**Score-O:** 55 controls. To visit them all is 20.5km as the crow flies but ~28km travel distance. Map scale 1:10,000. 5m Contours.

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The Score-O is designed to be appropriate for all experience levels and speeds. There is a concentration of beginner level controls near the start/finish as well as a mix of intermediate and advanced controls within about 1km of the start for experienced but slower orienteers.

At the finishing time (1:30 PM) we will have a pizza party at the finish pavilion. We encourage everybody to join in and chat with others about your adventures while satisfying the appetite you built up on the course. You can sign up during the normal registration process for the event.

Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$10 for all juniors. If you are going out as a group, additional people age 11 and up are \$4 each and age 10 and under are free.

Pizza cost is \$5/person.

## Score-O Rules:

- Find as many controls as you can within the time limit. Most points wins with ties broken by who finished first.
- Depending on your preferences there are 3-hour and 1.5-hour options (both options will use the same map and controls).
  - 3 hour course: Check-in 9:30-10:30AM, Maps distributed at 10:00AM. Mass start at 10:30AM. Finish time 1:30PM.
  - 1.5 hour course: Check-in 11:00-12:00, Maps distributed at 11:30AM. Mass start at 12:00.
     Finish time 1:30PM.
    - You can also start the 1.5-hour course any time from 10:30-Noon, but you will be back to finish before the pizza arrives!
- Penalty of 10 points per minute over time (don't be late!).
- Each control's point value is the same as the last digit of the control number. Controls with last digit 0 are worth 10 points. E.g. control 56 -> 6 points, control 81 -> 1 point, control 70 -> 10 points.
- In addition to the start-finish area, there are five controls with water available. Many of the bathrooms
  also have potable water if you want to use it (these are the small rectangular buildings scattered
  throughout the park, which may also be useful for potty breaks). I recommend carrying some water
  for between these stops.

## Out of Bounds:

Various out of bounds areas are marked by purple cross-hatch on the map. These areas must not be entered! It is important that everybody follows this rule to respect landowners, obey park rules, keep participants safe, and help us preserve our ability to have events here in the future!.

- A large out of bounds area in the south of the map is owned by Tyler Arboretum. The boundary of this area is shown by a thick purple line on the map, with purple cross-hatch on the out-of-bounds side of the line. There are signs on trees dispersed over much of this boundary. Along the eastern edge of this boundary I have also included in the out of bounds:
  - a section of road with no shoulder that should not be used for safety reasons,
  - o a group of fish hatchery buildings, and

- o a private estate.
- In the southeast part of the map there is an out of bounds area including a bridge over Ridley creek and some roads on the east side of the creek. This bridge and roads should NOT be used to access the east side of the creek. The roads are very narrow, with walls adjacent to the road and poor sight lines.
- In the central part of the map there is a horse farm area that is out of bounds.
- In the central part of the map, multiple sections of Gradyville road are marked out of bounds due to small shoulders. There are a few short sections of road that are in bounds because they have OK shoulders and are used to connect trails on the two sides of the road.
- There are a few private houses within the park that are marked as out of bounds with purple cross-hatch.

While you are planning your route, if you have questions about any out of bounds areas don't hesitate to ask!

## **Important Map Notes:**

- The map is printed on two 11x17 sheets, north and south, with a strip of overlap. The Start/Finish area is on the southern half. The south half has descriptions of the control locations in plain English text, while the north half has descriptions using international orienteering symbols.
- Five controls are located on the east side of Ridley Creek (they have control numbers in the 80s). There is only one bridge over the creek available, so I expect most people visiting these controls will ford the creek at least once. Usually there are many spots to safely ford the creek with about ankle deep water. For those not interested in a creek crossing, there are 50 controls on the west side of the creek that don't require getting your feet wet. If there is heavy rain just before the event and the creek is not safe to cross, the controls on the east side of the creek may be removed from the course (this would be announced at start).
- It is summer-time so respect the green! Areas of green and green slash at Ridley are often thorny and thus very unpleasant this time of year. My general advice is to stick to trails and white woods. The course has been set with summer vegetation in mind and all controls can be accessed without going through any awful vegetation. However, if you choose to approach a control from a direction that involves a lot of green it may not be much fun!
- Most controls are beginner to intermediate difficulty, as dictated by the vegetation. For those looking
  for more advanced controls, the southern section of the park offers thorn-free white woods with a
  collection of advanced controls. There are also some advanced controls in the eastern and northern
  sections of the map where there are decent-sized patches of open woods.
- This map was made for a national meet in 2013, so is over a decade old, and the vegetation has changed a fair bit. I have made map revisions for major changes including trails and rough remapping of significant vegetation changes. So the map will tell you what areas are passable vs thorny, but I would not trust the fine detail of the vegetation mapping for navigation purposes.