

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park

Oaks, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



Delaware Valley Orienteering Association

14 Lake Drive, Spring City, PA 19475

frankdvoa@aol.com, 610.792.0502

www.dvoa.org

© Copyright 2011, 2025, Delaware Valley Orienteering Association (DVOA). All rights reserved. This map is an original work produced from aerial and field surveys and may only be reproduced for use on this permanent orienteering course. Portions of the land depicted may be private, and possession of this map does not imply right of access. Please respect the rights of landowners.

Photogrammetry: Eddie Bergeron, 2011

Fieldwork & Drafting: Vladimir Zherdev, 2011

Permanent Course Design & Installation: James Frink, BSA Troop 230, Limerick, PA; Designed for and in conjunction with the Montgomery County, PA, Division of Parks, Trails & Historic Sites

DVOA Advisor, Map Update & Brochure Graphics: Bob Agosta

LEGEND

- paved road
- pavement, gravel
- dirt road
- vehicle trail
- large foot path
- small foot path
- indistinct path
- narrow ride
- stone wall
- ruined stone wall
- fence
- ruined fence
- uncrossable fence
- power line
- building
- ruin
- hunter's stand, misc. object
- cairn, rocky pit, tower
- boulder: small, large
- passable cliff
- impassable cliff
- boulder field, stony ground
- contours, form line
- gully, dry ditch
- small knoll, depression
- pit, broken ground
- earth bank
- earth wall
- ruined earth wall

- rootstock*, charcoal terrace*
- stream: wide, small
- small pond
- spring, waterhole, well
- lake, uncrossable river
- intermittent stream
- narrow marsh
- marsh, diffuse marsh
- open land, rough open
- open with scattered trees
- rough open with scattered trees
- vegetation: forest, slow run
- vegetation: walk, fight
- undergrowth: slow run, walk
- distinct vegetation boundary
- cultivated land, settlement
- distinct tree
- out of bounds

* not an IOF symbol

Orienteering
USA

0 meters 125



Blue meridian lines point to Magnetic North. No correction required for declination.

Orienteering on this self-guided course allows you or your group to follow, at your leisure, a permanently marked route as an introduction to the sport. After completing this course, please try one of our local weekend events for a complete orienteering experience!

SCALE
1:5,000

CONTOURS
5 meters

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park

Oaks, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



Lower Perkiomen Valley Park Permanent Orienteering Course Control Sheet									
Beginner Course			1.6 km distance (1.0 mile)			15 m climb (49 feet)			
Control # / Letter Code			Control Descriptions			Control Descriptions (Text)			
▷	S/F		✕				Information Kiosk		
1			▲			↗	Stone Border, North East End		
2			■			○	Building, North East Side		
3			✕			○	Man Made Object, East Side		
4			↗	↘	Y		Path Road Junction		
5			⊖			⊖	Depression, South East Edge		
6			▲	☼		•○	Distinct Tree, West Side		
7			■			○	Building, East Side		
8			⚓			⊥	Fence, South West End		
⊗			85 m (279 feet) to Finish				⊗		

Scouts BSA:

Scouts who need an orienteering course to complete First Class requirement 4a can use this course. Scouts must also demonstrate measuring distance to complete requirement 4a.

To check control letter codes, mail a copy of your noted course control sheet to: DVOA, 14 Lake Drive, Spring City, PA 19475.

Please include your phone, email, or mailing address for a reply.

After completing this course, please try one of our local weekend events for a complete orienteering experience!



Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Date Course Completed _____

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____



14 Lake Drive
Spring City, PA 19475
frankdvoa@aol.com
610.792.0502
www.dvoa.org

ORIENTEERING - What is it?

Orienteering is a sport of Scandinavian origin. The game's objective is to locate fairly easy-to-find markers in the woods with the aid of a map and, if you like, a compass. The challenge of orienteering results from participants' not knowing ahead of time the markers' locations. The test lies in determining the best routes between these locations and, in the sport's competitive form, in finding all these points (called controls) in the least possible time. At its best, not only does orienteering improve your knowledge of geography and practical navigation, it enhances physical and mental fitness as well.

Orienteering is a sport for people of all ages, abilities, and gender. Participants can travel alone or in groups, running or strolling, to win the contest or merely to savor nature's beauty, which, as any orienteer will attest, is winning itself. The sport provides excellent family fare.



INFORMATION

This 107-acre Montgomery County park offers splendid views along the Perkiomen Creek and serves as a trail head for those seeking access to the Perkiomen Trail, the Schuylkill River Trail or the Audubon Loop. Its location is contiguous via the trail system to the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove and Valley Forge National Historical Park.

For information about park activities, contact:

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park, 101 New Mill Road, Oaks, PA 19456, 610.666.5371 .

www.lowerperkiomenvalley@montcopa.org

For information about local orienteering events, other area permanent courses, and club membership in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware, or for copies of this and other orienteering maps, please contact:

Delaware Valley Orienteering Association (DVOA), 14 Lake Drive, Spring City, PA 19475, 610.792.0502, frankdvoa@aol.com, or visit our web site at www.dvoa.org.

For a complete orienteering experience, please try one of our local weekend events. You can find the schedule at www.dvoa.org. Membership entitles you to reduced map fees at all of our events.

Congratulations and thank you for participating!



INSTRUCTIONS

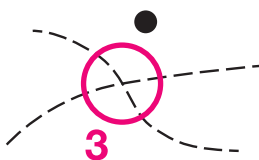
1. Reference the course control sheet for course distances and total course climb. The course begins at the S/F post, indicated on the map with a triangle symbol. The course ends at the S/F post, indicated on the map with a double circle symbol.

2. Familiarize yourself with the map before you begin.

NOTE: Familiarization with the map relative to the fields, roads, and features shown is easier if you hold the map flat in front of you and rotate it until it is "oriented" to the terrain. Magnetic North lines will help if you have a compass, but you will find that the map is detailed enough that you may not need one on this course.

3. Set out to visit the controls in the sequence outlined on the map starting at the start triangle and proceeding towards control #1. Upon reaching each control, record, on the course control sheet provided, the letter code shown on the marker post placard (see illustrations to the right). You may also want to time yourself from start to finish.

As an example, consider an imaginary control #3, marked on the map as shown below:



Referring to the map legend, you note that the control location, the point at the center of the circle, seems to be crossing between two paths. To confirm the terrain feature on which the control is located, look at the description and feature symbols provided on the sample control sheet shown below.

Permanent Orienteering Course Control Sheet					
Short Course	2.2 km distance (1.4 miles)			27m climb (90 feet)	
Control # / Letter Code	Control Descriptions			Control Descriptions (Text)	
▷				Start Triangle Building (Park Office)	
1		—	—	Road Junction	
2		▲	1.7	Boulder, 1.7m Height, North Side	
3		—	×	Trail Crossing	

Suppose, after a fairly challenging and satisfying amount of navigation, you finally arrive at the vicinity of control #3. To your delight, you sight it precisely where it should be: at the foot path trail junction.



Take a closer look; you will notice the control number and letter code on the marker post placard.



By recording the letter codes in the appropriate box on the control sheet, you provide proof of your visit to the control for later verification.

2	A		▲	
3	H		—	—

That's it! You're off to your next control, and so on to the finish.



SAFETY & COURTESY NOTES

The course at Lower Perkiomen Valley Park can ordinarily be completed within 30-45 minutes. It is wise to take this into consideration, especially when setting off towards sunset. The park is only open between sunrise and sunset.

The park offers rentals of recreational areas and pavilions for organized group activities. While using the orienteering course, please be respectful of the people who have rented these facilities. If you have a group of 10 or more using the course, please contact the park office before beginning.

Some areas of the park may be hazardous. We told the Park Rangers we would remind you that you are responsible for you and your groups' safety.