

Meet Director's and Course Setters' Notes

Briones Regional Park

Sunday, October 13, 2019

This is the 27th Bay Area Scout Orienteering Championships!! All scouts and non-scouts are welcome to attend, run a course, and have a generally good time! The forecast is for fine weather. It is a good area for picnics, so bring your friends and your family, and enjoy the park as well as the orienteering challenge. We will have some snacks for you to eat.

Note: By order of the park district: No smoking anywhere. Drive only on roads.

Courses

Course	Distance	Climb	Controls	Navigational Difficulty	Physical Difficulty
White(1)	3.4 km	150 m	10	Easy	Easy
Yellow(2)	3.4 km	160 m	11	Easy	Easy
Orange(4)	4.0 km	270 m	13	Moderate	Moderate
Brown	3.7 km	200 m	13	Moderate	Moderate
Long Brown	4.5 km	305 m	11	Hard	Moderate
Green	5.4 km	305 m	21	Hard	Hard
Red	6.5 km	390 m	24	Hard	Tough!
Blue	7.6 km	430 m	26	Hard	Tougher!

Map: 1:10,000 for all except the *Brown* courses, 1:7500 for the *Brown* courses; 7.5 m contours. There are two symbols used for distinct trees: the green **o** represents a distinct *evergreen* tree, while the green **x** represents a distinct *deciduous* tree.

Start: Located about 1.4 km, with 55 m gradual climb, from the assembly area. **It takes 20 to 25 minutes to walk there.**

Finish: Located close to the assembly area, on the way to the Start.

White, Yellow, and Orange courses: There is a steep and possibly slippery downhill slope near the end. There is a rope to help with this descent if you need it.

Advanced courses: The courses are primarily **fast** and **open**, but still require good navigation. We will explore a less-used area of the park. Footing is good, although the ground can be hard in the open areas, and sometimes the grass is slippery. **Please don't go through out-of-bounds areas.** Courses are designed with butterfly, kite and other loops—**be sure to carefully get the control order correct!**

All courses:

- **E-punch** is used, and contactless SI-AIR Beacon Mode is enabled. Please be sure to punch the “Check” punch to turn on your SI-AIR (SIAC) finger stick, if you use one. Remember that the Finish punch turns your AIR stick off, so be careful that you don't “accidentally” punch the finish.
- To cross **fences**, you may go over, under or through wherever you like—just remember it is barbed wire. Course setters recommend going **under!**
- The **star thistle** is way down, and is not significant. Nevertheless, long pants are highly recommended on *Yellow(2)* and above, and shoes or boots with cleats or a good grip would help on *Orange(4)* and above.
- **Poison oak** on the courses is also minimal.
- There are plenty of **cows** on the courses. They won't bother you, but don't get too close to the calves, or mama cows will get upset.

Wildlife: We have seen deer, eagles, coyote, skunks, hawks, buzzards, orienteers, turkeys, goats, cows, salamanders, and frogs.

Miscellaneous

- The Scout-O overlaps the *White(1)*, *Yellow(2)*, and *Orange(4)* courses. Please set a good example for BAOC!
- **Remember that horses have the right of way**, and try not to scare them.
- Be polite to other park users please (this is a requirement for future permits).
- Bring water for yourself. The weather forecast calls for a high of 74°F, partly cloudy, and no chance of rain.
- **Parking:** There is a \$3.00 charge for parking. The east dirt parking lot, south side is reserved for horse trailers.

Driving Directions

Coordinates: N37.9271,W122.1578

Registration will be at the **west entrance to the park**, off of Bear Creek Road. To get there, take route 24 West from 680 or East from 80. Exit at Orinda, heading North on Camino Pablo. After about 2 miles, turn right onto Bear Creek Road. After about 3.5 miles, the park entrance will be on your right—it is well sign-posted. (Don't be fooled by the parking area on the left—that's not it, but you could park there and walk if you like.)