



## Pacific Northwest Orienteering Festival Bulletin #1

This document reflects information found on our websites, putting it all in one place for you to download or print. There will be a packet pick up, however, this information will not be printed and included in your packets.

### **The Countdown is On!**

In just two weeks, orienteers from across North America and even globally will gather for 8 events across 9 days featuring sand dunes, basalt cliffs, wetlands, forests, mountain terrain, new maps, old friends, and new adventures.

Whether you're joining us for a few events or taking on the entire festival, we're excited to welcome you to the 2026 Pacific Northwest Orienteering Festival.


Before you hit the start line, please take a few minutes to review the important information below so you're ready for an amazing week of competition, exploration, and community.


Need to make changes to your registration? Please [contact the event registrar](#) as soon as possible.


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### **Important Festival Information**

 **Tick Season:** Please be diligent with tick prevention throughout the week.

 **Poison Oak Alert:** At least at Quincy Lakes, there is potential to encounter poison oak. Consider packing some Dawn dish soap just in case.

 **Help Protect Our Terrain:** Washington State is actively working to prevent the spread of invasive species. Please arrive with clean shoes, clothing, and gear whenever possible. Boot brushes will be available at events.

 **Cell Service:** Many venues are located in remote areas. Cell phone reception can be spotty or unavailable. Please download maps, directions, and event information before traveling.

 **Pets:** Per OUSA rules, pets are not allowed on NRE courses (except service animals). Please leave pets at home, especially given the potential for warm weather and limited shade at some venues.

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## **Washington Discover Pass Required**

A Washington State Discover Pass is required at:

- South Quincy Lakes
- Fisk State Park
- Cheney Wetlands
- Riverside State Park day-use areas

Important: Some locations have no on-site purchase option.

Purchase options:

- Annual Pass: \$50 (includes processing fee)
- Day Pass: \$11.50 (includes processing fee)

Passes can be purchased [online](#), through many hunting and fishing license vendors, and at select retail locations.

### Spokane Area Purchase Locations

Riverside State Park – Bowl & Pitcher Campground  
4427 N Aubrey L White Parkway  
Spokane, WA 99205

Riverside State Park Main Office  
9711 W Charles Road  
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

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## **Event Schedule**

### Washington Events (COC & EWOC Hosted)

- Friday, June 12: PNWOF Warm-Up (Middle): South Quincy Lakes
  - Saturday, June 13: Middle NRE: Moses Lake Sand Dunes
  - Sunday, June 14: Classic NREL Fisk State Park
  - Monday, June 15: Middle: Palisades
  - Tuesday, June 16: Fun Relay: Eastern Washington University
  - Wednesday, June 17: Middle: Cheney Wetlands
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## Oregon Events (MTHD Hosted)

- Thursday, June 18: Rest / Travel Day
- Friday, June 19: Model Courses: Skyline Sno-Park
- Saturday, June 20: Middle Distance: Skyline Sno-Park
- Sunday, June 21: Classic Distance: White River West Sno-Park, Mt. Hood

*Additional Mt. Hood event information will be distributed in a separate bulletin and posted online. <https://www.mthoodo.org/pnwof-2026>*

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## Festival Social Activities

Looking for dinner company? New to the festival? Traveling solo?

One of the best parts of PNWOF isn't just the terrain—it's the people. Throughout the week, participants gather after the day's competition to share route choices, celebrate victories, laugh about mistakes, and swap stories from the forest.

Whether you're a first-time participant or a longtime festival veteran, pull up a chair and join us. Some gatherings are hosted by the festival, while others are simply popular spots where orienteers naturally gather after the day's events. Everyone is welcome! 🌲🧭

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## Friday, June 12

 Informal Meet-Up: [Rock Top Burgers & Brew](#), 930 N Stratford Rd, Moses Lake, WA 98837. No reservations required. Purchase your own food and beverages.

## Sunday, June 14

### EWOC Hosted: Festival Picnic

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM


Franklin Park, 302 W Queen Ave, Spokane, WA 99205

Join fellow competitors for an evening of food, fun, and orienteering stories. Bring blankets/towels/chairs to sit on the grass.

Adults: \$15 / Children: \$10

Pre-payment information: <https://www.mthoodo.org/pnwof-picnic-and-pizza>


## Monday, June 15

 **Informal Meet-Up:** [Longhorn BBQ](#), 7611 W Sunset Hwy, Spokane, WA. No reservations required. Purchase your own food and beverages. Time: 5:00 pm

## Monday, June 15

 **COC Hosted: About the Route with JWOC Coach Caroline Sandbo**


7:00 - 9:00 PM -> Riverside State Park Group Campsite, 4427 N Aubrey L White Parkway, Spokane, WA

 Dessert provided. Bring your maps, a chair, and perhaps a headlamp as we discuss route choices, lessons learned, and memorable moments from the day. Discover Pass required unless you are camping in the park.

## Tuesday, June 16

 **Informal Meet-Up:** [BarrelHouse Pub & Pizza](#), 122 College Ave, Cheney, WA. No reservations required. Purchase your own food and beverages. Time: 5:00 pm

## Wednesday, June 17

 **Informal Meet-Up:** [Uprise Brewing Co.](#), 617 N Ash St, Spokane, WA. No reservations required. Purchase your own food and beverages. Time: 5:00 pm

## Saturday, June 20

 **MTHD Hosted: Festival Dinner (Hosted Event)**

6:30 - 9:00 pm -> Zigzag Inn, 70162 E Hwy 26, Welches, OR

Enjoy pizza, salad, drinks, dessert, and great company with fellow festival participants.

Cost: Adults: \$22 / Children: \$11

Pre-payment information: <https://www.mthoodo.org/pnwof-picnic-and-pizza>

## Before You Travel


We're staying digital to save a few trees. Please review and download any information you'll need before heading to the venues, including: Directions, Parking Information, Course Notes, Event Schedule, Venue-Specific Details

Because some venues have limited or no cell coverage, please save this information ahead of time.

### **Emergency Information**

If there is a life-threatening emergency, always call 911 first.

Please note that cell service may not be available at some venues, and you may need to drive to obtain reception. Emergency facility information for each venue is available in the event bulletin and on the event website.

 **8 Events • 9 Days • New Maps • Amazing Terrain • Great Competition • Outstanding Community** -> Safe travels, good luck with your final preparations, and we'll see you at the start line!

***Pacific Northwest Orienteering Festival Organizing Team***