



NEWSLETTER - Nov 2015



Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club - Getting There is ALL the Fun!

November 8, Coon Bluff Score-O

Sunday Nov. 8: Coon Bluff 2-Hour Score-O

Please be aware that a Tonto National Forest Pass is Required to attend this event!

Come join us for a 2-Hour Score-O at the Coon Bluff Recreation Area! This year it's another fresh look at Coon Bluff. We'll use our expanded map so get ready to see all of the Coon Bluff area. With recent rains, the topography has changed a little and we found a few new features. Although the total course distance will be large, we'll still have plenty of controls for beginners and families. All in all, it will be a great day at Coon Bluff. And don't worry about the weather. The race is on, rain or shine!

Race Headquarters is located at the parking area on the north side of the recreation area, near the Coon Bluff Campground. This is a paved parking area with multiple facilities, located at the end of Coon Bluff Road. There will be an Orange and White Orienteering sign on Bush Highway at the intersection with Coon Bluff Road.

We'll place water at one or more spots on the course. At the Start/Finish line we will have compasses and whistles for purchase or rent. We gladly welcome beginners. There is no Beginner's Clinic scheduled, but we are always willing to hold a quick impromptu training session. Just arrive early so we have time to explain things and send you out on your first Score-O course.

As noted, a Tonto Pass is required (one per car, \$6 for the day). Passes can be purchased at the convenience stores (nearest ones are at the corner of McDowell Road and Power Road), at Big 5 stores, at hiking stores, at some Danny's stores, etc. Also, we recommend you bring bug repellent. As in most of southern Arizona this year, there may be mosquitos in the morning.

During a Score-O, participants take up to a designated time limit to search for controls indicated on a pre-printed orienteering map. Controls are assigned different point values based on the distance they are located from the starting point and on the navigation difficulty. Participants are not required to follow a set course but instead try to maximize their point total through their own route choice.

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November 8 Score-0

Schedule

Registration Begins 8:30 am
 Course Opens 9:00 am
 Last Start Time 11:00 am
 Course Closes..... 1:00 pm

Participants who start at 11 am must check in at the finish by 1:00 pm, or they will be marked “DNF” for the event. For all participants, there are substantial penalties for spending more than 2 hours on the course.

Directions to Coon Bluff

Route #1

From Phoenix, you can take the 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) east to Power Road exit 23A. Turn north onto Power Road and continue approximately 4 miles to a point where the road makes a sharp bend to the east. Approximately 2.8 miles past the bend is the turnoff to the Phon D. Sutton parking area, then one mile further is the turnoff for the Coon Bluff Recreation Area. (Look for an orange and white orienteering sign on the north side of the road.) Turn left (north) onto Coon Bluff Road. The event site is 1 mile further up the road. If you miss the turnoff and get to Usery Pass Road, turn around and go back about 1.2 miles.

Route #2

Take US 60 (the Superstition Freeway) east to the exit for AZ-202 North (exit 190). Take AZ-202 North 5.7 miles to the exit for East McDowell Road (exit 23B). Take the East McDowell Road exit then turn left onto McDowell Road. Travel west on McDowell Road for 0.3 miles to Power Road. Turn

north onto Power Road and continue approximately 4 miles to a point where the road makes a sharp bend to the east. Approximately 2.8 miles past the bend is the turnoff to the Phon D. Sutton parking area, then one mile further is the turnoff for the Coon Bluff Recreation Area. (Look for an orange and white orienteering sign on the north side of the road.) Turn left (north) onto Coon Bluff Road. The event site is 1 mile further up the road. If you miss the turnoff and get to Usery Pass Road, turn around and go back about 1.2 miles.

Google map links are available on our website, gphxo.org.

Registration Fees

Individuals (member/non-member): \$5 / \$10
 Families / Teams \$8 / \$15

What to Bring (all events):

- Whistle (Mandatory for all. Available for purchase for \$1)
- Compass (Mandatory for all. Available for rent for \$1)
- Water. There will be water at the start/finish . We will also have one or two water stations on the course. However, you are strongly encouraged to bring your own water bottles or a camelback.
- Sun screen. There is little or no shade on the course.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain.

Participants under age 18 (all events):

All participants under age 18 are now required to have a signed parental consent form on file with the club. You can complete the form (available on the gphxo.org website) before the event and either scan it and send it to us by e-mail or bring it with you to the event.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

December 5 - Papago Park Training event
December 6 - Lake Pleasant
January 9 - Black Canyon
February 7 - First Water
March 12 - Location TBD - Beginners Course
March 13 - Saguaro Lake
April 9/10 - new event location
May 7/8 - Prescott

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the “member” rate for Tucson O.C. events?

Please visit the Tucson club’s website:

www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

October Rogaine Event Results

Saturday October 17, top finishers:

- Kimball Forrest
- Team Miles (David Marks, Windy Marks)
- Afan Jones
- Jeff Brodsky
- Team Tubac (Brad Poe, Yvonne Poe)

Sunday October 18, top finishers:

- Kimball Forrest
- Afan Jones
- Rhiannon Jones
- Robi Mulford
- Team Miles (David Marks, Windy Marks)

Our overall top scores went to Kimball Forrest, Afan Jones, Rhiannon Jones (top female score), Robi Mulford and Team Miles (top team finish).

Thank you to the GPHXO members who organized the event and made it happen: Ron Birks (meet director), Glenn Haselfeld, Tom Allen, Forest Brown, Erik Ringnes, Gary Hickey, Kathi Douglas, Russell Pilcher, Jerry Stewart, Joe Walker, and Yvonne Poe and Brad Poe.

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STREET ADDRESS

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(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

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