Red River Ramble 2026 Course Setter Notes

Courses

Course	Length (km)	Number of controls
White	1.9 km	11
Yellow	2.1 km	10
Orange	3.3 km	11
Brown	3.0 km	11
Green	5.0 km	14
Red	6.6 km	16

All six courses will use electronic punches. Each control will be marked by a standard orange and white orienteering marker and will have an electronic punch box. There are some controls which are within 50 meters of each other, particularly for the shorter courses. Be sure to check the control code number before punching the control.

The camp had an old permanent orienteering course with orange and white orienteering markers similar to NTOA's markers except the camp ones that are left are faded to a dingy grey. These markers will not have NTOA labels on them but may have manual punches.

The event HQ and Finish will be in the Activity Field where we've had the finish in the past. The Start area will be a short walk to the South of the HQ.

The Maps

The maps will be at a scale of 1:7500 with a 3-meter contour interval.

This land has been used as a camp for many years, starting out as a Boy Scout camp decades ago. There are many special man-made features ranging from larger signs, adventure course features, old rusty junk, small concrete foundations and ruins, light poles, and other man-made stuff. Only the most noticeable items in an area will be mapped. The special man-made features are represented by an "X" or "O" on the map and clue sheets.

Please note that the map is somewhat dated. Only the trails around the main camp areas are currently being used, so many of the outer trails have become faint and hard to see unless you are walking along them. The faintest trails are non-standard map symbols for what NTOA has called "mystic" trails.

Terrain

Situated on the picturesque south shore of Lake Texoma, this camp includes wooded, often hilly terrain. It's a beautiful venue and a wonderful time of year to be in the woods. We'll be

using over 425 acres of the camp for all of the courses. The camp is in the Cross Timbers Ecoregion which features stunted, gnarlyshaped post oak and blackjack oak trees that are much older than they appear as well as occasionally dense stands of eastern redcedar.

As of the weekend before the event, the area is relatively dry with most creeks appearing more like “gullies” than water features.

Hazards

The woods contain typical hazards for this region including poison ivy, greenbriar thorns, and a few rusty barbed wire fences. All orienteers are encouraged to wear long pants and/or gaiters for leg protection. As eastern red cedars grow in forested areas, the lower limbs lose their leaves over time and become pointy sticks that poke out in all directions from the trunk. This can be an eye hazard, so travel through these areas with caution.

Several kinds of trip hazards exist, especially in the rocky ground areas. Red course orienteers will pass by tall cliffs in the eastern part of the camp. Do not climb or go near the edges of the cliffs.

The course setters spotted several families of wild boars in the area, in particular in the far East side of the map (Red and Green courses).

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Course Setters