

## 2015 Winter Carnival Orienteering Challenge



### The Event

- **More Snow is on its way!!! Novice flags have been removed. Standard & Adventure Flags will be out through Feb. 15th. Physical maps can be had at the Rec Department or Stetson's Blacksmith Shop on Oak Street. An online version is [available here](#).**

- **Date:**

- Sunday Feb. 1, 2015, at 1pm

- **Start / Finish Location:**

- Newport High School, Newport, NH - between the track and the woods (see [example map](#) for exact location).

- **Description:**

- This is a fun for the whole family **orienteering** like event. Courses will be located in and around the Newport Town Forest. Each participant will receive a waterproof [contour map](#) showing the approximate location of multiple control points / flags. Each flag has a special hole punch attached to it which corresponds to a location on the map bottom. First participant to reach each of the controls, punch its appropriate location on their map and return to the start / finish with map intact wins that course and will have eternal bragging rights. Participants are allowed to decide the fastest route to complete the course. A variety of prizes & awards will be given away for completing a course. There will be 3 courses of increasing difficulty. Bring your snowshoes, a smile, and prepare to have fun!

- **Novice Course:**

- 6 Flags / Control Points (see orange & white flag example to right)
- Control points will be in easy to find and reach locations within eye sight of trails
- Approx. distance\* to all control points and back ~2.5k\*, 150 vertical feet change in elevation
- Area bounded roughly by the track and South Trail
- This is a fun for all ages course so if you enjoy getting out in the woods, please come play with us regardless of your navigation skills, you will enjoy this course.

- **Standard Course:**

- 12 Control Points
- Includes the 6 Novice plus 6 more further out which require leaving the trail to find
- Approx. distance\* out and back ~5k\*, 350+ vertical feet change in elevation
- Area bounded roughly by the track and Summer St (trail)
- This course is for those who want a little more of a physical and mental workout. Most people who enjoy an hour of physical activity will enjoy this course.

- **Adventure Course:**

- 18 Control Points
- Includes the Novice & Standard flags + 6 more.
- Approx. distance\* out and back ~8k\*, 800+ vertical feet change in elevation
- Area bounded by the Town Forest plus more to the North.
- This course is for those who expect and desire to be challenged! You will work for these extra flags. They will be in remote and challenging to reach locations. We strongly recommend compasses for this course. Prepare to be out there for 3 hours but a skilled navigator and physically fit person should be able to complete the course in under 2 hours. ***This is a demanding course. We do not recommend and will discourage people from attempting the Adventure Course who do not appear up to the challenge. Ultimately we want people to have fun, not walk away***

### Past Results:

- [2015 Map](#)
- [2015 Results](#)
- [2015 Images](#)
- [All Results](#)



[Image Version Is Here](#)

*saying I will never do that again!*

- o \*Note: course distances and elevation change are calculated based on a reasonably direct line between control points and will be adjusted based on ground conditions (deep snow = shorter courses).

• **Cost:**

- o **Free!** Winter Carnival Badges are encouraged.
- o Please RSVP below if you know you are coming so we have enough maps and prizes.

• **Awards & Prizes:**

- o There will be metals for the top 3 in each class. There will also be consolation prizes for anyone completing a course (while supplies last).



• **Event Contact:**

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• **Promotion:**

- o Please help us get the word out about this event. A PDF & Image brochure of the event for distribution are located on the right. We would like to see Orienteering become a standard fair at the Newport Town Forest. If there is enough interest we will consider a summer event as well as a better map and possibly a permanent course.

• **Questions & Answers:**

- o **Do we have to use a compass?** *No, compasses are used to aid you in navigation but are not required. We do strongly recommend their use for the Adventure Course.*
- o **Do we have to use snowshoes?** *No, however, expected snow conditions merit snowshoes. We STRONGLY recommend traction control devices, if not snowshoes then something like Kahtoola Micro Spikes or Hillsound Trail Crampon (especially for the Adventure course).*
- o **What affect will snow conditions or the weather have on the event?** *If there is little or no snow, this will be a running event. If there is a snowstorm, bring it on, this is what Winter Carnival is all about. If it is COLD... dress for the conditions, this event will still be held, after all we do not want it warm. In the unlikely occurrence of Heavy Rain the event will be canceled.*
- o **Are the trails going to be open for Non-Event use?** *Yes, trails will be open to the general public, onlookers, as well as to the event participants. You should also be aware there are 2 main trails, which are open to snowmobilers and others (East / West corridor is Forest to Upper Loop to Baptist Bypass, and the other North / South corridor is Summer St.).*
- o **What do you mean by an "Orienteering Like" event?** *While this will be run in the spirit of an orienteering event, there are significant differences. The primary difference is the quality of the map. This is not a true orienteering map as it uses the USGS base contours and contains few significant and accurate features. There will be few if any location hints so it will be more of a seek and find. Also some control points might require more than just finding the flag to punch your map.*
- o **Will we be home in time to watch the Super Bowl?** *It is our hope the event will be wrapped up by 5pm at the latest. If you are not out of the woods by 4pm we will come find you. The most navigationally challenged Novice should be done in less than an hour, the Standard in under 2 hours. If you are not well on your way to completing the Adventure course by 3 hours we ask that you return to the start line and finish another day, preferably with someone.*



• Some of 2014's Participants

#### Directions

- **From North:**
  - Take Interstate 89 south to exit 13. Follow Rt 10 south into Newport. The High School & Recreation Complex will be on your left just before you get into the center of town.
- **From South & East:**
  - Take Interstate 89 north to Exit 9. Follow Rt103 west into Newport. Make right onto Rt 10 North. The High School & Recreation Complex will be on your right less than a mile from the center of town.
  - Alternately take Interstate 89 north to Exit 12. Make left onto Rt 11 and follow that west into Newport. Make right onto Rt 10 north. The High School & Recreation Complex will be on your right less than a mile from the center of town.
- **From South & West:**
  - Take Interstate 91 in Vermont north to Exit 7. Take Rt 11 east through Charlestown & Claremont to Newport. Make left onto Rt 10 north. The High School & Recreation Complex will be on your right less than a mile from the center of town.

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