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Georgia O-Fest

Jan 14-17, 2022

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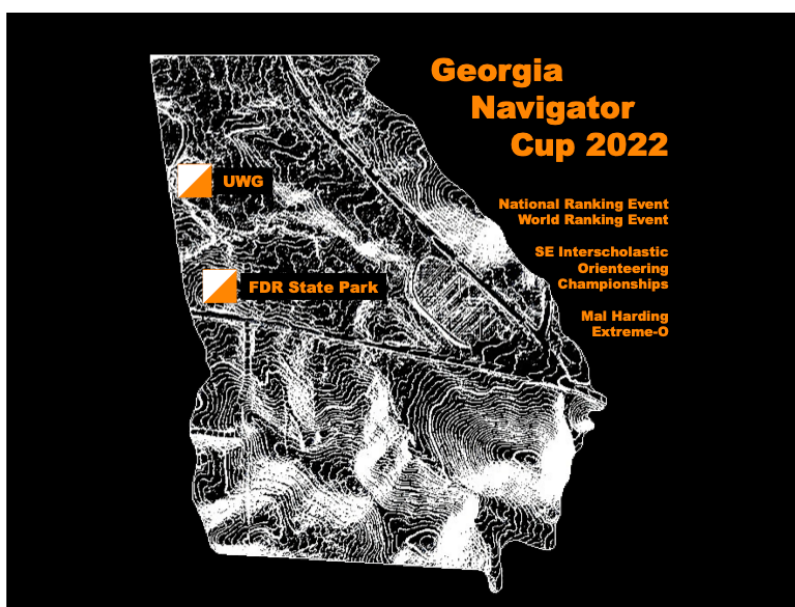
Georgia Navigator Cup

including a series of

3 World Ranking Events

organized by

Georgia Orienteering Club (GAOC)



Responsible officials

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http://www.gaorienteering.org/Special_Events/GNC/GOFindex.htm

Venues

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA 30118, USA

F.D. Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, GA 31822, USA

Dates and Types of the Competition

Friday, January 14	Sprint WRE	University of West Georgia
Saturday, January 15	Middle WRE	F.D. Roosevelt State Park
Sunday, January 16	Long WRE	F.D. Roosevelt State Park

Concurrent with

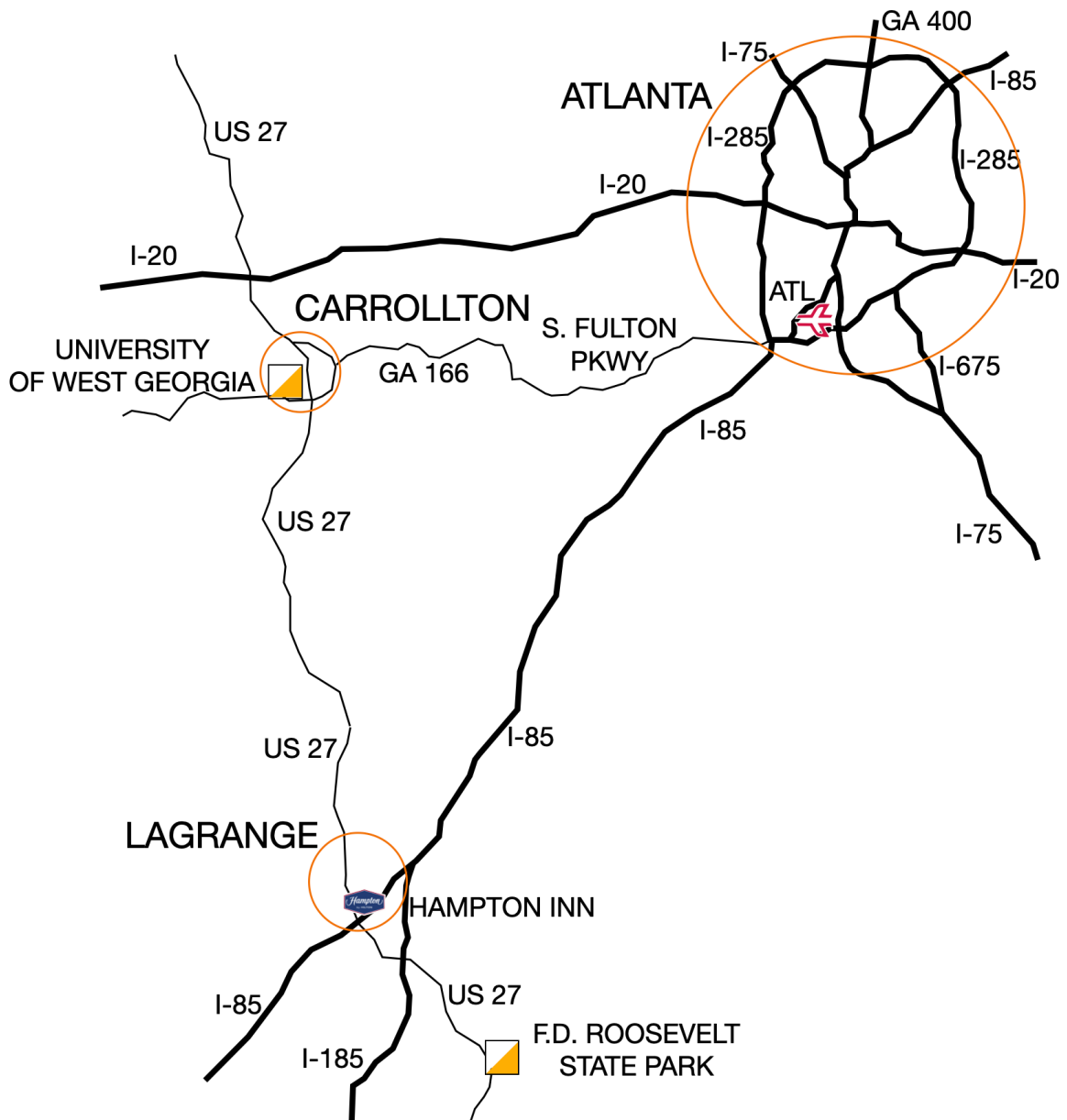
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Classes and Participation restrictions

Only W21 and M21 classes at all 3 WREs

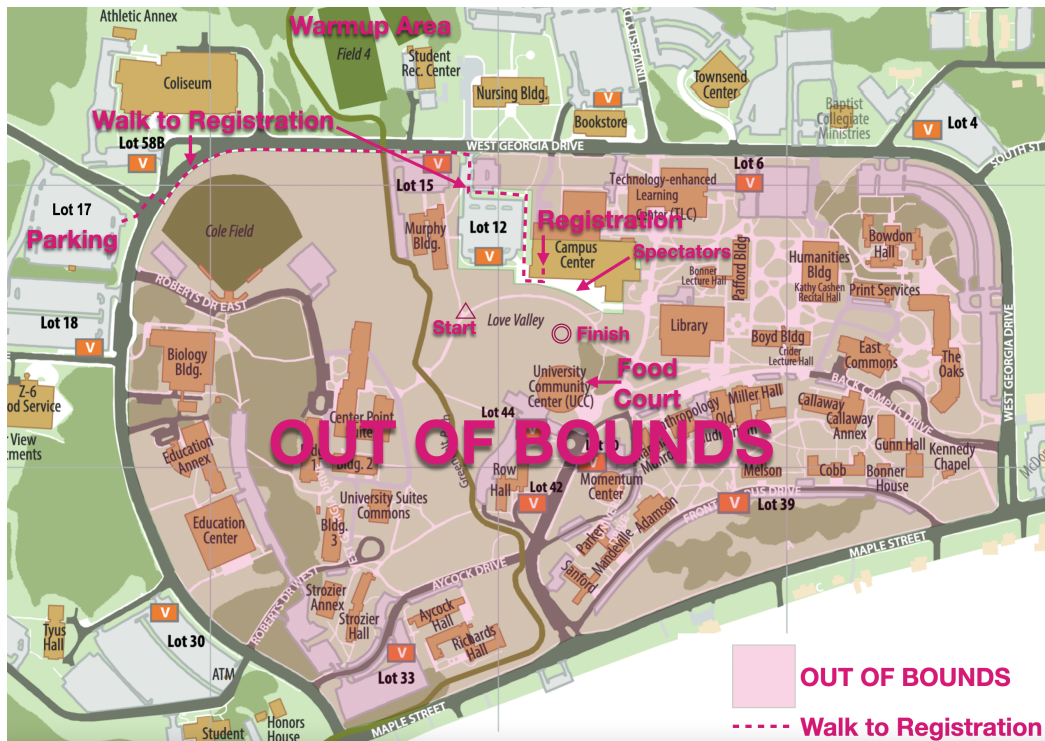
All Standard OUSA classes at all 3 NREs

General Map of the Region

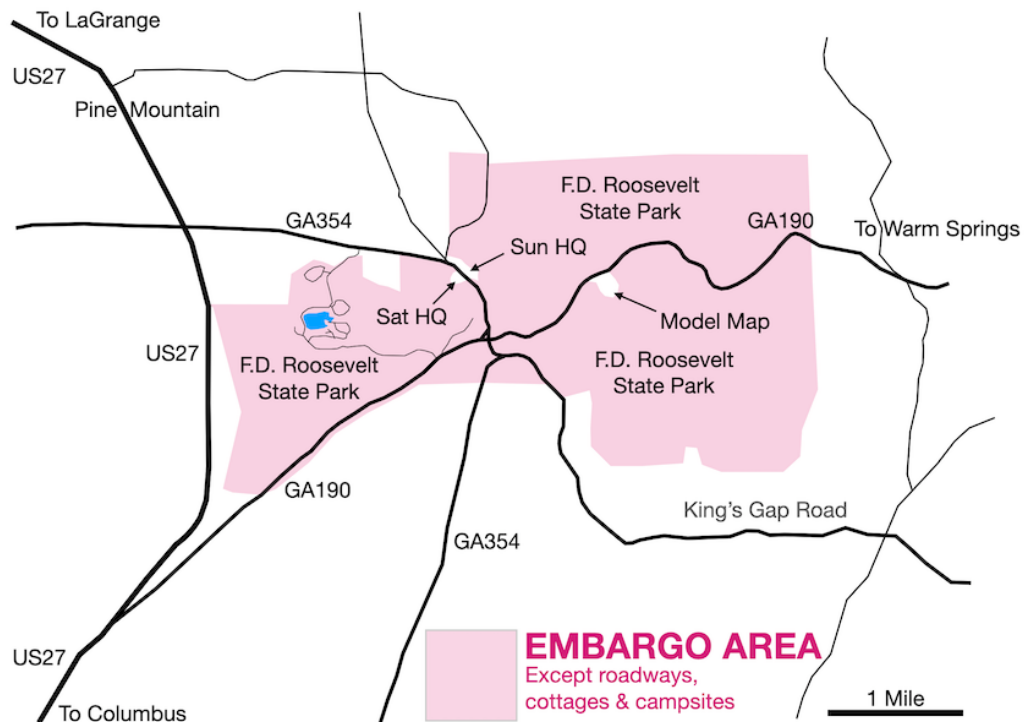


Embargoed Areas

Campus of the University of West Georgia as shown:



F.D. Roosevelt State Park as shown:



Specific Features of the Event

IOF ID is required to participate in the WREs. They can be obtained by registering on Eventor: <https://eventor.orienteeing.org/Register>

There are no awards for individual races. Awards are based upon performance over the 3 days:

Georgia Navigator Cup Scoring

- Daily score is based on class winner receiving 1,000 points
- Everyone else receives points based on formula (1,000 times class winner's time divided by their time)
- Overall awards based on the sum of the best 2 Ranking Event scores in the same class

Official Entry Form

<https://eventreg.orienteeingusa.org/eventregister/a40/register/start/ga-o-fest-2022>

Latest Date and Address for Entries

6 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST), Jan 8, 2022

Entry Fees for Competitors

Sanctioned Race Fees Jan 14, 15, 16	Adult Early/Regular/Late	Junior Early/Regular/Late
Georgia O-Fest WRE Sprint Race	\$35/\$45/(N/A)	\$17/\$22/(N/A)
Georgia O-Fest WRE Middle/Long Race	\$50/\$60/(N/A)	\$23/\$28/(N/A)

Includes OUSA Sanctioning Fees of \$14/Adult race and \$7/Junior race

Early registration opens:	6 AM EST, Dec 1, 2021
Regular registration opens:	6 AM EST, Jan 1, 2022
Regular registration closes:	6 AM EST, Jan 8, 2022
All amounts in USD	

Latest Date and Address for the Payment of the Entry Fees

6 AM EST, Jan 8, 2022

Online payment by credit card or PayPal during registration preferred. Other arrangements such as bank transfer may be considered.

Types and Cost of Accommodation and Food

Event hotel:

Hampton Inn LaGrange
100 Willis Cir, LaGrange, GA 30240, USA
(706) 845-1115
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/laggahx-hampton-lagrange-near-callaway-gardens/>

24 hotels within 25 miles of Pine Mountain offering rooms for \$100 or less per night for January 14-17, 2022, as of Nov 30.

Lunches may be pre-purchased through registration for \$11 each.

Harris County, GA GSA Per Diem rates are \$96 for lodging, \$56 for meals/incidental expenses.

See website for general lodging and dining recommendations:

http://gaorienteeing.org/Special_Events/GNC/GOFtourism.htm

Description of any Transport Offered

None offered.

Parking is available at both venues. There is a \$5/day parking fee at F.D. Roosevelt State Park.

Public transportation options are very poor. Rental car or ride sharing recommended. Cycling is not impossible but perhaps inadvisable.

Directions for Obtaining Entry Permits (Visas)

CDC Travel Guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

General Visa Guidance <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html>

Many tourists qualify for the Visa Waiver Program:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

Description of Terrain, Climate and Any Hazards

University of West Georgia campus is fairly flat with rolling hills and a central valley with a stream running through it. It is a typical US college campus with a variety of buildings, sidewalks, limited access roads, open spaces, and a small amount of wooded terrain.

F.D. Roosevelt State Park is typical ridge and reentrant terrain ranging from gentle to steep slopes with a few minor streams and few point features. Some walking trails throughout the map but few roads or tracks.

F.D. Roosevelt State Park is mostly open deciduous woodland. Parts can be quite rocky underfoot and leaf litter can be quite thick. Both can require caution when running, especially on steeper slopes. Although rarely seen, there are rattlesnakes present, and they are generally dormant in the wintertime. Deer are abundant, but generally quite shy.

There are some open wells on the F.D. Roosevelt map which will be marked in the terrain with yellow "CAUTION" tape.

In mid-January, the average low temperature is 36F/2C and the average high temperature is 52F/11C. The temperature is rarely below 24F/-5C or above 65F/18C. There is a 30% chance that there will be more than 0.04"/1 mm of precipitation but only a 2% chance that it would be snow.

Despite the typically clement weather, there is always a chance of heavy rain, temperatures dropping throughout the day, and freezing rain. This has caused emergency conditions at a Georgia Navigator Cup in the past. Close attention must be paid to the weather forecasts which are generally quite accurate concerning this sort of weather event. Freezing rain is difficult to cope with under any circumstances, but Georgia is particularly ill-equipped to do so because it is rare.

Scales and Vertical Contour Intervals the Maps

University of West Georgia map scale 1:4000, 2.5 m contour interval. This is a new map incorporating the many changes made to the campus since the last WRE in 2012.

F.D. Roosevelt map scales 1:10000 (Middle) and 1:15000 (Long), 5 m contour interval. This is a new LIDAR-based map.

Event Program

Friday Jan 14

- 12:00 pm: F.D. Roosevelt State Park practice course opens
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Packet Pick-Up at Meet HQ University of West Georgia

- 1:00 pm: First Start
- 4:30 pm: Last Start
- 5:30 pm: University of West Georgia Courses Close / Control pick-up

Saturday Jan 15

- 8:00 - 12:45 am: Packet Pick-Up at Meet HQ F.D. Roosevelt State Park
- 9:00 am: First Start
- 1:00 pm: Last Start
- 4:00 pm: Courses Close / Control pick-up

Sunday Jan 16

- 8:00 - 12:45 am: Packet Pick-Up at Meet HQ F.D. Roosevelt State Park
- 9:00 am: First Start
- 1:00 pm: Last Start
- 4:00 pm: Courses Close / Control pick-up

Due to COVID there will be no Awards Ceremony.

Punching System to be Used

The SI punching system will be used permitting the use of standard SI Cards and SI Air Cards (SIACs).

Contactless punching using SIACs is relatively new in North America, however GAOC has been using contactless punching for many years. Competitors can use traditional contact SI Cards, or contactless SIACs as they wish. The controls will be programmed in beacon mode which will allow operation with either type of Card.

Note that traditional contact SI Cards leave a record on the SI Station when it is punched. This can be useful when there is a protest. **Be aware that contactless SIACs leave NO record on the control.**

To read more about contactless SIAC punching, see:
[Mixed punching FAQ, courtesy of Orienteering New South Wales](#)

A pin punch backup is provided for use if the SI Station fails.

Notes on Competition Clothing

No metal studs or cleats of any kind are allowed at the sprint. No studs or cleats of any kind allowed inside buildings.

There are no full cover requirements. Forest vegetation can be somewhat rugged, but the forest terrain is generally open.

Winning Times

Standard winning times are being planned:

Sprint: 12-15 min
Middle: 30-35 min
Long W: 70-80
Long M: 90-100

Details of Opportunities for Training

A practice map will be available at F.D. Roosevelt State Park

Access to training maps at parks around the state will be arranged upon request and according to demand.