

## **CS Notes – Clements Scout Ranch 2025**

### **Start and Finish –**

The start area is about 330m south of the main parking area and in the vicinity of the road junction near the dining hall. Look for the flagging.

The finish is at the small covered shelter 50m north east of the parking area.

### **Fences -**

There are fences in the north part of the map that affect all courses except White. Be sure to look for crossing points and gates on the map. Avoid pastures with horses; no courses should take you into the horse pastures. There are also some old barbed wire fences in the woods that may hard to see, so be careful.

### **Trails –**

The scouts have used this camp for several decades, so there are many minor trails that are now hard to follow, often being little more than leaf covered ruts in the woods. These were mapped over a decade ago as 'indistinct' and small trails.

### **Vegetation –**

White and light green forest is fast but there is always a chance of hitting some green briar. Be careful. the dark green can be thick with thorns. The Red course goes near areas in the south that were extensively logged a few years ago. The clear-cuts now have lots of young pine trees, vines and brambles. Those areas are now uniformly mapped mostly as dark green or 'rough open with thickets' (yellow with dark green dots). Some portions may be passable, but most of it appears to be 'fight' or 'slow to walk' rather than 'open'. There are a lot of new rootstocks in the southern woods where Red and Green courses go, but most are not mapped.

### **Water Levels –**

Water levels are low. Small streams and gullies are likely to be dry. Larger streams may have water. Nearly all depressions and pits were dry just a few weeks ago. The local soil is sandy and drains well so most seasonal marshes are now dry. However, if there is heavy rain in the days right before the meet the same small streams may be full. White and Yellow courses do not cross streams.

### **Campsites –**

Around each of the camp areas are many new tent platforms; most of these have not been mapped. Many camps will be occupied by scouts this weekend. Please be courteous and avoid interfering with scout activities

### **Restrooms --**

There are restrooms with all-season toilet facilities (and showers) in two larger, newer buildings in the camping area where the courses go. They are the larger black rectangles on the map. One is on the road just south of Start, near the northwest corner of the rifle range. The other is in the eastern part of

the Hilltop camping area and accessible for most runners on the second half of their courses. The older latrine buildings in the campsites will have the water shut off for the winter.

#### Horses –

There may be some trail riders in the camp. Do not run up on horse riders, yield the trail and avoid startling the horses. If you open a gate, close it behind you. Livestock in the camp must remain in their pastures. Don't bother the horses in the fields and corrals and give riders plenty of room.

#### Orienteering Rules –

Remember, on the competition courses orienteering is a solo event. Except for registered teams, working with another person or signaling a control location is grounds for disqualification. Teams should not work with other teams, even if you are from the same school or troop.

#### Course Information

Water on course: Water is at several locations convenient for all courses.

<b>Course:</b>	<b>Length:</b>	<b>Climb:</b>	<b>Number of controls:</b>
	[km]	[m]	
White	2.22	39	11
Yellow	3.12	42	11
Orange	4.65	93	12
Brown	3.43	48	8
Green	4.93	83	11
Red	6.55	126	12

#### Course setter –

Stan Darnell