

Georgia O-Fest 2020 Quick Guide

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Host Hotel for Friday Packet Pickup 7:30-8:00 pm

Hampton Inn, 14460 Paras Drive (formerly Lochridge Blvd), Covington, GA 30014 (678) 212-2500

First Aid Assistance

In the case of a life-threatening emergency, call 911. First aid kits, an AED and first aid assistance will be located at Meet HQ. Should you require additional medical aid, the nearest hospital emergency room is approximately 10 miles from Bert Adams Scout Reservation and 18 miles from Camp Rutledge:

Piedmont Newton Hospital, 5126 Hospital Dr NE, Covington, GA 30014-2566, (770) 786-7053

Dates: Friday, January 17th – Monday, January 20th, 2020

Friday Middle – Bert Adams Scout Reservation

Address: 218 Scout Rd, Covington, GA 30016, (770) 784-2064

Meet HQ is Admin Building at Camp Gorman. Registration and Practice course open 11 am-3 pm.

Saturday Classic, Sunday Classic, Monday Extreme-O - Camp Rutledge, Hard Labor Creek State Park

Park office address and phone: 5 Hard Labor Creek Road, Rutledge, GA 30663, (706) 557-3001

Access to Camp Rutledge is from the intersection of Fairplay Rd and Camp Rutledge Rd

Registration open 9-11 am Saturday, 8-10 am Sunday at Meet HQ

Practice Course open 3 pm Friday – 12 noon Sunday

Call up

Be at the call up 5 minutes before your start time!

Reserve Punch Boxes

In the rare event that one or more electronic punch units fail, 3 Reserve Punch boxes are provided on the map. Use the pin punch to record your presence at the control.

Friday January 17th, 2019

- 11 am: Bert Adams Scout Reservation practice course opens
- 11 am - 3 pm: Packet Pick-Up at Meet HQ Bert Adams
- 12 noon: First Start
- 3 pm: Last Start
- 3 pm: Hard Labor Creek State Park practice course opens
- 5 pm: Bert Adams Courses Close / Control pick-up
- 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Packet Pick-Up at Hampton Inn

Saturday January 18th, 2020

- 9 - 11 am: Packet Pick-Up at Meet HQ Camp Rutledge
- 10 am: First Start
- 10 am - 1 pm - Recreational Map Hike available (beginner level)
- 10 am - 1 pm – free Sprint courses open – check in at Map Hike
- 1 pm: Last Start
- 3 pm: Map Hike Course Closes
- 4 pm: Courses Close / Control pick-up
- 8 pm: OUSA Strategic Plan Meeting at Hampton Inn

Sunday January 19th, 2020

- 8 - 10 am: Packet Pick-Up at Meet HQ at the Camp Rutledge
- 9 am: First Start
- 10:30 am - noon: Recreational Map Hike available (beginner level)
- 10:30 am - noon: Free Sprint courses open – check in at Map Hike
- 12 noon: Hard Labor Creek State Park practice course closes
- 12 noon: Last Start
- 2 pm: Map Hike Course Closes
- 2 pm: Awards Ceremony for GNC and SEIS -- time is approximate
- 2:30 pm: Mandatory Extreme-O Briefing at Meet HQ right after awards ceremony
- 3 pm: Courses Close / Control pick-up

Monday January 20th, 2020

- 8:30 am: Check-in Extreme-O
- 9:00 am: First Start Extreme-O
- 12:00 noon: Course Closes Extreme-O

Middle Map and Course Notes at Bert Adams Scout Reservation – Rick Shane & Fred Zendt

Safety bearing

Due south. That will bring you to: the paved road going east-west from the park entrance to the parking lot, the lake, or a well-defined major track (dirt road). The park is bounded by a power line on the west, a large creek (2-3 m wide) on the north and a county road on the east. **Nobody should cross any of these features.**

Walk to Start - 600m

Mapping Standard

Map scale is 1:10,000 Contour interval is 5m ISOM2017-2

Terrain The terrain is ridge and reentrant systems typical of Georgia and much of the southeast USA. Hillsides and reentrants have lots of erosion ditches and gullies:

Ditches - generally about knee deep (i.e. about 0.5m, sometimes deeper)

Gullies - generally knee to waist deep (0.5 - 1m, sometimes deeper)

Deep gullies - mapped as parallel earth banks with tags omitted. Greater than 1m deep, usually 2-3m deep. Usually 2-3m wide. Steep sides, often of bare dirt.

Rootstocks are numerous. At least 1m high to be mapped.

There are several outdoor amphitheaters made up of rows of low benches. These are represented by several close parallel black lines, usually in sets of 3 or 6.

Tent platforms are not mapped. The platforms are about 2x3m in size and the tent frames extend ~2m above the platforms. Other structures such as latrines, three-sided buildings, and pavilions are mapped.

Yellow course - there is one leg that follows a section of trail that is very indistinct. The trail has been marked with blue streamers for this section. Other sections of the same trail are very distinct and are not streamered.

Yellow course - controls 7, 8, 9, 10 are very close together and on the map the control circles touch. Make sure you see the four circles and understand the control descriptions before leaving the start. Ask the Start personnel for help if you have trouble understanding anything.

Classic Course Notes at Hard Labor Creek State Park

Saturday – Walk to start 470m – Andi Berger

Safety Bearing

Head west until you reach the lake, then navigate to the finish.

Point features (boulders, rock dams, rock piles, knolls, etc.) as small as one half meter may be used for control locations; all point feature control descriptions include the height of the feature. Rock piles are mapped as boulder fields (small right triangle) and are described as boulder clusters (double triangle) in the control descriptions.

The **White course** and **Yellow course** have two flagged legs each. Flagged White course legs use white tape, and flagged Yellow course legs use yellow tape.

All courses have at least one creek crossing where you will probably get your shoes wet. Rocks and boulders in the creeks are very slippery, especially when wet, so be careful when crossing.

Some controls are placed very close to the park boundary where a trail runs almost parallel to a barbed wire fence that is flagged with pink surveyor's tape or yellow Caution tape. You should not have to cross a barbed wire fence. If you are on the **White** or **Yellow** course, you should not even have to cross this trail. If you come to a barbed wire fence that is flagged with pink surveyor's tape or yellow Caution tape, do not cross it unless you know you are outside the park. The edge of the park is marked by a dashed purple line.

Sunday – Walk to start 300m – Sam Smith

Safety Bearing

Head west until you reach the lake, then navigate to the finish. If you are on Red or Blue and have already crossed the bridge once, then the safety bearing is east until you hit the lake or river, navigate to bridge. Red and Blue courses will cross Hard Labor Creek on a gravel road bridge. There will be a control at the crossing, which you will punch twice, once on the way out, and once on the way back This is indicated in the control descriptions.

Classic Map Notes at Hard Labor Creek State Park – Bill Cheatum

2.5m contours produced from LIDAR digital data, and point and linear features optimized for 1:10000. Standard IOF map symbols are used with these exceptions: Minimum size of point features is ~.5 meter. An exception is a ~1 meter minimum for rootstocks and is now a green "X" symbol. Stumps not mapped. Small right triangle depicts rock piles.

Normally used to show "boulder fields", seldom seen in the South. Minimum size rock wall symbol indicates a small rock dam, usually located in an erosion ditch, gully or reentrant. This feature may be less than .5 meters tall but is an important cultural aspect of the terrain. Logs that can be used to safely cross streams, are shown as a short, dark green line. **Use care in crossing streams on logs or rocks, as they are slippery.**

The "dry ditch" symbol depicts small, narrow and easily crossed erosion ditches and their linear extent in the terrain. A distinct feature in the landscape, they are not always associated with a reentrant. Oft-used as control points at GNC2020. The "gully" symbol (thick brown line, pointed at both ends) indicates a narrow gully deeper than 1 meter, more difficult to cross than a ditch. Also a common control point. Streams and reentrants with steep sides, that are very difficult to cross, are indicated with thicker brown lines. The lines indicate the shape and extent of very deep gullies or stream bed edges. Very steep and high earth banks are marked as black cliff symbols to indicate they are dangerous and to be avoided. Light green indicates slight resistance to running from many small understory trees but the visibility is usually good. Medium green indicates more resistance to running, generally from a mix of young pine trees and small trees, as in light green. The visibility is significantly reduced. Dark green is a fight to transit. It is a mix of dense planted pines and briers. Don't go there. Welcome to the forests of Hard Labor Creek State Park and to the old CCC camp at Rutledge.