



Blockhouse Point

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**May 3
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open Monday, April 27 at 6pm. It will close on Saturday, May 2 at 12 noon. There will be no day-of registration.

Orienteering at Blockhouse Point

Calling all adventure enthusiasts! We are excited to return to the beautiful Blockhouse Point Park in Potomac, Maryland, after last spring's debut event there. Whether you're a seasoned orienteer or a curious beginner, this event promises to be a fun and challenging experience for all. Come enjoy the rolling hills, spring wildflowers, and fantastically open woods at this special venue.

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. Courses (white through blue; stats below) 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.
- Intermediate Course (orange): A bit more challenging, great for those with some orienteering experience looking to improve their skills.
- Advanced Courses (beige to blue): 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.



Parking and Check-in Details

Parking is limited at Blockhouse Point, so we have arranged for participants to park at the nearby Bretton Woods Country Club Swimming Pool parking lot 1.5 miles further along River Road from the park. This year, the check-in and download area will be located at the Bretton Woods parking lot, along with porta-potties. Shuttles will carry you to the remote start area for all courses at the park (where the finish area will also be located, to take the shuttle back to Bretton Woods for e-punch download). The ride takes about 4 minutes. Parking at the venue is restricted to event volunteers working there.



[\[2\] Have a bit of time to help? Join the crew by signing up via **this form** \[2\] or email the Event Director \[3\] for other volunteering opportunities.](#)

Beginners

[Make sure to check out our Your First Event \[4\] and For Beginners \[5\] webpages, and if they don't answer all your questions, just ask them via our Contact Form \[6\]. We will also offer beginner instruction at the event.](#)



Groups

OOC 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 [7] webpage.

Post-Event

A short 5 minute drive here [8] will bring you to the Rocklands Farm Winery [9], open on Sundays from 12 - 6pm and said to be the top rated winery in the DC area, with both plenty of outdoor and indoor seating. We encourage you to have a picnic here - you are welcome to bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages. Wine and pizzas [10] can be purchased.

Advance Notice!

Non-citizen orienteers without permanent resident status in the US must contact our May 16 event director **before** May 11 to discuss access to our event on the Quantico Marine Corps Base (details here).

Location

Blockhouse Point, Bretton Woods Pool Parking,
Darnestown, MD (Classic)

Registration

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