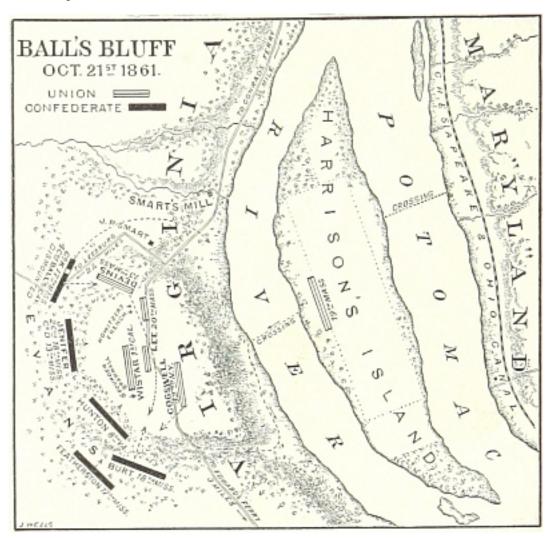
Balls Bluff

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November 10 **Sunday**



Welcome back to Ball's Bluff Regional Park for a prime mid-autumn orienteering event along the high bluffs overlooking the Potomac River near Leesburg, Virginia. This year, registration, start and finish will all return to the pavilion at Edwards Landing, a small municipal park that sits adjacent to Ball's Bluff Regional Park near its southern end.

Once again, QOC is happy to have this event hosted by the cadets of the Loudoun County Public Schools Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) who will be stepping up to fill the volunteer positions for the event. QOC's Patrick Farley is designing a full set of classic courses for the meet, and full course details and course setter comments are now posted below.

Parking: Make sure to read these driving and parking directions carefully. Please do not park in the minuscule Edwards Landing Park parking lot unless you are a meet volunteer, nor on Powhatan Court, the narrow cul-de-sac immediately outside of Edwards Landing Park.

We prefer that you park at Ball's Bluff Elementary School as indicated here [2] on this overview map. (The registration site at Edwards Landing is in the lower right corner of the graphic.) Buses and cars can drop participants at the mouth of Powhatan Court before proceeding on to the Elementary School if

desired. A shuttle bus will run between the elementary school parking lot and Edwards Landing from 10:30am to 3:30pm.

Public parking along the wide through-streets running near the park (Hunton Place, Graywood Way, and Wood Edge Drive) is also permitted as long as driveways are not blocked or the local residents otherwise inconvenienced.

For those who are interested, here is an overview of the <u>Battle of Ball's Bluff</u> [3], fought on October 21st, 1861.

The park and battlefield have undergone restoration over the last several years to more accurately reflect its 1861 condition, and attendees will have the opportunity of touring the battlefield area and the associated National Cemetery above the Potomac River. Free Battlefield tours are conducted by expert volunteer tour guides from the group, Friends of Ball's Bluff, every Saturday and Sunday at 11AM and 1PM from early April through the end of November, so orienteers can take part in a guided tour out of the park main parking lot (not Edwards Landing) either before or after they run their courses. Tours include about one mile of walking on woodland trails and last from one to two hours. Those wishing to take tours on their own may pick up a brochure at the visitor's kiosk in the main parking lot.

Be advised that **there may only be one port-a-john at Edwards Landing** because of park restrictions.

Any youth or large groups attending, please contact the <u>Event Director</u> [4] so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group; the group registration and waiver <u>form</u> [5] is part of the information on our <u>Group Leaders</u> [6] page.

Location

Balls Bluff Regional Park, Edwards Landing Pavilion

(School Parking), Leesburg, VA (Classic)

Registration

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

Start Times

Start any time between the specified times (usually

11am - 1:30pm).

Schedule

Sunday, November 1011:00 Classic:

am -3:00 pm

Volunteers

Event <u>Bill Johns</u> [7]

Director:

Course Patrick Farley [8]

Designer:

Classic

Balls Bluff Regional Park Edwards Landing Pavilion (School Parking) Leesburg, VA Google Map [9]