in its 14th year, the event will be held at Turkey Run Ridge in Prince William Forest Park. Once again, this beloved event will include courses for all skill levels. Come out and enjoy the woods and have fun snapping pics with the Abominable “Bumble” FLORAL monster (Bumble outfits, shirts, accessories encouraged!)

MASS START TIME CHANGE ALERT: Because of the date shift, we will have campers departing Sunday morning, versus having the parking to ourselves. To reduce parking stress, the **MASS START will be at 12:30pm with pre-race briefing at 12:15pm at the start.**



The courses will close at 3:30pm so that you have a full 3 hours to complete your course.

What to Expect: The main event of the Bumble is the Mass Start race, which comprises five advanced courses equivalent to beige - blue. The controls are spread over five “windows” and each course level requires a different “handicap” of windows that must be run. For instance, Beige must do one window; blue must do five. Click [here](#) [2] to read the full description. It is a super fun style of orienteering with options for bonus time reductions! If you have never tried it but have been successfully completing orange level courses for a while, give this a try. Click [here](#) [3] to see last year's course, and [here](#) [4] to view 2025 Bumble photos. There will also be great beginner (white and yellow) and intermediate (orange) courses winding through classic ridge and valley terrain.

If you want to run a Bumble advanced course, but are not comfortable with a mass start, please sign up for one of the other start time windows. Mass starters, please be sure to arrive early-ish to avoid a last-minute rush. As usual, there will be prizes for the top Bumble winners participating in the Mass Start!

Volunteer Sign Ups: If you can help at this event please contact the [Event Director](#) [5]. PLEASE read ALL meet notes below for important details!

Meet notes:

- **CLICK [HERE](#) [2] TO READ HOW THE BUMBLE WORKS!**
- Registration will be in the Ayres Training Building
- The Start is ~180m walk from the Training Building and is the same for all courses.
- White, Yellow, and Orange courses will have regular check in/start windows from 9:45am to 1:15pm. (Yes, you are welcome to register for the 12:15pm-12:30pm window, but it will be a bit hectic at the start during that time).
- **Advanced (Bumble) courses will have a MASS START at 12:30pm. Please be ready for the PRE-RACE briefing at 12:15pm at the Start location.**
- We do NOT anticipate having a clothing drop given the spring weather.
- Everyone must be out of the woods and back at the registration area by 3:30pm.
- Bumble prizes awarded (mass start only):
 - First male and first female competitors to cross the finish, regardless of course.
 - Fastest male competitor on Blue and fastest female competitor on Red.

Beginners: Make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) [6] and [For Beginners](#) [7] webpages, and if they don't answer all your questions, just ask them via our [Contact Form](#) [8]. Beginner instruction will be available on-site.

Groups: QOC allows groups of up to 4 people to orienteer together. Please see our [For Group Leaders](#) [9] webpage and then contact the [Event Director](#) [5] so they are aware of your plans.

Other notes and reminders:

- Park entrance fee is \$20 per car or free with National Park or Prince William Forest Annual Pass
- Parking will be in the Camp Ground areas A-E (space may be very limited; please consider carpooling!)
- No water or food will be provided. Participants are responsible for meeting all their own food and hydration needs.
- Indoor restrooms on site behind the Education Center
- Pet Policy: leashed pets are permitted in the park but are not recommended to accompany Bumpers doing the mass start.

Location

Prince William Forest Park, Turkey Run Ridge
(Bumble & WYO)

Registration