

## Course Setter's Notes – Tyler State Park 2022

### Start and Finish –

The start area is in the Brown's Point picnic area which is 0.5 km from the HQ pavilion. Brown's Point is at the south end of the large parking lot that extends along the lakeshore south of the bathhouse. To get there from HQ at Northwoods pavilion go west toward the bathhouse and then south. Give yourself 6 minutes or more to walk there.

The finish is adjacent to the HQ pavilion.

### Special Map Features-

There are several "special" features in the park that are represented by a black X or O. They may include: large signs, electrical equipment, utility boxes, old rusted metal equipment, large ruined concrete blocks, large propane tanks, playground equipment, benches (not in congested areas), pipeline markers, tall metal stakes with flagging (not in congested areas), and bales of old barbwire. Picnic tables, grills and lantern posts (particularly in campgrounds and picnic areas) were not mapped.

### Trails –

Tyler State Park has an extensive system of well-maintained hiking trails. The hiking trails on the north and west sides of the park are also open to mountain bikes so be aware. Mountain bikes are not allowed on the lakeside trail. In addition, there are many 'indistinct' and small trails, which may or may not be mapped, especially near the campgrounds.

### Vegetation and Terrain–

The park contains some very open pine forest with excellent visibility and runnability. These areas are kept open by a program of annual controlled burns. A few burns have occurred since the last map revision so a few areas may be significantly more open than indicated on the map. At the same time, other unburned areas may have become slightly more overgrown.

The terrain is mostly hilly with plenty of small erosion gullies. Root stocks are common features. The controlled burns can eliminate old ones and severe weather can create new ones, both very quickly. An effort has been made to map all the root stocks in the areas near controls and along expected routes. Some new root stocks were observed but they may not have been mapped, especially if they were not near controls or were not likely to affect navigation on the courses.

### Water Levels –

The lake has a very consistent water level. Most of the streams are spring-fed and likely to be wet. Most of the features that are mapped as gullies will be dry unless there has been very recent rain. The local soil is sandy and drains well. Expect seasonal marshes to be wet.

### Campgrounds and Out-of-Bounds Areas –

Many campsites and shelters will be occupied this weekend. Campgrounds are shown as out-of-bounds. Courses may take you on trails near the campgrounds and cabins but please keep your distance from tents, shelters and RV's. Please be courteous and avoid interfering with the activities of other park patrons. If you must enter the campgrounds, stay on the roads and out of the campsites.

Other out-of-bounds areas include a construction zone (for a new park visitor center and ranger station), the ranger residence compound near the entrance, and the main part of the maintenance and water treatment facility in the southeast part of the park. All courses have been designed to avoid these areas and they are strictly out-of-bounds to everyone except park personnel. There are also two oil leases on the east edge of the park which are also out-of-bounds.

#### Restrooms --

There are restrooms in or near campgrounds throughout the park. The most convenient one to the HQ is at the bathhouse on the lakeside west of the HQ pavilion. The bathhouse also has showers available for cleaning up after the race. There is also a restroom building adjacent to the start area at Brown's Point.

#### Orienteering Rules –

Remember, on the competition courses orienteering is a solo event. Working with another person or signaling a control location is grounds for disqualification. Those interested in working as a team should participate on the recreational courses.

#### Course Information

Water on course: Water is at several locations convenient for all courses.

<b>Course:</b>	<b>Length:</b>	<b>Climb:</b>	<b>Number of controls:</b>
	[km]	[m]	
White	2.56	27	14
Yellow	2.77	84	13
Orange	4.58	114	14
Brown	3.66	105	10
Green	5.24	163	10
Red	6.82	198	18

#### Course setter –

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