

# James Ray 2024 Course Setter Notes

## General Notes

The registration area will be at the same location as in the past. Simply drive into the camp and park in the two parking lots. Registration will be located in the second large building to your north. It has a large, covered area attached to it. Once you have checked in at Registration, you may proceed to the start area, a short walk to the field across the road to the west of the registration area.

Since the event is all EPUNCH, there will not be assigned start times. Starts will be one minute apart.

Please make sure you check back in with the Finish area and download your ESTICK. Please do this even if you did not complete the course. This allows NTOA to know if there are missing competitors. Please return and check in at finish within three (3) hours of starting your course.

## Restrooms:

The camp has winterized the restrooms directly behind the registration building and those are closed. There are restrooms at the pavilion just north of the parking lot which are small but open. There are larger restrooms to use are located northwest of the parking lots, at what was the OLD pool area. There are areas for Youth and Adult, but you may use any of them. There is a timed light switch located just inside the door. The bathrooms at the new pool are also winterized and are closed.

## Map Notes

Map has a 3-meter contour interval.

The map uses 3 nonstandard symbols to define the unique vegetation. Yellow background with green dots (usually denotes orchard) means fast running with low visibility. Green background with tiny yellow dots, means slow running with good visibility. Green X-pattern, means un-crossable.

The drought and the maturation of the forest has reduced some of the vegetation. Areas that are shown as dark green and were once not crossable may be crossable now. The woods seem to be a little more open and navigable than in the past but there are still plenty of briars.

The area has intricate gully systems. Gullies are shown by contour lines or the gully symbol. The dry ditch and intermittent stream symbols are shown in blue to make the map easier to read.

Special feature X can show old cars, boats, trailers, rusted equipment, trash piles and other man-made items. There are new houses being constructed on the borders of the map. Some of these houses are not mapped.

## **Trails and Streams**

Many trails are covered with leaves and may be somewhat difficult to find. I also found a few indistinct trails that had become so indistinct that they had “disappeared” which I removed from the map. Thus be aware that there may be other indistinct trails that I didn’t investigate that may be very difficult to find.

## **New Trails and Gates**

The BSA staff has made several new trails over the last couple of years and marked them with ribbon. They have also mown a 2-3 meter wide path along some of those trails. The trails which have been mown have been mapped as a well-defined path. In many cases you will NOT find a dirt path, just the vegetation closely mown to the ground.

Note: The gates cut into the non-crossable fence that runs along the North and South sides of Mill Creek Rd about halfway between the main camp entrance and the far west corner of the main property are not traditional gates. They are simply holes cut in the fences. The gates are small and have some wires sticking out that have been taped over. Use caution if you choose to use these holes in the fence.

## **Dangers**

The Orange, Brown, Green and Red courses cross the main road twice. Please watch out for cars when crossing and running beside the road.

Running through unfamiliar terrain is always dangerous. Notable terrain hazards at James Ray include high cliffs, non-crossable streams, briars, loose rocks, Cedar tree branches, and leaf-hidden hazards.

There are several old/ruined barbed wire fences on the property. Many are buried under the leaves and not readily noticeable. Those that I came across, I marked with orange/pink ribbon. But there are going to be plenty that are not marked.

## **Rifle Range**

The rifle and archery ranges are part of the active courses this weekend (there is no shooting). You can ignore any signs that restrict entry into those areas.

## **Sportsmanship**

The courses utilize the entire property, and pass through the camping areas. Please use courtesy around any campsites in use by others. There are also several houses on the property or boundary of the property – most are marked out of bounds. Please be courteous and avoid running through the yards of these houses.

Members of your group should stay within the camping areas and do not use this as an opportunity to explore the camp. Competitors who venture outside the camping areas or tamper with the controls will be immediately disqualified.

## **Safety Bearing**

The main camp is on a peninsula, which extends into Lake Texoma. It is split by the main road. When on main camp, generally go uphill east or west to the main road.

The safety bearing when on the south camp area is to go Northeast to Mill Creek Rd.

## **Start/Finish**

The start is in the big field across the road from the registration area. The finish is on the east side of the registration area.

## **Course specifications**

Regular	Start #	controls	Length (km)
White A	11		2.9
Yellow A	12		3.3
Yellow B	12		3.2
Orange	14		5.5
Brown	9		4.1
Green	12		5.2
Red	16		7.4

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