



NEWSLETTER - Oct 2016



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

Sat.-Sun. Oct 15-16 Petrified Forest

Please join the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club and the Tucson Orienteering Club as we present two days of orienteering events at the Petrified Forest National Park in eastern Arizona. Our orienteering events at the Petrified Forest National Park offer an excellent opportunity to practice your navigation skills while at the same time exploring an incredibly beautiful and unique National Park.

Each Day: 4-Hour Rogaine

On both Saturday and Sunday, we will offer a 4-hour event called a "Rogaine" in which participants navigate on foot using only a map and compass. Participants visit as few or as many locations as they can within the 4-hour time limit.

Pre-Registration Required

The Petrified Forest National Park does not allow any money exchange within the park. In addition, there is a strict limit to the number of competitors the Park is allowing for our events. So there will be NO onsite registration this time.

To pre-register, go to the event page:

http://gphxo.org/Events/2016/20161015_PetrifiedForest.htm

...and follow the link to the pre-registration page (on the OrienteeringUSA website).

Schedule & Costs

We are still working on the schedule for the event. Please visit the event page on our gphxo.org site. Schedules will be posted at least a week before the event.

Costs (each day is a separate event, and registration costs are paid on the OrienteeringUSA signup page):

Up to Oct 10.....\$20 per participant / each day
After Oct 10.....\$30 per participant / each day

We are allowing individual participants as well as teams of 2-4 individuals, but each individual must register separately.

For the Saturday and Sunday events, we will have an "Event Headquarters" located inside the park itself. The Event Headquarters IS NOT at the Visitor's Center. A variety of overnight accommodations are available in the Holbrook area.

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.

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What to Bring (all events):

- Whistle (Mandatory for all. Available for purchase at Phoenix events for \$1)
- Compass (Mandatory for all. Available for rent at Phoenix events for \$1)
- Water. There will be water at the start/finish .
- Sun screen.

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

Directions to Painted Desert:

The Petrified Forest National Park Visitor's Center is located approximately 26 miles east of Holbrook, Arizona at exit 311 of Interstate 40.

To get to the Park Visitor's Center, travel east from Holbrook on Interstate 40 to exit 311. Travel north into the park less than a mile to the Visitor's Center.

Note that our event headquarters are NOT at the Visitor's Center, but will be posted on the GPHXO event page at least a week before the event. We will also try to post directions to our event at the Visitor's Center.

Please see the GPHXO website for more detailed directions, including Google Maps coordinates and maps.

Note on Pre-Registration

As noted, pre-registration for this event IS REQUIRED! We are using the OrienteeringUSA registration site because fees need to be paid in advance, offsite.

Recent Event Results

September 10 - Lowell Observatory

Saturday, September 10th was a warm and sunny day in Flagstaff, AZ, perfect for enjoying the open woods and historic telescopes on a new map at Lowell Observatory. There were two courses to run. A 1.9k sprint, with 30m of climb, that toured the history and structures of the Lowell Campus, and a 5.1k classic course, with 80m of climb, that explored the surrounding ponderosa pine forest. Twenty-one people, including a group of Boy Scouts, took part in the forest course, and 14 took part in the sprint. Additionally, 10 people took the beginners clinic, taught by Ron Birks and Kevin Adams.

Top finishers in the Classic event were Ron Birks, Erik Ringnes, Lee Magnusson and Katie Williams. Congratulations also to Team "We Made It To Nationals" for their top Team ranking.

Top finishers in the Sprint event were Ron Birks, Derrick Beracy, Gary Hickey and David Thompson. The "Blubbering Narwhales" scored the top Team finish.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this event, and a special thanks to those who helped with the event. Alison Crocker for helping in the map making process, placing controls, directing the meet, running the timing table and retrieving controls. Kevin Adams for helping to haul equipment and run the beginners clinic. Matt Zeilman for helping to set up/tear down equipment and run the registration table. Ron Birks for map making instruction, hauling equipment, setting up/tearing down and running the beginners clinic. Gary Hickey for helping with setting up/tearing down.



GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat November 12 - Mesquite Library Beginner's Clinic & Practice Course

Sunday November 13 - Lake Pleasant Score-O

Saturday December 10 - Papago Park Beginner's Clinic and Sprint events

Saturday December 10 - Coon Bluff Night-O

Sunday December 11 - Saguaro Lake Score-O

Saturday January 7, 2017 - Robbins Butte Score-O

Saturday February 11 - Mesquite Library Clinic

Saturday February 11 - Needle Vista Night-O

Sunday February 12 - First Water Score-O

Sat or Sun March 4 or 5 - new event location

Saturday April 8 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic

Saturday April 8 - Saguaro Lake Night-O

Sunday April 9 - Coon Bluff Score-O

Sat or Sun May 13 or 14 - Prescott Area event

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? Next Tucson event is October 9 at Kentucky Camp.

Please visit the Tucson club's website:

www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

And check out the GPHXO online store:

**[www.cafepress.com/
greaterphoenixorienteeringclub](http://www.cafepress.com/greaterphoenixorienteeringclub)**

We're also at:

www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering
and

www.facebook.com/GPHXO

Please note that we have made some minor updates to the **club bylaws**, mostly to reflect some name changes and the way we currently run things. View the current bylaws at <http://gphxo.org/Business/Bylaws.htm>

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