

## 2025 Tyler State Park Orienteering Meet – Course Setter Notes

### Welcome

Welcome to Tyler State Park (TSP). Be prepared to run on some of the best terrain available to the NTOA club.

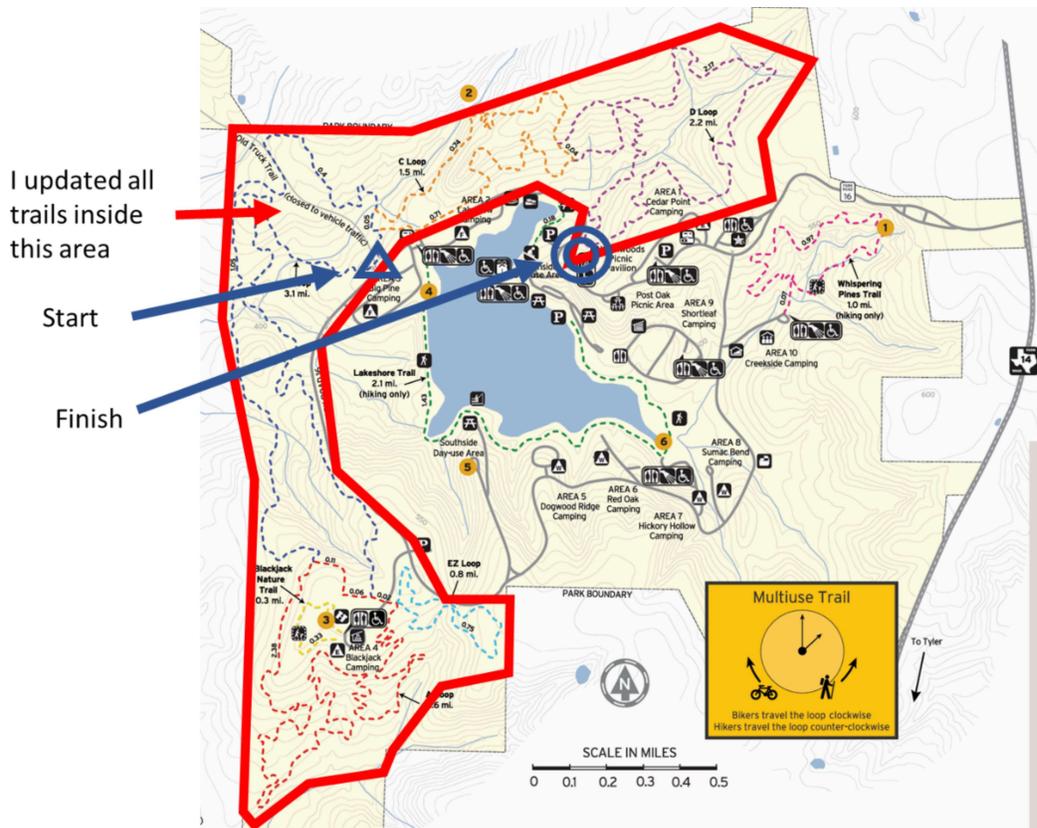
### Terrain

Tyler has a mix of vegetation – from open runnable forest to dense vegetation. There is an intricate set of trails and intermittent streams combined with significant contour changes.

When choosing routes in this park, it is recommended that you pay close attention to the contours and consider route choices they may contour around instead of simply ignoring the elevation change.

Many trees blew down in the recent winter storms resulting in numerous large rootstocks - - so many that we couldn't map them. Thus, all rootstocks are hidden so that no rootstocks are shown on the map.

I updated all of the trails in the north and west areas of the park as shown below – removing old trails and adding new trails. Only Green and Red will run outside this area.



### Hazards

Vegetation: Green Briar, Poison Ivy, Honey Locust (thorns) grow in this park. Gaiters or some other form of leg protection is recommended.

Fauna: TSP is home to the normal range of Texas critters, including snakes, spiders, armadillos, squirrels, deer and such. These may be encountered but not likely. In the past, there were a few feral hogs in the park, but no sign of those were seen this year by the course setters.

Man-Made: There are some barbed wire fences and a few other man-made hazards. All known ones are marked on the map. There is one area on the West side of the park where lots of tin cans, broken bottles and other trash is hidden in the tall grass. The Green and Red course go relatively close to this area, but no good route choices go through this area. This area is marked as out of bounds on the map. Do not enter this area.

### **Out-of-Bounds**

All camping areas, cabin areas, screened shelter areas, maintenance areas and areas under construction are marked as out-of-bounds. Do NOT enter these areas.

### **Safety Bearing**

TSP is surrounded by a fence. Runners should not cross any fences. Safety bearing is generally to go main park road around the lake and then walk back to registration (finish).

### **Start & Finish**

The map above shows where the Start (triangle at the intersection of the park road and old closed road) and Finish (double circles) areas are located. Finish is located near the meet headquarters at the Group Pavilion. The walk from the pavilion to the start is about 15 minutes.

### **Course Info**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Number Controls</b>	<b>Length (km)</b>	<b>Climb (meters)</b>
White	13	2.1	75
Yellow	12	3.1	100
Orange	11	4.0	135
Brown	8	2.6	80
Green	9	4.4	140
Red	10	5.5	165

All runners are encouraged to carry their own water.

There will be one water stop on each course at approximately the mid-point of the course. They are indicated by the cup symbol on the map.

Visibility is good at this time of year at TSP. You will be able to see controls that are not on your course. Be sure to check your control codes before punching.

You may encounter some colored ribbons that are in the woods that are NOT part of this orienteering event. Please ignore those and leave them undisturbed.

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Run safe and navigate well!