

Susquehanna Stumble Weekend Information and Notes:

Location

Rocky Ridge County Park, 3699 Deininger Road, York, PA 17406. Enter the park via Deininger Road. Registration and check-in are at the Hidden Laurel Picnic Area—the first pavilions on the left. Indoor bathrooms are next to the parking lot at Hidden Laurel.

Parking

120 marked spaces are available at Hidden Laurel, with 60–80 additional spots in the gravel lot immediately across the road. While we expect there to be sufficient parking for the orienteering events, please note that parking is shared with the public. Therefore availability at these parking lots near the registration areas is not guaranteed and the overflow parking will be utilized if necessary. Carpooling is encouraged when possible.

Overflow Parking

If lots reach capacity, additional parking is available at the large open lot at the end of the main park road (1.1 km/0.7 mile). Since the road goes through the quarantined areas, car shuttles will be provided by the event organizers. Please do not park in the pavilion areas near the power lines as that area is off-limits due to ongoing Christmas display construction. Call the event director at (484) 987-8181 if you parked in overflow area and need shuttle ride back to registration area.

Group buses and oversized vehicles

Unload at the primary registration area, then park in the overflow lot (1.1 km/0.7 mile). If this creates hardships, special arrangements may be requested from the event director. If oversize vehicle drivers desire transport back to primary registration and gathering area, please contact the event director at (484) 987-8181.

Archery Hunting

Hunting is allowed on Saturday, November 15. Hunting is not permitted on Sunday, November 16. Only hunters with a valid park-issued hunting permit may hunt.

Archery Hunting Areas

Closed: North of the primary park road (left side as you enter the park).

Open: South of the primary park road (right side as you enter the park) and east of the power lines at the end of the park road.

Safety

Wearing bright orange is recommended for the Saturday events. The park plans to notify hunters via the website that the woods are expected to be busy and to use extra caution.

Orienteering

The entire park will be used for orienteering events. Saturday's starts are 300 meters from the registration pavilions, with the finish located at the pavilion area. A clothing and item drop-off will be available at the start and items will be returned to the registration pavilions.

Nearest Urgent Care and Hospital Services

Urgent Care: Patient First Primary and Urgent Care – East York

2960 E Market St, York, PA 17402 | (717) 751-2483 | 8am–8pm, 365 days | Services:

Treatment for routine injuries and illnesses, wound care, EKG, X-rays.

Hospital: WellSpan York Hospital Emergency Department

1001 S George St, York, PA 17403 | (717) 851-2345 | 24/7 | Provides acute care for a wide variety of conditions

STUMBLE WEEKEND COURSE NOTES

Welcome to Rocky Ridge!

Saturday Course Notes - November 15, 2025

This is a combination National Ranking Event and NJROTC Area Championships EVENT. The White, Yellow, and Orange courses will be classic-style courses shared by all, the Brown, Green, Red, and Blue courses will be Middle distance, and the NJROTC runners will have separate classic-style Brown and Green courses. White, Yellow, Orange, and Brown Middle maps are 1:7,500 scale. NJROTC-Brown, NJROTC-Green, and Green, Red, and Blue Middle maps are 1:10,000 scale.

All courses will use the same start. Start is a flat/downhill 300m walk from registration.

Out of Bounds

In the center of the map is an area of paved walking paths and pavilions that the park uses to set up an extensive Christmas display. Due to everything set up there now, this area has been marked as out of bounds on the map with purple crosshatching. Courses pass close by but competitors should have an easy enough time avoiding the area. Competitors are more likely to encounter the area on the east side of the out-of-bounds area; for this reason, there is caution tape and pink streamers in the field showing a route along the east edge of the legal area. The same out-of-bounds area is marked on the Sunday maps as well.

Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is popular at Rocky Ridge Park and there is a fairly dense network of winding mountain bike trails throughout. Be aware of bikers when running on trails.

Hunting

Hunting is allowed with park permission on Saturdays. Wearing some bright orange might be a good idea.

Mapping and Conditions

The map is very up-to-date as it has been redone over the summer. Everything, including vegetation, has been mapped with superb detail. Much of the medium green on the map is mountain laurel and is fairly pleasant to get through. The many rock features here provide for some nice technical orienteering as well. Most of the rock features are mapped to about a 0.5m minimum standard depending on context. Some rock features that may otherwise be considered either more boulder or cliff-like have been mapped using the pillar symbol in order to show characteristic shapes.

The minimum standard for rootstocks here is around 1.5m but varies a little bit depending on context.

For anyone unfamiliar, this map does have several charcoal terraces, which are flat manmade excavations mapped with an open brown triangle. Many of the ones on this map can be broad and subtle, especially in flatter settings.

As mentioned, there are fairly dense trail networks throughout much of the park. Depending on leaf cover, some of the smaller trails may appear more indistinct. Also of note, there are a couple of what appear to be unsanctioned mountain bike trails that have been mapped using the ride symbol.

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For the most part, visibility in the woods should be very good this time of year. There has not been a ton of rain so far this fall. If that trend continues, some of the few mapped water features may appear completely dry.

--Brennen Hall

Sunday Course Notes, November 16, 2025

General Notes

Please see the notes for the Saturday event for general items about the mapping. All course maps are 1:10,000 / 5m scale.

Short and Long Stumble Logistics

In the Stumble events, competitors run between most controls in normal sequential order but occasionally enter a “window” where several controls can be visited in ANY order. The windows are enclosed in a large purple rectangle on the map and the controls have letters instead of numbers. There is a mass start for both the Long and Short Stumbles at the same time (11 AM). The first loop (map) of the Long Stumble is identical to the Short Stumble. You can decide at the end of this loop whether you want to stop, and hence be counted as part of the Short Stumble, or whether you want to go on to the second loop (map), and hence be counted as part of the Long Stumble. The transition is at a spectator control (# 18) near the registration pavilion.

Caution Crossing Road

Both the Stumble events and the recreational courses cross the road several times. Please look both ways and proceed with caution. Several signs will be set up to warn cars.

Mountain Bike Trails

One of the primary features of the Rocky Ridge map is the large number of mountain bike trails, which come in a wide range from being very visible to being quite indistinct, especially with the leaves having fallen. A common route choice decision, especially for the Stumbles, is whether to take a relatively straight strong trail that might be a little off the route; or a windy hard-to-see mountain bike trail that is more direct; or to just bomb through the woods straight at a control. You might want to check out the warmup map ahead of time to help judge what some of the mountain bike trails look like.

Mass Start Briefing

There will be a short briefing covering these points, as well as others, 10 minutes before the start of the Stumbles near the pavilions and the spectator control (#18). You can leave snacks, clothes, whatever at this location. We will then walk to the start which is only a few minutes away.

--Brad Whitmore

The warmup (model) maps show the walk to start as well as a sample of the mapping that may be used as a warmup area. While not a perfect representation of Rocky Ridge’s typical terrain, this sample does show the mapping style and varying trails that may be encountered. 1:7500 warmup map 1:10000 warmup map