

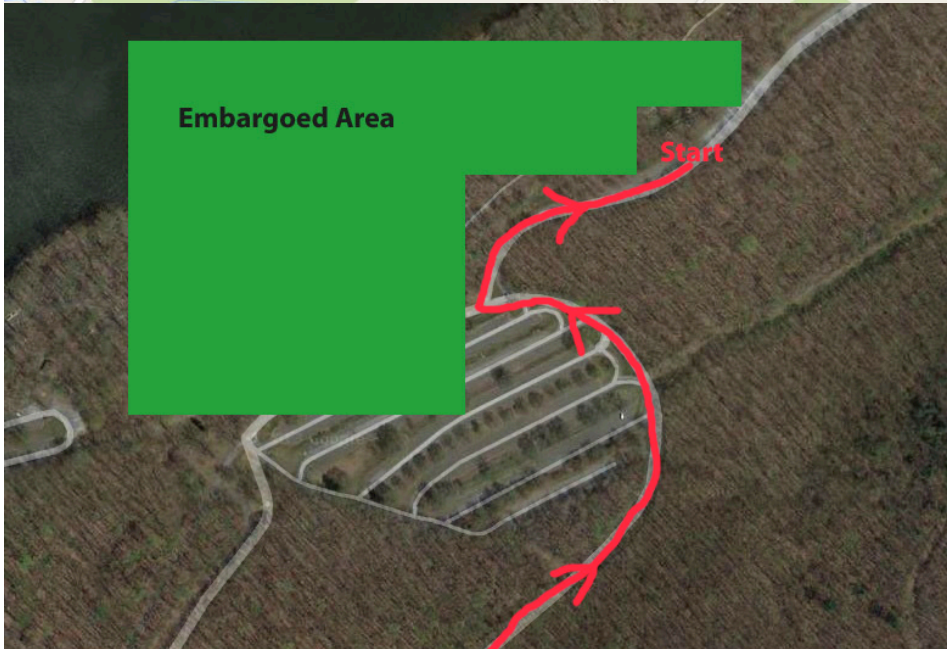
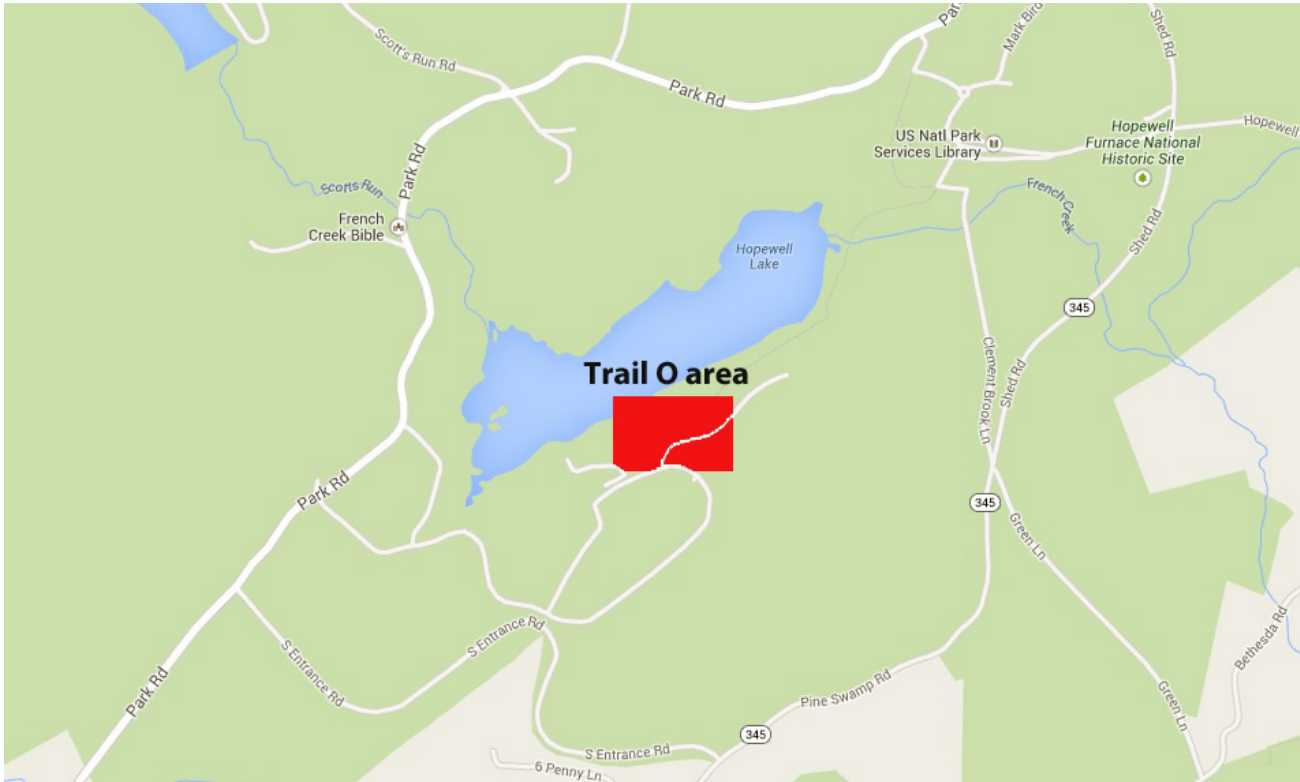
Trail-O Course Notes

Fall Orienteering Festival

November 16, 2013

Welcome to the Trail-O ranking event for the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association. Enthusiastic club support has been instrumental in making this event a reality. We hope you find it enjoyable.

We will be using the area around the public swimming pool south of Hopewell Lake. When coming to the start, please follow the orienteering arrows directly to the start. Once you enter the start area please do not leave. There are restroom facilities nearby. Do not drive or walk into the embargoed area shown below:



The map we will be using is updated to ISSOM standards (except noted below) with a scale of 1:4000 with 2 meter contour intervals. The non standard symbols are noted on the legend of the map and are summarized here: boulders are mapped if they are 0.5 meter or greater in height with a smaller solid black circle than standard, distinct trees with trunks greater than 0.75 meters in diameter (in any dimension) at 1 meter from the ground (including multiple trunks) are mapped with an open green circle that is smaller than standard, manhole covers are mapped with a smaller than standard blue X, uncrossable fences are mapped with a thinner black line than standard, unmovable manmade objects are mapped with a black X that is smaller than standard, disc golf cages and other manmade objects are mapped with an open black circle that is smaller than standard.

The course will consist of 2 model stations, 2 timed controls at the start and 14 standard controls. The course distance is 1.1 kilometer with 20 meters of climb. The total time allowed for the entire course (including timed controls) will be 80 minutes. E-punching will be used thanks to the efforts of Valerie Meyer. The same Sportident card used for any other Fall Orienteering Festival courses will be used for this event.

There will be a Trail O specific event center that will serve as the check in point and the download location. This event center is near the start for the Trail O. After parking, please go to the event center to check in and then proceed to the model event/waiting area for the timed controls. The course will be open for competition starting at noon. If you would like to start earlier than your assigned start time please feel free to do so. Early starts are encouraged. The sun is going to set at 4:45 pm and earlier starters will have the advantage of more daylight. Please come to the start area when you are ready to begin or at your assigned start time, whichever is earlier.

Please clear and check your Sportident card at the stations near the start area before proceeding to the timed controls. A marshal will tell you when you can proceed to the timed controls. The procedure for the timed controls is included on a separate page and there will be copies of these instructions at the start area. After the timed controls are completed you will be given the map for the remainder of the course. You will also be given a paper punch card in the event that an epunch unit malfunctions.

The epunch stations will be found along the competition pathway after the viewing station. Care has been taken to allow for privacy while punching. Only one punch at each station is allowed, multiple punches at a station will be considered an incorrect choice.

The control stations must be done in order and the finish control must be punched at the end. There is a time limit of 80 minutes and a 1 point penalty for every portion of 5 minutes past that cutoff (for example: 1 point will be deducted if the finishing time is 83 minutes and 2 points for 86 minutes).

After punching the finish control proceed to the event center to download. A short, non wheelchair accessible path to the event center is available, as well as an accessible but longer path.

Answers for the course will be distributed at the event center after the last competitor has finished, tentatively estimated around 4:30 pm. Complaints and protests are to be finalized by 4:45 pm when the jury will meet for deliberations. We will be following the recent rule change: Trail-O protests that are denied will incur a half-point penalty for each competitor filing the protest. The jury will have the authority to waive this penalty if they believe the protest was reasonable. There will be no penalty for filing a complaint regardless of the outcome. A final compilation of results will be available at 5pm. Medals for the 1st 3 places in the open and paralympic categories will be distributed at the awards ceremony on Sunday. The results will be used for OUSA Rankings.