

Boulder Dash Event Information

Start Times: *Please note that these have been updated as of Wednesday, May 3.*

There have been some changes since times were initially posted last week. Be sure to check your current start time on Event Reg.

Saturday:

National event registration opens: 10:00-12:45. If you pre-registered, you do not need to stop here, unless you are borrowing an e punch/ or have questions.

Walk to start: 400 m along a pretty flat woods road. Begins SE corner of parking lot

Parking: Large dirt parking area near Registration and Finish/ Results

Facilities: Port-a-Potties in SE corner of parking lot near walk to start

Sunday:

Walk to start: 300 m up Ridge Rd to the west.

Parking: Across Ridge Road from Registration and Finish. Please follow directions of parking attendant.

Facilities: Building- Maple Hill Barn- No studded or spiked shoes in the building. Water in building not drinkable. Port-A-Potties near the Finish/ Results (across Ridge Road from the parking)

Start Procedure: Make sure to clear and check your e-punch (at call up line). Control descriptions available after call up- they are also on the maps. Everyone must punch the start box.

White/ Yellow Course Start Information:

White and Yellow will NOT be assigned a start time. They can start any time during the start window (Saturday 11:00-1:00, Sunday 9:30-11:30). There will be a dedicated area at the start (same start for all courses) for W/Y and Rec courses. They will have an opportunity to examine the map prior to starting and to review the course with their parents/ coach/ start crew person/ anyone to help them plan for legs and review where problems might occur. This will help to ensure that they are successful on their courses, having fun, and progressing in their orienteering skills. Once the start has been punched, there can be no further assistance. M/F-10 can have a shadow (someone following for safety).

Safety: Please carry a whistle. First aid kit available at finish.

E-punching: We are not using SI-Air. All control boxes, including start and finish, must be punched

Boulder Dash Weekend Schedule

Saturday:

Silver Lake State Park/ Hollis Town Forest. (for GPS use Silver Lake State Park, Hollis, NH). Parking is in a large parking lot. There are no facilities. We will have porta potties.

10:00-12:45 National event registration open. If you pre-registered, you do not need to stop here, unless you are borrowing an e punch/ or have questions.

10:30-12:45 Recreational event registration open. If you pre-registered, you do not need to stop here, unless you are borrowing an e punch/ or have questions.

11:00-1:00 Starts. Walk to all starts is on a flat trail, about 400 meters.

4:00 Finish closes.

Sunday:

Beaver Brook Association, Maple Hill Farm, Ridge Rd, Hollis, NH. Parking is across the road in a field. Please follow parking attendant's guidance. There is a nice barn that we can use. There will be porta potties outside. The water in the barn is not drinkable.

9:00-11:15 National event registration open.

9:00-11:15 Recreational event registration open.

9:30-11:30 Starts. Walk to all starts West along Ridge Rd about 300m

1:30 Awards- outside by yurt if nice weather; or in barn if bad weather.

2:30 Finish closes

Ukrainian visitors

Hello! I am organizing a junior camp near Montreal during the week leading to the Canadian Champs in August. Along with the camp for families, we'll be hosting a group of 16 Ukrainian newcomers 10-18 years old, new to both Orienteering and North America. There is a box for donations near the Registration desk.

The donations accepted would be anything useful for a young Orienteer: compass, shoes, gaiters, SI, control descriptions holder, headlamp, technical T-shirt. Especially welcome would be Orienteering maps with handwritten messages of encouragement. Please let me know what you think. Thank you for considering!

~Anna Fichman

<https://azimutoc.ca/forest-fantasia-2023/>

Course Setters Notes – Hollis Town Forest- Pete Bundschuh

	White	Yellow	Orange	Brown X	Brown Y	Green	Red	Blue
Distance	1.8 K	2.1 K	4.3 K	3.9 K	3.3 K	5.2 K	6.5 K	8.8 K
Climb	40 m	35 m	80 m	75 m	55 m	110 m	185 m	200 m
Scale	1:7,500	1:7,500	1:10,000	1:7,500	1:7,500	1:10,000	1:10,000	1:10,000

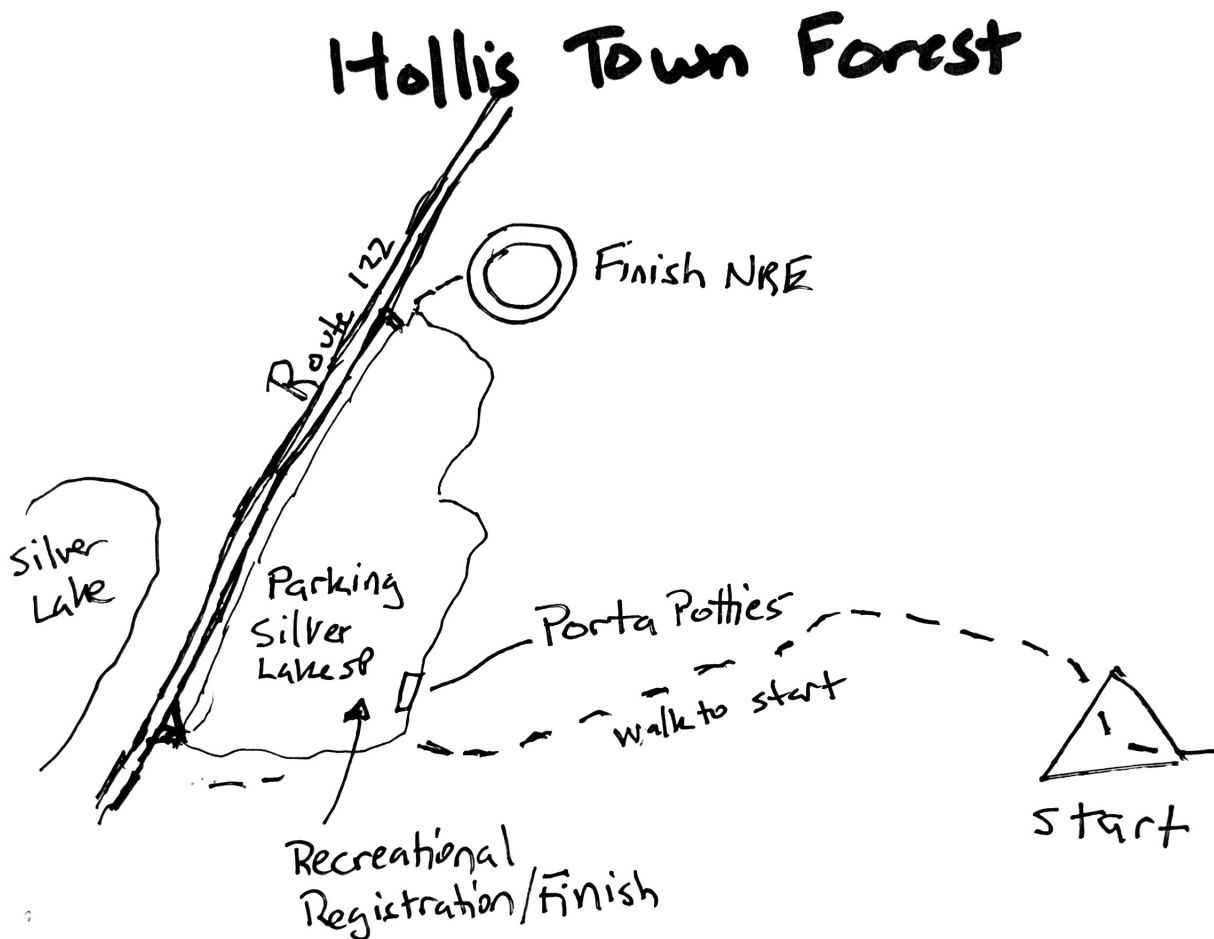
The start is a 400 m walk on a trail beginning at the back right corner of the Silver Lake State Park parking area. The finish will be in a clearing north of the parking area. Most courses have a route that passes by a shared water stop on a trail. Water is also at specific controls on the longer courses. There are not water stops on White or Yellow.

There is a short streamered route for Yellow leaving control number 4 to connect to a nearby trail, to the north/ northwest of the control.

White and Yellow have a streamered route to the finish from their final control.

Blue will have two maps with the first half of the course on one side and the second half on the flip side.

There is a small stream that all participants cross near the finish. Depending on water levels this may involve wet feet.



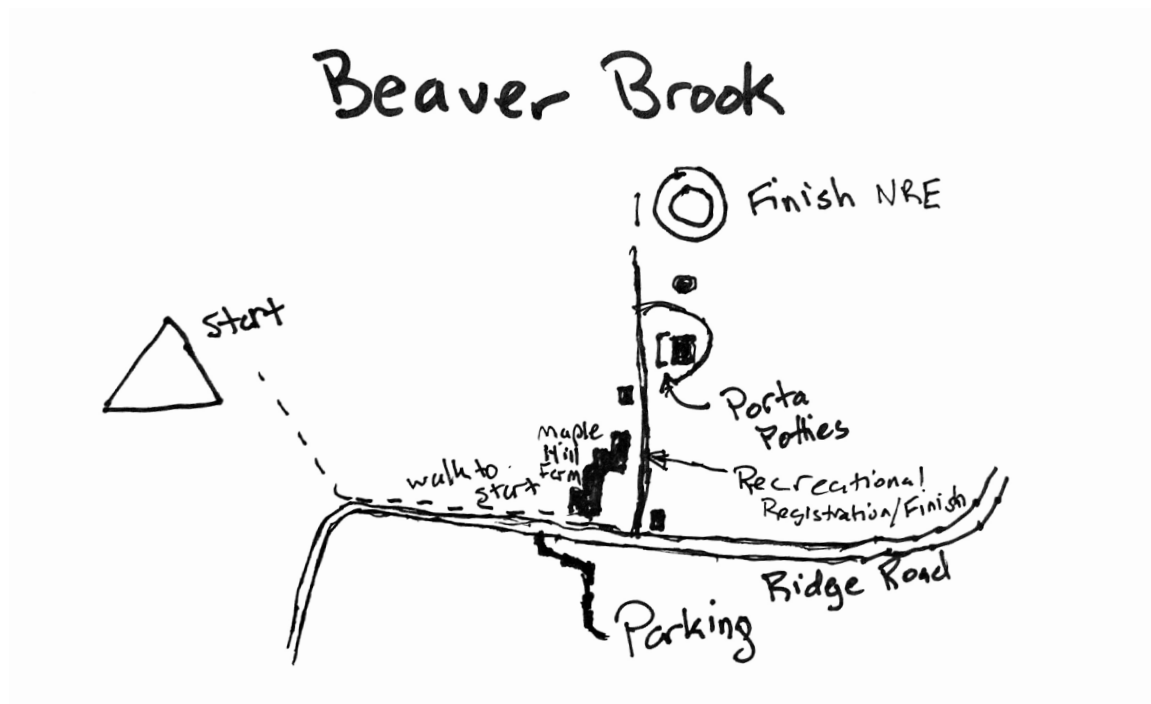
Course Setters Notes – Beaver Brook- Nancy Duprey

	White	Yellow	Orange	Brown X	Brown Y	Green	Red	Blue
Distance	1.8 km	2.6 km	4.2 km	4.2 km	3.8 km	5.5 K	7.1 km	8.9 km
Climb	40 m	55 m	125 m	130 m	115 m	145 m	155 m	180 m
Scale	1:7,500	1:7,500	1:10,000	1:7,500	1:7,500	1:10,000	1:10,000	1:10,000

The start is a 300 m walk up Ridge Road to the West. The finish will be very close to the Maple Hill Barn complex and the parking. In the unlikely event (considering the weather this spring) that Sunday will be a very warm day, Blue and Red will have three water stops, Green will have two water stops and Brown, Orange and Yellow will have one. White is the only course without a water stop.

The Beaver Brook map is bisected by Beaver Brook, which more resembles a north-south linear marsh in this area. All courses except White will be, soon after the start, crossing over to the western portion of the map for the interesting technical terrain. Everyone will be crossing on a narrow 70 m boardwalk, so please be careful and considerate towards others who might be moving faster or slower than you are. There are three locations along the boardwalk where passing is possible, but they are small. It might be best to peak behind you just as you start to climb onto the boardwalk to see if anyone is coming up behind you who might appreciate your letting them go ahead. The courses have been designed to discourage anyone from coming back across the same boardwalk as it will be a very busy one-way 'street' during the first couple of hours of the event.

Please also note that it has been quite a wet spring, especially this week before the event, so the water features are very full. In fact, you might get your feet wet getting onto the boardwalk mentioned above.



2023 Boulder Dash Mappers Notes- *Jim Arsenault*

Welcome (back) to the wonderful woods of southern NH!! We're at that tricky time of year when depending on recent weather and temps the foliage might be in very early stages allowing for overall good visibility, or the leaves might be popping out and filling in, making parts of the forest a bit thicker appearing. Also, with the weather being on the wet side between the writing of these notes and the events, water features are likely to be on the wetter side, so indistinct marshes may appear wetter than expected, vernal ponds are likely to have standing water and there are probably wet areas that are not mapped as such.

Saturday's adventures will be at the Hollis Town Forest. LiDAR base map with field checking done between summer 2020 and summer 2021, with some recent updates. Portions of the map have sandy glacial

depressions with very little in the way of rock features, with other parts being more typical rocky NH woodlands with evidence of past farming activity – stone walls and cellar holes. Fairly substantial trail network, some of which are mountain bike trails, with lots of twists and turns.

Sunday will be on a completely redone and expanded Beaver Brook map. LiDAR base map with field work done between late summer of 2021 to the present. Much of this map is typical NH forest, with varying degrees of rock features, occasional stone walls and varied vegetation. While there is some mountain laurel, most of the green areas on the map are thicker stands of hemlock, pine, or deciduous trees. While Beaver Brook had a nice trail network, there are sections where the nearest trail to bail out to is some distance away.

There has been logging on parts of both maps in recent years. Most of the logging on the Hollis Town Forest map has been thinning out some trees, rather than clear-cutting and is mapped as rough open ground with scattered trees. Runnability is reduced for portions of this with branches and tree trunks left behind and some new thorny stuff. This is mapped with green vertical slashes, as visibility is mostly good. Green vertical slashes are also used to depict some sections with thicker low blueberry bushes. There are also stands of small white pine trees that have died and often toppled making for slow passage. These are light green or green slashes or both depending on runability.

Logging on the Beaver Brook property has been done mostly with swathes of trees removed with some less-touched portions between the logged parts. Some swathes are mapped as 'rides' where skidder trails are still visible. Other swathes are mapped as rough open or rough open with scattered trees. The vegetation boundaries tend to be indistinct, with only a few delineated as having distinct boundaries. On the Beaver Brook map, there is a section where the layout of the logging cuts provided ample sunlight and good growing conditions, allowing strips of very dense pine and hardwood saplings to grow over the past few years – these are mapped with a darker green line wiggling through an area of lighter green.

On both maps, significant rootstocks are mapped using a green X and are generally at least 1.5m in height. Beaver lodges are mapped using a brown triangle. Boulders that are mapped are generally at least 1m in height. On hillsides, my rule of thumb the boulder needed to be 1 m high at least 2/3 of the way around. There may be some on the map that don't quite meet these criteria but are prominent in the immediate terrain.

North lines are spaced at 300 meters for both the 1:10,000 and 1:7,500 scale versions of the maps.