

# Warwick County Park

Warwick Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania

SCALE  
1:7,500

CONTOURS  
5 meters

Orienteering  
**USA**



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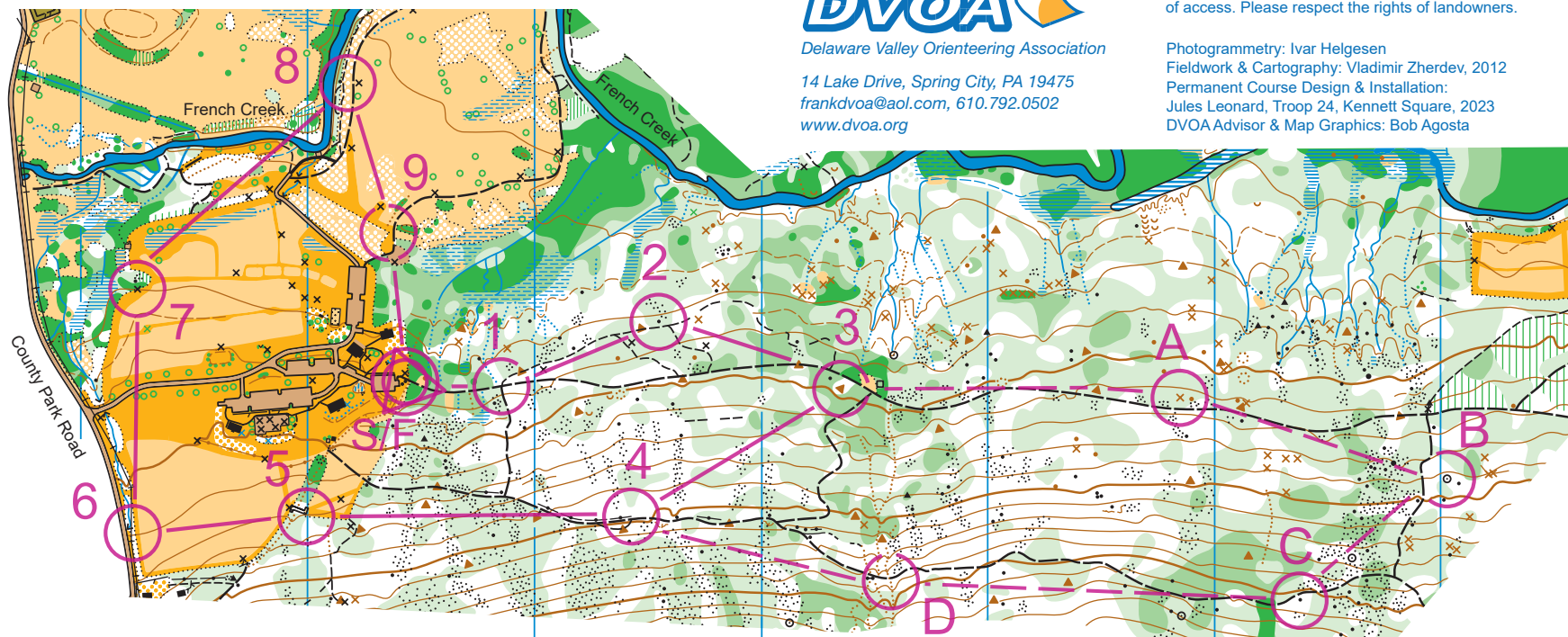
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## LEGEND

- paved road
- dirt road, gravel
- vehicle trail
- wide foot path
- small foot path
- indistinct trail
- narrow ride
- stone wall, ruined wall
- fence, uncrossable fence
- power line
- building, pavilion, ruin
- hunter stand, misc object
- cairn, rocky pit, tower
- boulders: small, large
- cliffs, bare rock
- boulder field, stony ground

- contours, form line
- dry ditch, broken ground
- small knoll, knoll, rootstock, charcoal terrace
- depression: large, small, pit
- earth bank, earth wall
- stream: large, small
- seasonal stream, trickle
- pond
- uncrossable lake, river
- spring, waterhole, well

- marsh, indistinct marsh
- open land, semi open
- rough open, semi open
- vegetation: forest, slow
- vegetation: walk, fight
- undergrowth: slow, fight
- distinct vegetation boundary
- cultivated land, settlement
- tree, distinct tree
- out of bounds



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!**

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Permanent Orienteering Course Control Sheet									
Short Course			2.3 km distance (1.43 miles)				30 m climb (98 feet)		
Control # / Letter Code			Control Descriptions				Control Descriptions (Text)		
▷		S/F	▷	↗	✕		Path Vegetation Boundry Crossing		
1	31		↗	↗	✕		Path Path Crossing		
2	32		▲			◯	Boulder, North Side		
3	33		⊙			◯	Charcoal Platform, Northeast Side		
4	34		↗	↻		⊥	Stone Wall, Ruined East End		
5	35		T			◯	Observation Tower, South Foot		
6	36		⚡			⊥	Minor Water Channel, South End		
7	37		✕				Bird Box		
8	38		✕			•◯	Bird Box, West Side		
9	39		▷			▷	Vegetation Boundry East Corner		
⊗			160 m (525 feet) to Finish				⊗		

### Note:

This orienteering course offers two variations, a short course and a long course. The short course includes control locations 1 through 9 while the long course includes additional controls A through D.

Both courses begin and end at the start/finish, S/F control marker.

### Scouts BSA:

Scouts who need an orienteering course to complete First Class requirement 4a can use controls 1 through 9. Scouts must also demonstrate measuring distance to complete requirement 4a. Scouts who need a second course for the Orienteering Merit Badge should complete the long course.

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.

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Warwick Park Permanent Orienteering Course Control Sheet									
Long Course			3.6 km distance (2.24 miles)				50 m climb (164 feet)		
Control # / Letter Code			Control Descriptions				Control Descriptions (Text)		
▷		S/F	▷	↗	✕		Path Vegetation Boundry Crossing		
1	31		↗	↗	✕		Path Path Crossing		
2	32		▲			◯	Boulder, North Side		
3	33		⊗			◯	Charcoal Platform, Northeast Side		
A	40		⊗		1.5m	◯	Root Stock, 1.5m Height, West Side		
B	41		⊙				Stone Cairn		
C	42		▲			◯	Boulder, South Side		
D	43		∩			⋮	Re-Entrant, Lower Part		
4	34		↗	↻		⊥	Stone Wall, Ruined East End		
5	35		T			◯	Observation Tower, South Foot		
6	36		⚡			⊥	Minor Water Channel, South End		
7	37		✕				Bird Box		
8	38		✕			◯	Bird Box, West Side		
9	39		▷			▷	Vegetation Boundry East Corner		
			160 m (525 feet) to Finish						

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

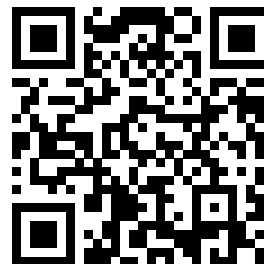
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date Course Completed \_\_\_\_\_

End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 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

Hardwood forests, meadows, wetlands, and the French Creek are all jewels within Warwick Park's 535 acres.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Warwick's woodlands provided much of the raw timber used to make charcoal for the region's iron furnaces and forges. Remains of the iron industry can still be seen at various charcoal hearths along old cart paths.

**For information about park activities, contact:**  
**Warwick Park, 191 County Park Road,**  
**Pottstown, PA 19465, 610-469-1916**  
**[www.chesco.org/4628/Warwick-Park](http://www.chesco.org/4628/Warwick-Park)**

For information about local orienteering events, educational and corporate programs, 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:

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

Congratulations and thank you for participating!

## INSTRUCTIONS

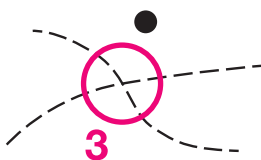
1. Reference the course control sheet for course distance and total course climb. The course begins at the parking lot, indicated on the map with a triangle symbol. The course ends at the start location, indicated on the map with a double circle symbol.

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 Junction			

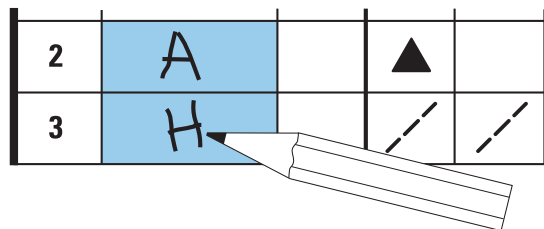
Suppose, after a fairly challenging and satisfying amount of navigation, you finally arrive at the vicinity of control #3. To your delight, you sight it precisely where it should be: at the foot path trail junction.



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.



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



## SAFETY NOTES

At the pace of a slow stroll, the course at Warwick Park can ordinarily be completed within 60-90 minutes. It is wise to take this into consideration, especially when setting off towards dusk.

On the remote chance you become hopelessly disoriented, make your way north to French Creek, then west to County Park Road. Remember that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

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.