

2021 USA Team Trials
*** Sprint ***
at South Germantown Recreational Park and Maryland Soccerplex
As of May 4, 2021

Course Description
(see separate pages)

Map Notes
(see separate pages)

Event Center

18031 Central Park Cir, Boyds, MD 20841

[\(39°09'14.1"N 77°18'42.8"W\)](#)

Park in the parking lot for fields 12 and 13, which is behind the Soccerplex Fieldhouse. There are restroom facilities in a small building west of the field house and on the left as one drives toward the parking lot.

The registration area is the only event center. QOC supporters for the event are operating with protocols for protections against the spread of COVID-19. [Please read the QOC website for information and note that social distancing and masks are required when not running.](#)

Sprint Courses: Linda Kohn; **Vetting:** David Onkst

Name	Distance	Controls	Climb	Scale
Red	3.4K	19	60M	1:4,000
Blue	4.1K	22	70M	1:4,000

Gear

Spiked shoes are okay to use however there are significant amounts of pavement	Gaiters are recommended for low vegetation and some rough open areas and poison ivy
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*** Middle ***
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Map and Course Description

The map began getting created just over 1 year ago and is unusual for QOC terrain. The area can be disable your usual tool box of techniques when executing routes and charming when successful. Navigators have very limited contour relief to guide them and often will not be able to run straight bearings. Low vegetation such as barberry bushes limit visibility but can be sidestepped when running in areas mapped as white forest. Rock outcrops are scattered widely instead of only at the few streams, and are often quite small. Mapped boulders tend to be at or above 0.7M. Below this height, rock is typically mapped as stony ground. Smaller clusters of stony ground a few meters across have been mapped where found, and can be useful as attack points or an aid in relocating—though natural and mapped with 3 black dots, some of these have a similarity to low cairns. There are very few trails. The main trail—Hoyles Mill Trail—was an old roadbed. This road has a bridge crossing Little Seneca Creek. The creek is crossable apart from the bridge, but some deep pools exist. When wet, forest grounds can be soft and slippery, with some standing water. Intermittent and linear marshes can aid navigation in dry times and often stand out in the winter, which is the optimal time to orienteer here. There are not many ditches or reentrants. Because of the flatness, spurs can appear on the map more pronounced than in reality. Trees throughout much of the park tend not to be fully mature; it is common for grass to grow under the trees. Vegetation walk (medium green), and vegetation fight (darker medium green) tend to be thorny barberry or multi-floral rose. Some hoop-like low vegetation growth can also be thorny and impede running by catching legs at the thigh so good gaiters are recommended. There are a few large areas of deadfall but it is not widespread. Vegetation boundaries are most often distinct but some areas exist where the change from white to green or medium green is very gradual and more difficult to discern. Recent wind storms in the area did not fell many trees but did knock down small branches and twigs.

Flat terrain facilitates fast running while growing spring vegetation is reducing it. Route choices and the skill to execute technical routes is likely to matter more, since relocating can be difficult.

Parking

Boyd's Presbyterian Church, 19900 White Ground Rd, Boyds, MD 20841
([39.1812463459346](tel:39.1812463459346), [-77.3155421550164](tel:-77.3155421550164))

Park in the lot south of the church.

Registration

19613 White Ground Rd., Boyds, MD 20841

From the church parking lot, [walk 0.4 miles south](#) on White Ground Rd. to a small Hoyles Mill Conservation Park parking lot on the east side of White Ground Rd. **The road is lightly traveled by cars but can be narrow and have limited visibility.**

Facilities

The registration area is the only event center. QOC supporters for the event are operating with protocols for protections against the spread of COVID-19. [Please read the QOC website for information and note that social distancing and masks are required when not running.](#) There are no restroom facilities at the parking or registration area, however some portable toilets may be accessible at the Edward Taylor Science and Materials Center and ballfields approximately 350m south of the registration area. Forest immediately surrounding the registration area should be considered out-of-bounds except when walking to the start.

Warm Up Area and Walk to the Start

From the Hoyles Mill Conservation Park parking lot, there is a 600m walk along a streamered route. Warm up on the trail to the start and to the north/west of the trail (the woods are thick here, and not necessarily representative of the rest of the map).

Middle Distance Courses: Dave Linthicum; **Vetting:** David Onkst

Name	Distance	Controls	Climb	Scale
Red	5.3K	13	55M	1:10,000
Blue	6.0K	13	55M	1:10,000

Gear

Spiked shoes are okay to use and recommended	Gaiters are recommended due to the presence of barberry and multi-floral rose.
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