

Meet Director Notes  
Gateway Park  
9/19/2020 to 9/28/2020

Welcome to our only venue in Fort Worth. Gateway Park is located in Fort Worth just across the highway from an old mapped area of ours called Tandy Hills. Gateway Park is a multi-use area with the Trinity River bisecting the area. The park caters to everyone from dog owners (Fort Woof Park is located there) to outdoor enthusiasts.

There are a number of athletic fields and trails for both hikers and bikers. With so much potential activity going on at the same time it is important for us to keep in mind that we are not the only ones there and we must share the area. Logistics may be an issue but with a little cooperation, then everything should be fine.

This event and perhaps others to follow, are designed to allow orienteering enthusiasts to enjoy the challenge of running a course but with the overriding concern of COVID-19 and the need for social distancing and following proper guidelines as set forth by health experts.

This event is a DIY event. As laid out in the introduction to this event, there will be no on-site presence by NTOA staff. Other factors:

1. No on-site registration or presence by NTOA staff.
2. No fee to run a course. Although donations are always accepted.
3. Map will be self-printed by the individual who wishes to run a course.
4. Online “waiver” must be accepted before you can proceed to the map link.
5. Map printing begins 9/18/2020.
6. There will be two courses. One is moderate (not a beginner) and the other is harder.
7. Maps are printed separately. One course per map.
8. There will not be bags with numbers to find. There will only be orange streamers with numbers written on them and no punches.
9. Courses are self-timed and there will be no awards.
10. Bring your own water. Water fountains may not be in use.

This is not a one-day event. The inclusive dates are from 9/19/2020 to 9/28/2020. Those who wish to run a course (or both) may do so on any of those dates. This will allow for social distancing at the park and inclement weather on any given day.

Scouts who wish to run a course to qualify for the Orienteering merit badge can do so. The contact person is NTOA member Ralph Courtney. [ralph@courtneyrentals.com](mailto:ralph@courtneyrentals.com)

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