Avalon

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March 24
Sunday



Welcome to the first Avalon event of 2019, featuring a full set of 8 classic courses (white/beginner through blue/advanced, including a beige) for you to choose from, courtesy of course setter Kim Jepsen. Course stats and comments are now posted below.
The event parking and registration will be in the "far" parking lot, located 1.5+ miles further (northwest) along the park road from the "closer" Avalon parking area that we used for our last Avalon event. Event timing is our usual: register any time between 10:45 - 1:15, start any time between 11 - 1:30, and be sure to check back in before 3pm.
A few additional notes:

- **BE CAREFUL crossing or walking along the park road.** Getting to the start requires crossing the park road, so please pay attention!
- Map scale will be 1:5000 for white and yellow courses, and 1:10000 for all other courses.
- Dogs are allowed in this park and must be on a leash at all times.
- Restrooms will be next to the parking/registration area.
- Speaking of parking: carpooling is encouraged for the sake of all park users.
- This section of Patapsco is pretty steep, so take that into account when choosing your course.
- Note: there is a park entrance fee of $2/MD vehicle or $4/vehicle from all other states.
- Remember: No Drinking Directly Out of the Water Bottles! Use the provided cups.

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- Have any questions? Just use our handy Contact Us [2] form.

Reminder about next weekend: Pre-registration is required and is now open for the MTBO and classic courses scheduled for next Saturday (March 30) at Rosaryville; head to that event webpage [3] for details.
As usual, youth groups and other large groups planning to attend this event should contact the Event Director [4] well in advance so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group; the group registration and waiver form [5] is part of the information on our Group Leaders [6] page.

Location

Patapsco Valley State Park, Avalon area, Elkridge, MD (Classic)

Registration

No advance registration required. Just show up and have fun!

Start Times

Start any time between the specified times (usually 11am - 1:30pm).

Schedule

Sunday, March 24	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Classic:

Volunteers

Event Director:	Anne Jepsen [7]
Event Director:	Kim Jepsen [8]
Course Designer:	Anne Jepsen [7]
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Location Details

Classic Patapsco Valley State Park Avalon area Elkridge, MD Google Map [9]	From I-195 exit 3 in Elkridge MD, take US 1 South. Then take the first right, and very soon afterwards the first left into Patapsco State Park. Follow road to park entrance, pay the weekend park entrance fee ($2/vehicle in-state, $4/vehicle out-of-state), and then go left at the T intersection. The Avalon parking/registration area is just after the road curves to the right after crossing the river (near the large playground), and will be in one of the two pavilions.

Course Details

Classic Course Name	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
White	2.2	55	9
Yellow	2.7	90	9
Orange	4.9	160	8
Beige	3.8	120	9

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Brown	5.1	170	9
Green	6.6	230	11
Red	7.7	255	14
Blue	9.1	330	18

Course Notes

Classic
All courses have a remote start and finish (~350 meters), crossing the park road - please use caution when crossing/walking on the road.
The woods are by and large nice, open and runnable, although barberry and other prickly shrubs are getting established in some locations, and are not always mapped. Many trails are used intensively by mountain bikers who tend to travel at high speed; they are generally cautious but also appreciative of any help you can give by stepping out of the way, so please do so and allow them to pass if possible.
The Yellow course is somewhat short, especially if the runner makes use of the opportunities for shortcutting through the terrain – this is a good option to consider if you would like to try out your ability to travel through the terrain without a linear feature to follow. The Orange course is one of the easier Orange courses, and today may be a good day to move up from the Yellow courses if you feel ready to do so. All the ‘standard’ advanced courses make it to the northern part of the park, and as a result the Brown course is a little longer than normal. Therefore an additional short advanced course (Beige) is added as an option.

Entry Fees