

Gateway Course Setter Notes

Sept. 19-Sept. 28, 2020

Welcome to the Gateway DIY Orienteering event. There are 2 short courses: Easy West (similar to Yellow) and Not-So-Easy East (similar to Brown). This is a barebones training event. There will be NO WATER placed on the courses. Sometimes, bad things happen. Carry a phone and a whistle. Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Best is to go with someone and stagger your starts by a few minutes. The trails are popular on weekends and quieter during the week.

The controls are indicated by orange or pink flagging streamers about ½ meter long. While they have been diligently put out, they might be torn down by non-orientees or damaged by animals/insects. You should see the streamers, but they might not be there due to circumstances.

On the clue sheets, the first column is the Control Number. That is the number that has been put on the streamer and matches the number on your map. The second column is the Control Code. In a normal event, this would be the tagged number on the control marker. Since no control markers have been placed, just ignore that box.

Easy West. Park in the first parking lot when you enter from 1st Street, on the south side of the first set of soccer fields you see. Start/Finish is the north east corner of the lot. Port-a-potties are usually here. This is central to all 13 controls. The legs are short. Most of the controls are on or close to the trail or along the wooded edge. Controls 8 and 9 are a little more difficult. Paths in that area are less used and are fading into open areas thru the wood. Remember, this is just training. If you feel like any point is too difficult, just skip it.

The area is essentially flat. You will need to cross park roads, watch for cars.

There are disc golf players in the north east section, mountain bikers in the south east and bugs go wherever they want. Please share the park with everyone.

Not-So-Easy East. There is a parking lot on 1st Street, just east of the bridge over the Trinity River. This was a waterstop location in previous meets. The course is a short 2.1K with 75m of climb. The Start/Finish is approximately 600 meters from the parking lot. (Special rule for Tom and Jens – your Start/Finish is the parking lot.)

This course is in the section between the gas pads and the Trinity River. The legs are very short and will cross each other. If you would like something a bit easier/shorter, you could run the course more as a loop. This is your training time, so feel free to mix and match controls.

The mountain bikers are very active in this area, so be sure to look both ways when crossing or running along a trail. There are homeless camps in this area, please go around them. The terrain is very hilly. The trot from parking to start is flat.

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