

Welcome to the Oak Point meet in Plano.

Parking

The parking lot at Oak Point Park in Plano is arranged as a set of concentric circles. Buses need to park in the long parking spots in the outer circle ring.

Registration/Start/Finish

Registration will be in the northeastern pavilion off of Los Rios Blvd. Start and Finish are also near the pavilion.

Courses

A large group has reserved the Plano Parks & Recs building, including the yard south of the building. This area is out of bounds and is marked with red vertical lines on the map.

There will be a full slate of courses with a 3 hour time limit per course.

Please check in at the Finish table— even if you don't complete your course so that we know you are back safe and not out hurt in the park.

In addition, Orange/Brown/Green/Red runners must also check in at the Download Station - even if you don't complete your course.

Flood Plain

Much of the park is in the Rowlett Creek flood plain. Some of the seasonal swamps, watercourses and ditches may have water or mud while others will be dry. If there is significant rain, then many of these low spots may be full of water or at least very muddy.

Rowlett Creek

Rowlett Creek is about 20 feet lower than the adjacent flood plain. Several trails skirt the creek banks. Be careful and do not crowd along these locations.

Do not go down into Rowlett Creek or try to wade across it. You must cross Rowlett Creek at the different bridges in the parks. These bridges are marked on the map.

Horses

Horse riding is allowed in the park, with most of the horse riding being in the northern and eastern parts. If horse rider(s) approach you, park rules require you to yield right of way to them. Please get off the trails and allow horses to pass safely without spooking them.

Cyclists

The paved sidewalks and some of the dirt paths are used by cyclists. The cyclists often ride very fast and can easily come up on you unexpectedly. It is recommended that you walk beside - but off the trail as you orienteer, and especially if you need a few minutes to read your map.

Woods

Most of the woods are either mowed parkland or thick with undergrowth. The undergrowth can either be poison ivy (especially at the edges of the woods), tall grass with good visibility but slow running, or moderate to thick undergrowth with limited visibility.

Roads and Bridges

There are streets and roads around and through the park. The roads through the park are elevated above the flood plain, so you can run the course by using the under the road bridges. In particular, you should NOT cross any paved streets with traffic while orienteering.

Water

There are multiple water fountains in the park that are marked on the map. Working water fountains are marked with the red water symbol. Most of these water fountains are east of Rowlett Creek, so there will only be one extra water point added on the west side.

Clothing

Due to the poison ivy and tall grass, all orienteers are encouraged to wear long pants and long sleeved shirts. You should probably bring an extra set of shoes/socks and pants to change into if it has rained recently before the meet. And, don't forget to protect yourself against getting sunburned if it is a sunny day. You might also want to use insect repellent.

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