

2023 Texas Elks Camp Course Setter Notes

Map

The maps for all courses will be at a scale of 1:7500 with a contour of 3.0 meters.

Terrain

The terrain is hilly with open vegetation. The terrain can be flat or have many gullies, high cliffs, earth banks, and dry stream beds, some of them with steep sloping sides. The openness of the vegetation will provide opportunities for point-to-point navigation.

Trails

Many of the trails are very open and distinct; however, some can be covered with leaves and can be hard to find. Some of these trails have been flagged with orange ribbons to assist in following them, though the flagging may be old. Some ruined fences have been freshly flagged near control locations.

Water Features

Lake Texoma is currently at a low level. Streams and ditches were dry, but recent rain has caused some flow. As with trails, some shallow waterways may be difficult to discern due to coverage by leaves.

Hazards

Running through unfamiliar terrain is always dangerous. Notable terrain hazards include high cliffs and earth banks, barbed wire (especially that on the ground), briars, poison ivy, loose rocks, and leaf-hidden hazards. Some trails have small stumps protruding up from the ground and can be an unexpected trip hazard.

Sportsmanship

The courses utilize the entire property and pass through all areas of the camp. If there are campers or other activities, please take care not to disturb them. Do not tamper with the camp property or any orienteering controls you may see. Doing so will result in immediate disqualification from the meet.

Courses

The offered courses are White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, and Red. All courses will use electronic punches. Three-hour time limit or 2pm whichever comes first.

Course	Length (km)	Controls
White A	2.5	12

White B	2.4	12
Yellow A	3.8	13
Yellow B	3.8	13
Orange	4.1	12
Brown	3.7	12
Green	5.1	16
Red	6.6	18

Controls

The controls will be marked with the traditional orange and white bag and will also have an electronic punch box.

NOTE: Elks Camp has set up its own orienteering course, and NTOA runners may encounter these controls. The Elks Camp course bags look identical to the NTOA bags but DO NOT have an NTOA number and no e-box. Elks Camp has also hung a few colored ribbons on trees and special features. These are not part of our meet and can be ignored.

Special Features

Special man-made features as indicated on the map and clue sheets by an "x" or "o" can mean signs, tables, benches, poles, posts, or miscellaneous man-made debris.

Out of Bounds

There are a few small areas in the central part of the camp that have been marked on the map with vertical red lines, which indicate out of bounds. These are residential areas for the camp staff. Please respect their privacy. Other out-of-bound areas around the camp are also marked with red vertical lines. The area west of the power lines on the western edge of the camp is out of bounds. Fences marked as un-crossable should be considered as such. All courses have been routed around them. There is also area in the southeastern part of the camp, which we have used in the past, but is now out of bounds. It is indicated as such on the map and by purple-painted fence posts. Only the advanced runners will be in vicinity of this area of the camp.

Safety bearing

If you are lost head west to find the main camp or one of the north-south roads.

- Ralph Courtney, Course Setter