

## Oak Point DIY-O Event notes

### May 2-10, 2026

Welcome to Oak Point Park & Nature Reserve in Plano. The park is in the Rowlett Creek floodplain with the creek and related intermittent marshes and little creeks located in the middle of the park and higher ground to the east and west sides. There is an intensive network of paved biking and dirt hiking trails in the park, so you will never be far from a trail – even when you’re deep in the woods.

The Start/Finish are at the Oak Park Pavilion just north of the lake. Park in the large circular parking lot. Nearby. You may need to cross some of the parking lots and roads inside the park when navigating, so use caution and look both ways when crossing.

There are 50 control locations throughout Oak Point Park (none in neighboring Bob Woodruff Park), meaning that there are quite a few that are close together. I tend to overlook that issue when walking around picking points, and don’t realize the problem until looking at all the big, pink, overlapping circles, which also tend to cover some the map details. So, I apologize in advance for my controls crowding enthusiasm.

Control locations are identified by two ribbons, one pink and one green, with “[ntoa.com](http://ntoa.com),” the control number, and “5/2-10” on one of the ribbons.

There are very few difficult locations off the trails since the main features in the woods are the trails and lots of unmapped root stocks. Most open areas have been mowed for hay so they are easy to cross. There are some thickets around so watch out for briars and thorns around some controls. There are also some soggy patches in lower areas. Although I’m sure they are around, I didn’t see any snakes or animals while recently wandering the park.

There is construction along Los Rios Blvd. in the center of the park. They are building a new parking lot, restrooms, pavilion, picnic areas, playground, and an amphitheater like the existing one on the Spring Creek side. There is fencing around the whole area, and it has been marked out-of-bounds on the map.

We ask you to use caution in doing the event and avoid pools of water which might be depressions that are filled with water. Other possible dangers on the course include ruined barb wire fences, thorned vines, and snakes.

We also encourage you to drink plenty of fluids while out on the course.

There are likely to be others out at the park as well. It is very important that we respect others in their use of the park. We cannot control others, but we can control ourselves. Runners must give way to mountain bikes or horses on the trails and not interfere with any field activity. Respect the property so that we impress upon others that we are good stewards, and we can use the park in the future.

Best of luck to everyone!

■ Frank Ray