

# Welcome to DVOA's 2024 Bramble Bash at Rutgers Ecological Preserve!

**The Bramble Bash:** For many years the last DVOA event of the season was known as the Bramble Bash. In 2024 we are bringing this tradition back so there will be ribbons for the top three finishers on each course as well as some additional tasty treats for everyone to enjoy once they are out of the woods.

**Event Location:** We are not parking at our usual location. We will be set up at Lot 103 on the Rutgers University Livingston Campus off of Road 3. Follow O-signs once you are on campus.

**Start Times:** Starts are from 9:30am to 1pm but courses will close promptly at 2:30pm to give us enough time to pickup controls before dark. Please also give yourself a little extra time for the walk to the start...

**Walk to Start:** There is a 550m walk from the parking area to the start/finish area. You will cross two roads during this walk. Neither are busy and there is good visibility for drivers at both crossings but please be careful.

**Course Notes:** Rutgers Ecological Preserve has an extensive trail network to challenge beginners and create some interesting route choices for those on the intermediate/advanced courses. The map also has the full spectrum of vegetation from large sections of impenetrable briar to pockets of beautiful wide-open woods and everything else in between. Though some map updates were made particularly in the immediate areas around controls the vegetation has generally gotten thicker since mapped. With winter nearly upon us the woods have opened up some but medium green, dark green, and green slash are still often impassible, so it is generally best to take trails around these areas.

Despite this event being the Bramble Bash I did try to maximize your time on the nicer parts of the map. To take advantage of the best this map has to offer courses loop over themselves and there are a lot of controls in close proximity in the more open areas. Check your clues! Green and Red courses have a map flip part way through their course.

***Control Pick up will begin at 2:30 pm.***