

Event Notes

WCOC National Ranking Event - September 22nd, 2018 Pond Mountain, Kent CT



Western Connecticut
Orienteering Club

Welcome to Pond Mountain for a National Ranking Event (NRE) hosted by Western Connecticut Orienteering Club!

The start window for the NRE is between 10:00 AM to Noon on Saturday September 22nd. Additional training events at the Pond Mountain map will be organized by Greg Ahlswede on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning and afternoon. We encourage you to join us for some or all of these training events. The Pond Mountain map was last used for the 2016 Senior Team Trials.

Registration: Pre-registration greatly encouraged, but not required. To pre-register, email Rick DeWitt (wrdewitt@snet.net) with your name, dibber # (if you have one), class, and date of birth.

Fees: \$10 for individuals, WCOC club members and non-club members, and only \$15 for families! Payment and waiver is handled at the assembly area at the day of the event.

Directions: From Kent CT, take CT 341 west out of the town. After 1.6 miles, take a right onto Macedonia Brook Road. After 0.8 miles, turn right up Fuller Mountain Road. After about another mile, look for O-signs to parking and the meet site. Google maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/K7k6wGRn91D2>

Location: Assembly and finish area is just across the road from parking. Portapotties are available at the assembly area only and not at the start.

Start: NRE event start window is between 10.00am and Noon on Saturday. No pre-assigned start times. The start officials will record names and start times and assure that there is at least a two-minute gap between starts on the same course. Map will be handed out at the start time.

The walk to the start is about 800 meters, on good trails with essentially no climb.

Map and Course Details

Course	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Controls (#)	Map Scale
Blue	8.9	350	19	1:10,000
Red	7.0	270	16	1:10,000
Green	5.3	180	13	1:10,000
Brown	4.0	150	12	1:7,500
Orange	3.1	115	11	1:7,500
Yellow	2.8	60	11	1:7,500
White	2.1	15	7	1:7,500

Be prepared for some technical orienteering challenges involving contouring along hillsides and precise compass work.

Pond Mountain is a gorgeous mature, mostly deciduous forest. There is little undergrowth or invasive species such as laurel. It is fast, rocky, and steep. Fortunately, the terrain runnability has improved over the last few years to the point that the observant orienteer will notice that we have removed most of the light green vegetation symbol on the map. Nevertheless, be aware that visibility and surface conditions may vary across the terrain, although this should not materially impact any route choices.

The original map dates from 1988 (Goodwin), and has been updated by multiple people since then (Dominie, Walker, Despard). The woods are dotted with remnants of the area's industrial past, with many charcoal burning pits marked with the platform symbol. There are small areas of bare rock marked with the grey bare ground symbol – from a distance these may look like cliffs. Extremely ruined walls are mapped with a rocky ground symbol, as opposed to the ruined wall symbol.

Refreshments: Water and basic snacks will be provided at the finish.
 All courses will have water available at a control approximately at the half-way point, as indicated by the control clues. Red and Blue courses have an additional water stop marked on the map in connection with a road crossing.

Timing/Punching: The race will use standard electronic punches. At the start, there will be clear, check and start boxes, and the finish will be recorded with a finish box.

Event Officials:

Event Director: Rick DeWitt, wrdewitt@snet.net

Registrar: Rick DeWitt

Course Setter: Niels Lyng-Olsen, nielslo@yahoo.com

Course Vetting: George Walker, walkegg@mindspring.com

Junior Training Camp Coordinator: Greg Ahlswede, swederunner154@gmail.com

Ranking class/course structures

White	Yellow	Orange	Brown		Green	Red	Blue
F-10	F-14	F-16	F-18	M65+	F-20	F-21+	M-21+
F-12	M-14	M-16	F55+	M70+	F35+	M-20	
M-10			F60+	M75+	F40+	M35+	
M-12			F65+	M80+	F45+	M40+	
			F70+	M85+	F50+	M45+	
			F75+	M90+	M-18		
			F80+		M50+		
			F85+		M55+		
			F90+		M60+		