

Meet Director Notes
Gateway Park Score-O
2025

Welcome to Gateway Park! The park is situated in Fort Worth across the highway from an area previously mapped as Tandy Hills. Gateway Park is a multi-use location divided by the Trinity River. It serves a range of visitors, including dog owners (with Fort Woof Park located within it) and outdoor recreation participants. The park features several athletic fields and trails for hiking and biking. As many groups use the park simultaneously, all participants are expected to share the space respectfully. Some logistical challenges may arise; collaboration will help ensure smooth operations.

HQ:

Registration will be near the large parking lot, which is the second lot after entering from the North gate on 1st Street (not Beach Street). The smaller lot may also be used if preferred or if the main lot is full. Portable toilets are available at the lot, and there is open space where groups can set up tents. Both the start and finish areas will be near the registration site. Due to limited space, please follow directions from meet officials.

Registration Notes:

This event will use a Score-O format, differing from usual events. One map will display all control locations. Participants, regardless of course length, will try to locate as many controls as possible within the allotted time. Controls may be visited in any order, but participants must punch the square on their card corresponding to each control as indicated on the clue sheet. Refer to the Course Setter notes for additional details on scoring.

Another difference is that instead of staggered start times, we will have a mass start at 10:00 am. There will be a briefing with maps handed out at 9:45 am.

Parking:

The preferred parking area is the larger lot, accessible by taking the first right after passing the small lot. This lot is adjacent to a large sports complex and within walking distance of HQ. If the main lot is full, buses should take the gate to the left after the small lot, continue around the circle, and park on the right side facing the gate. Shared use with other visitors is anticipated, and other fields may also be occupied. Additional parking spaces are generally available nearby.

Weather/Cautions:

Current forecasts indicate favorable weather, but caution is advised. Stay hydrated throughout the event.

Courses:

Please review the Course Setter notes. The Trinity River runs through the park and can flood. While the terrain is mostly flat, low-lying sections may retain water following rain.

Beginners Clinic:

Ralph Courtney will conduct both the Boy Scouts Orienteering Merit Badge clinic at approximately 9 AM and a Beginner's Clinic shortly afterward.

Courtesy:

Given the number of concurrent activities, it is important that all attendees respect other park users. Runners should yield to mountain bikers and not disrupt field activities. Proper care of the property helps maintain a positive reputation and enables continued use of the park.

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Meet Director