

Ransburg Scout Reservation

Orienteering Course

What is orienteering?

Orienteering is a sport which tests your ability to navigate with map and compass between points. In cooperation with Indiana Crossroads Orienteering, the Boy Scouts of America has developed an orienteering course at Ransburg Scout Reservation.

This course includes control markers which allow you to verify your location as you go. Unlike many sports, orienteering requires very little equipment: a map and compass, drinking water, and sturdy shoes should be all you need. Once you're competent with map and compass, orienteering courses can be laid out anywhere using natural terrain features. For beginners, however, an established course with markers allows you to have check points along the route.

Maps for this orienteering course can be obtained from Boy Scouts of America or Indiana Crossroads Orienteering for \$3.00.

Contact information:

Boy Scouts of America
Crossroads of America Council
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Indianapolis, IN 46206
www.crossroadsbsa.org
317-925-1900

Indians Crossroads Orienteering
www.indyo.org

Ransburg Scout Reservation
7599 E. Waldrip Creek Rd.
Bloomington, IN 47401
812-837-9423

The Course

The control markers consist of white posts with a small orange and white orienteering decal. Each marker has a 2-digit identification number and a single letter for verification. The list below shows only the 2-digit number. The verification letter can be used during competition between individuals or small groups.

There are 20 markers on the course. Circles on the master map indicate their locations. The triangle indicates the start and finish for the course. It is located at the tree at the southeast corner of the sports area.

This list below shows code numbers for each marker and a short description about the marker's location. The difficulty of finding each marker is indicated as "easy" (E), "medium" (M), or "hard" (H). For novices, an easy course would consist of a sequence E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, and E8. An example of an intermediate course is a sequence E2, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, and E7. An advanced course could consist of a sequence E2, H1, H2, M3, H3, H4, M5, H5, H6, and E7. You can design your own course using any of the 20 markers. For competition, orienteers try to complete a course in the shortest time. Each competitor must complete the same sequence in the prescribed order.

Before using this course, you must obtain permission from Boy Scouts of America, Crossroads of America Council. Then purchase your maps, copy the control locations from the master map to your own maps, and enjoy the course. You should wear long pants and carry drinking water with you. Be sure someone knows where you are and when you should return. Enjoy the sport of orienteering!

Marker Descriptions

<u>Marker</u>	<u>Identification number</u>	<u>Location description</u>
Start/finish		Tree, SE corner of sports area
E1	10	Trail bend, N side
E2	11	Clearing, SW corner
E3	12	Trail bend
E4	28	Thicket, NE edge
E5	14	Ditch and small re-entrant junction
E6	13	Clearing, W edge
E7	25	Island between streams
E8	29	Stream junction, SE side
M1	16	Cliff foot, E end
M2	15	Pits
M3	27	Gully, S re-entrant
M4	19	Gully between earth banks
M5	20	Clearing in saddle, S side
M6	22	Eastern clearing, N end
H1	17	Knoll, N end
H2	18	Spur
H3	21	Shallow re-entrant, bottom
H4	23	Stream and ditch junction
H5	24	Top of earth bank, W end
H6	26	Boulder, E side