

Swanson Road

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**December 18
Sunday**



Welcome back to Swanson Road, more formally known as the Patuxent River Park Marlboro Natural Area. It is a lovely location that QOC has not enjoyed since 2014. Our course-setter reports that this is a small but fun area. Be sure to read the course setter's notes below for the course information farther down the page; some areas of the park are best avoided.

Intermediate Training: Not only will this be an opportunity to burn off some of those extra holiday calories, but intermediate orienteers (advanced yellow and up) may benefit from special training provided at 1:30 p.m. from Mihai Sirbu. He has generously offered to provide some exercises for precision pace counting, and route choice. Look for Mihai near the registration table a bit before 1:30.

Beginner Instruction: There will be beginner's instruction, as always, as well. If you are interested and don't see who is giving it, ask at the registration table. A QOC member will show you how to read a map, teach you how to use a compass with your map and give you hints on how to navigate your choice of course. Besides that, just wear a smile and the clothes you would for a hike or run in a local park. Bring a compass, if you have one, or borrow one at the event.

Dogs (on leash) are welcome too.



Parking: Driving directions are below. Look for the sign on R. 301 to the Prince George's Radio Control Club for the turn-off. There is very limited parking near the registration. Most parking will be along the entrance road between the paved cul-de-sac and the two barns. Please park compactly to leave room for others and follow directions from QOC volunteers.

Registration opens at 10:45 and ends at 1:15 p.m. People may start anytime between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Everyone must be back to download by 3 p.m. Don't forget to download even if you don't finish, so we don't need to send out a search party!

Youth or large groups attending, please contact the [Event Director](#) [2] so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group; the group registration and waiver [form](#) [3] is part of the information on our [Group Leaders](#) [4] page.

Location

Swanson Road Natural Area, North end, Upper Marlboro, MD (Classic)

Registration

No advance registration required. Just show up and have fun!

Start Times

You may start your course any time between 11am - 1:30pm.

Schedule

Sunday, December 18 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Classic: Start window
3:00 pm Classic: Courses close: everyone must be back to finish

Volunteers

Event Director: [Jane Leggett](#) [5]
Course Designer: [Craig Shelden](#) [6]

Location Details