

# Southwest Spring Week 2025

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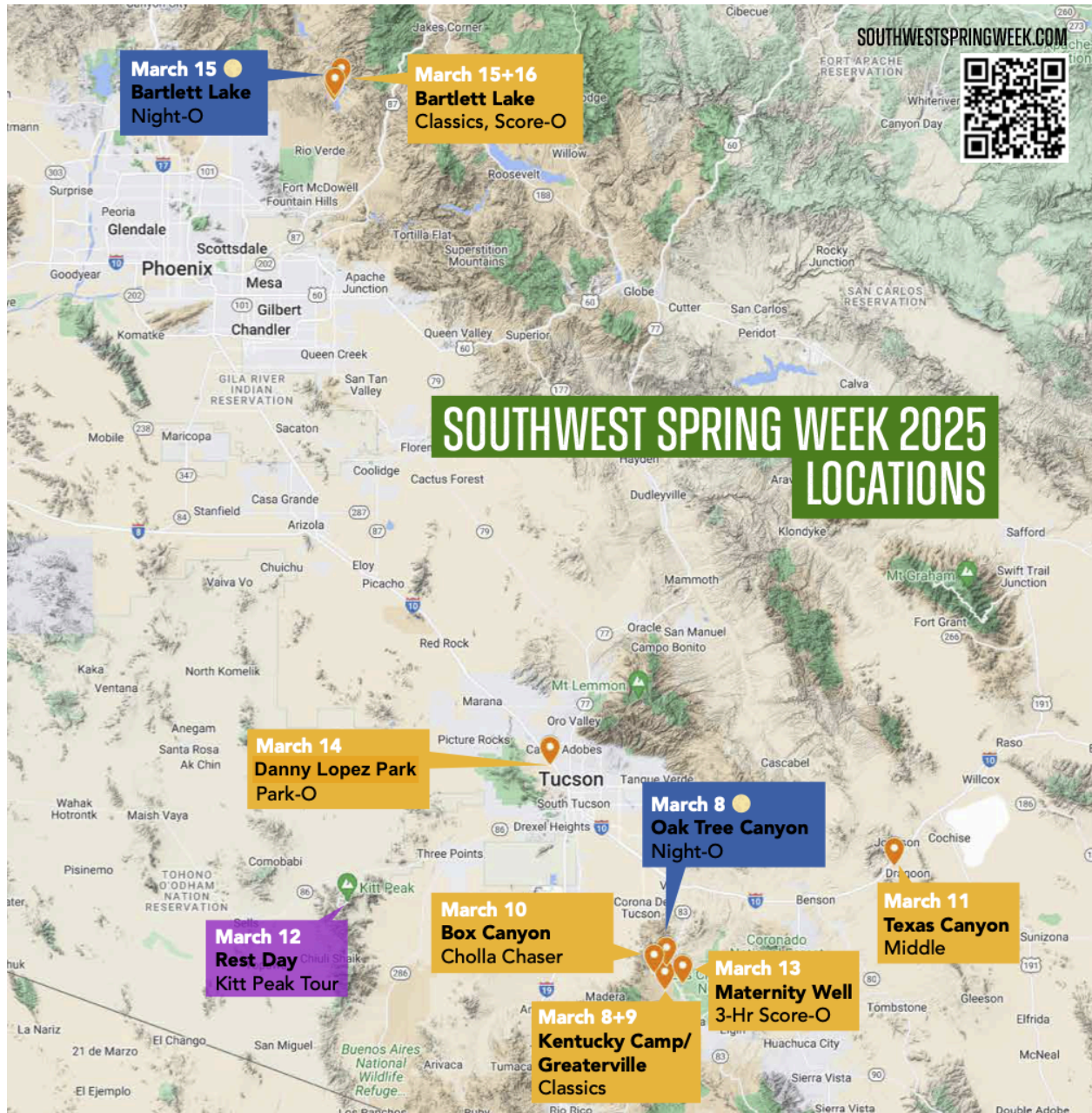
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# Overview Map

See the [overview map](#) for a look at all the locations.



# Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b> (race start times)
<i>Friday, March 7</i>	<i>Bib pickup @ at camping area</i>	<i>2 pm - 8 pm</i>
Saturday, March 8	☑️ Kentucky Camp Classics (Day 1)	10 am - noon
	☑️ Oak Tree Canyon Night-O (Night 1)	7 pm
Sunday, March 9	☑️ Greaterville Classics (Day 2)	10 am - noon
Monday, March 10	☑️ Cholla Chaser (Day 3)	10 am
Tuesday, March 11	☑️ Texas Canyon Middle (Day 4)	10 am - noon
	Improv Show @ Tucson Improv Movement	4:30 pm
	Gather for dinner @ MSA Annex	6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12	Rest Day	
	Kitt Peak telescope tour	1:30 pm
Thursday, March 13	☑️ Maternity Well 3-hour Score-O (Day 6)	9 am - 11 am
Friday, March 14	☑️ Danny Lopez Park Park-O (Day 7)	10 am - 11 am
Saturday, March 15	☑️ Bartlett Lake (Day 8)	noon - 2 pm
	☑️ Bartlett Lake (Night 8)	7 pm
Sunday, March 16	☑️ Bartlett Lake (Day 9)	7 am - 10 am

# Preliminary Information

Southwest Spring Week is a fun, casual week of quality orienteering. This guide has all the information you need to get to the event each day and be prepared for the courses and terrain. It also has a few suggestions of activities to do after orienteering each day. There is a lot to see and do (and eat!) in Southern Arizona, so don't hesitate to ask a local for suggestions.

Here are few things to keep in mind generally:

## Check-in and Bibs

There will be bib pick-up on Friday, March 7th from 2-8 pm at the campground and then at every event during SWSW. After your first day there is no need to check in at registration, you may proceed directly to the start and check in with the volunteers there. **Always check back in to download after you finish, whether you complete your course or not.**

## Sun

It may technically be winter in southern Arizona, but the sun can still be intense! A UV Index of 6 or 7 is typical for warm, sunny days. Consider wearing a hat and definitely bring sunscreen. You might see locals wearing long sleeves in the sun—it's not because we're cold, it's because we respect the sun.

## Water

We will not always have water available out on the courses, so **please be prepared to carry your own source of water** in a hydration vest or water bottle. Two hours in the desert sun dehydrates you much more efficiently than two hours in a shady and moist forest. **Always have extra water in your car for after your run!** We will have water at the finish and thank you for bringing your own bottle or reusable cup.

## Vegetation

The venues for the first six days of SWSW 2025 are all at elevations above 4,500', which is good news for those of you who dislike cholla. There's not much cholla that high up, though you still may encounter some, as well as a few other scratchy plants. The rest of the venues (Days 7-9) are at lower elevations with plenty of beautiful cactus. The best advice we have for avoiding scratches and needles is to run around, rather than directly into, any cactus you see, and to wear proper leg coverings (thicker pants and/or shin gaiters). However, it's possible that you still might pick up something prickly while running around. If it's a single spine, use tweezers to remove it.

If it's a cholla ball, DO NOT attempt to remove the ball with your bare fingers or any other body part. You'll just end up with cactus stuck to more of your body. One removal technique is to use your map and your compass to lift the ball off your skin from both sides. A comb also works well!



## Map Cases

We will have map cases available each day, feel free to take one if you'd like to protect your map during your run. While you are welcome to take a new map case each day, we also encourage you to reuse your map cases if they're in good shape.

## Punching

All of the controls will be in "beacon" mode, which allows for touch-free punching for those with a SportIdent Air Card (SIAC) and also supports regular punching for all finger sticks. Please note that, while we will do our best to try to wake up the controls before the first runners head out, we may not always be able to do it. So, if you really want to be able to take advantage of your SIAC's capabilities you might want to wait to start until a bit later in the start window.

## Live Results

Each day we will attempt to make results available on a local network at the event center. To see results from your device, please join the Wi-Fi network `tucson-results` and go to the results page from [this link](#) or this QR code:



You must be connected to the `tucson-results` network to see the results, and that network will not get you a connection to the outside world. Please disconnect from the network after you have checked results, as there is a limit to the number of devices that can be connected simultaneously.

## Livelox

All events will be available on [Livelox](#), a route comparison, live tracking, and replay tool. You'll be able to access each event shortly after courses close. If you run with a gps watch or phone app, you can upload your track and watch your dot race around against everyone else. If you do not have a device already, you can also download the Livelox app on your phone and have it track your route and automatically have it show in the event, or simply draw in your route after the fact. There will be a QR code on each day's map that takes you directly to the day's Livelox entry.

For more information on how to use Livelox see the [Livelox Documentation](#).

## Meal Schedule

This is the schedule for those who have purchased the nine meal "Glamping" package. All meals will be served at the camping area.

### **Friday, March 7**

6pm Dinner

### **Saturday, March 8**

7am Coffee and Tea

8am Breakfast

12pm Lunch Shift 1

1pm Lunch Shift 2

5:30pm Dinner

### **Sunday, March 9**

7am Coffee and Tea

8am Breakfast

12pm Lunch Shift 1

1pm Lunch Shift 2

6pm Dinner

### **Monday, March 10**

7am Coffee and Tea

8am Breakfast



Click [here for the menu](#)

## Day 1: Kentucky Camp Classics

**Saturday Mar. 8, 2025**

**Location:** 31.7546, -110.71784

**Directions:** From the intersection of I-10 and Hwy 83:

- Drive south on Hwy 83 for 21.1 miles (3.5 miles past the Border Patrol Checkpoint)
- Turn right (west) onto E. Gardner Canyon Road
- After 0.8 miles turn right (north) on Fish Canyon Rd / Forest Service Road (FSR) # 163
- After 2.0 miles turn right (northwest)
- After 0.4 miles cross through a fence and veer left (west) on FSR #4060A
- After 0.1 miles veer right (north) on FSR #4060B
- Meet Center is 0.5 miles ahead.

### Key Info

**Check-in Opens:** 9:00am

**Beginner Clinic:** 9:30am

**Starts:** 10am - noon

**Courses close:** 3pm

**Restrooms:** portable toilets and handwashing station

**Closest ER and urgent care:** NW Medical Center in Sahuarita 16260 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.; NW Emergency Center in Vail, 10146 East Old Vail Road, or Canyon Vista Hospital in Sierra Vista, 5700 E. Highway 90, are all ~45 mins from SR-83 and Gardner Canyon Road

**Water:** no running water, please bring plenty for your needs!

**Course setter:** Jeff Coker

**Event Directors:** Melissa Trout & Cristina Luis

Course	Map scale	# of Controls	Length (km)	Climb (m)
White	1:5000	10	2.6	50
Yellow	1:5000	11	2.7	55
Orange	1:7500	13	4.1	120
Brown	1:7500	11	4.1	105
Green	1:10000	14	5.7	175
Red	1:10000	14	7.5	205
Blue	1:10000	16	9.7	315

### Course notes

The terrain in the Kentucky Camp area consists of rolling hills and ridge lines at an elevation of approximately 5000 ft. The vegetation is mostly open grassland with knee-high seasonally dormant/dead grass. There are scattered oak and juniper trees throughout the map. On some of the north facing slopes there are areas of low thorny bushes, similar to Cat's Claw. For the majority of the map the footing is good with some areas of loose rock. Overall the map is runnable. There is an active grazing lease in the area so don't be surprised to see cattle roaming the map. With this activity comes many cattle trails that are not shown on the map but make for easy and fast running. This is calving season so if you see cows with calves please slow down and give them some space. With that being said there are also many barbed wire fences throughout the map. Where there are gates, they have been indicated on the map with the purple gate symbol. After you go through the gates, please return them to their original position. You can go over or under the fences, but if you go over, please cross at a sturdy fence post. The southern part of the map is a popular dispersed camping area for off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiasts. Please be respectful and run around and not through their camps. There will be one water cache marked on the map. It is centrally located and will be available for all courses except White and Yellow.

### What to do after orienteering:

- Visit Kentucky Camp proper for cool old adobe buildings and interpretive signs about mining history.
- Empire Ranch for ranching history and Las Cienegas NRA for Cienega Creek's perennial flow
- Parker Canyon Lake ~1 hr south
- Sonoita has Pronghorn Pizza (11am - 5pm), and yes, pronghorn antelope do live in this region, so keep your eyes open!



- Sonoita also has Ice cream at Corner Scoop, local brews at Copper Brothel Brewery or wine tasting at the Flying Leap tasting room, or one of the vineyards further south, on Elgin Road, East of SR83.
- Gathering Grounds in Patagonia for coffee and pastries
- Or hang out with the campers and have delicious food from the chuck wagon!
- Also in Patagonia - Hummingbirds at the [Paton Center](#), coffee/beer/wine/food truck/live music at the weekends at [Patagonia Lumber Co](#)

# Night 1: Oak Tree Canyon

**Saturday Mar. 8, 2025**

**Location:** AZT - Oak Tree Canyon Trailhead

**Directions:**

From Tucson take the I-10 east to State Route 83, also known as S. Sonoita Highway. Take SR83 south for 15.5 miles and the trailhead parking lot will be on your right.

From camping (Day 1 venue), exit the way you came in (south out of parking, turn left (east) onto E. Gardner Canyon Road. At State Route 83, take a left and drive north for 5.8 miles, the trailhead is on your left.

Key Info
<b>Check-in Opens:</b> 6pm <b>Mass Start:</b> 7pm <b>Courses close:</b> 9pm
<b>Restrooms:</b> portable toilets <b>Water:</b> no water available, please bring your own <b>Closest ER and urgent care:</b> NW Medical Center in Sahuarita 16260 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.; NW Emergency Center in Vail, 10146 East Old Vail Road , or Canyon Vista Hospital in Sierra Vista, 5700 E. Highway 90, are all ~45 mins from SR-83 and Gardner Canyon Road
<b>Course setter:</b> Isaac Pimienta <b>Event Directors:</b> Cristina Luis & Betsy Lubis

Course	Length (km)	Climb (m)
Intermediate	3.8	125
Short Advanced	4	230
Long Advanced	6.3	375

Both advanced courses are on the same map (1:10000/5m), you can choose your course once you've started.

**Course Setter Notes:**

1. The safety bearing for all courses is east. If lost, travel east to the big road (State Route 83).
2. Advanced short and long courses are on the same map. To complete the short course, take the “shortcuts” indicated by the dashed lines.
3. There will be reflective markers at each control.
4. Intermediate course will stay south of the main fence, avoiding the steep hills.
5. Due to erosion, streams may have steep banks.
6. Fence crossings are best at corners.
7. Dress appropriately for knee high grass and steep hills.

**What to do after orienteering:**

- Sleep
- Stargazing

## Day 2: Greaterville Classics

**Sunday Mar. 9, 2025**

**Location:** 31.7546, -110.71784

**Directions:** From the intersection of I-10 and Hwy 83:

- Drive south on Hwy 83 for 21.1 miles (3.5 miles past the Border Patrol Checkpoint)
- Turn right (west) onto E. Gardner Canyon Road
- After 0.8 miles turn right (north) on Fish Canyon Rd / Forest Service Road (FSR) # 163
- After 2.0 miles turn right (northwest)
- After 0.4 miles cross through a fence and veer left (west) on FSR #4060A
- After 0.1 miles veer right (north) on FSR #4060B
- Meet Center is 0.5 miles ahead.

### Key Info

Wonder why everyone else changed their clocks today? Daylight Savings Time started today in most of the US, but Arizona **does not observe DST**, so don't change your clocks!

**Check-in Opens:** 9:00am

**Beginner Clinic:** 9:30am

**Starts:** 10am - noon

**Courses close:** 3pm

**Restrooms:** portable toilets and handwashing station

**Closest ER and urgent care:** NW Medical Center in Sahuarita 16260 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.; NW Emergency Center in Vail, 10146 East Old Vail Road, or Canyon Vista Hospital in Sierra Vista, 5700 E. Highway 90, are all ~45 mins from SR-83 and Gardner Canyon Road

**Water:** no running water, please bring plenty for your needs!

**Course setter:** Peter Wentzel

**Vetter:** Jim Holmes

**Event Directors:** Melissa Trout & Cristina Luis

**Courses:**

Course	Map scale	# of controls	Length (km)	Climb (m)
White	1:7500	12	2.6	35
Yellow	1:7500	12	2.8	40
Orange	1:7500	12	4.2	165
Brown	1:7500	11	3.6	125
Green	1:7500	10	4.7	215
Red	1:10000	17	7.0	325
Blue	1:10000	17	9.4	390

**Course Setter Notes:**

1. There is a 250m walk to the start from the finish area. The day 1 Classic finish and Day 2 Classic finish are at the same location both days.
2. There will be no water controls on the courses.
3. The Greaterville map is on Forest Service Land with active cattle grazing. You may encounter cattle, cattle byproducts, ranchers, non-orienteeing related campers/vehicles, and other wildlife. Please keep your eyes and ears open and respect everyone's rights to enjoy this area.
4. The course area is subdivided by barbed wire fencing. There are gates marked on the maps, but these may not be convenient for your course. With care, the fencing can be crossed by either going over or under. Some fencing has solid wire as a bottom rail. Brown, Orange, Yellow and White have been designed to minimize crossings and enable the use of gates.
5. The terrain is largely rolling hills and drainages covered in tall but runnable grass. There is not a heavy load of cacti, but there are still cacti (primarily prickly pear and cholla) present. Many of these are smaller plants and may be below the height of the grass.
6. White / Yellow: Both courses use paths, fences, roads and washes as handrails. Please use caution when running along or across the roads, ensuring you look both ways when crossing.
7. The yellow course utilizes flagging on several legs. The flagged legs are highlighted on the control descriptions.

**What to do after orienteeing:**

- Visit Kentucky Camp proper for cool old adobe buildings and interpretive signs about mining history.
- Empire Ranch for ranching history and Las Cienegas NRA for Cienega Creek's perennial flow

- Parker Canyon Lake ~1 hr south
- Sonoita has Pronghorn Pizza (11am - 5pm), ice cream at Corner Scoop, local brews at Copper Brothel Brewery or wine tasting at the Flying Leap tasting room
- Gathering Grounds in Patagonia for coffee and pastries
- Or hang out with the campers and have delicious food from the chuck wagon!
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# Day 3: Cholla Chaser

**Monday March 10, 2025**

**Location:** Box Canyon AZT Trailhead. About a 45 minute drive from downtown Tucson.

## **Directions and Parking:**

From Tucson take I-10 to State Route 83. Take SR83 south for 17 miles to Greaterville Rd. Take a right on Greaterville Rd and proceed 3.2 mi until Box Canyon Rd. Drive north on Box Canyon Rd and follow the instructions of parking attendants.

From camping take SR 83 north 3.8 mi to Greaterville Rd. Take a left on to Greaterville Rd and proceed 3.2 mi until Box Canyon Rd. Drive north on Box Canyon Rd and follow the instructions of parking attendants.

## **Key Info**

**Check-in opens:** 9:00am

**Course briefing:** 9:50am at the start

**Cholla Chaser Mass Start:** 10am

**Explorer Course Start:** 10:10am

**Courses close:** 12pm

**Toilet:** Portable toilets

**Closest ER and urgent care:** NW Medical Center in Sahuarita 16260 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.; NW Emergency Center in Vail, 10146 East Old Vail Road , or Canyon Vista Hospital in Sierra Vista, 5700 E. Highway 90

**Course setter:** Anna Sheldon

**Course veters:** Cristina Luis, Tori Campbell

**Event director:** Peg Davis

**Cholla Chaser:** This is a handicap race consisting of two sections: the Box and the Chase.

- **Handicap:** There are 9 Box controls, but the number you are required to get varies from 1 to 7, depending on your age and sex. (See handicap chart below, also printed on map if you forget.) This translates to approximately 3.0km for a 70 year old woman, and 6.0km for a 25 year old man, and somewhere in between that for all the other age groups.
- **Mass Start:** No start punch.
- **Box Section:** You can go to your required Box controls in any order.

- **Transition:** There's a map exchange, marked as a finish on your Box map, where you will pick up the map for the Chase section.
- **Chase:** A normal point-to-point course, the same for everyone.
- **Finish:** First punch wins, no matter your age or sex.

**Explorer course:** There will also be an Explorer score course.

**Map:** 1:10,000/5m for Cholla Chaser and Explorer

**Course Setter notes:**

**Terrain:** This terrain is much like that of the first two days, albeit a bit steeper. The vetter strongly recommends lower leg covering.

**Handicap Chart:**

Birth Year	Men Controls Required	Women Controls Required
1955 or earlier	2	1
1956-1965	4	3
1966-1975	5	4
1976-1985	6	5
1986-2006	7	6
2007-2008	6	5
2009-2010	5	4
2011-2012	3	2
2013 or later	1	1

Course	# Controls	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Map
Chaser	10-20	3-6	yes	1:10,000
Explorer	20	n/a	n/a	1:10,000

**What to do after orienteering:**

→ See Saturday and Sunday suggestions

# Day 4: Texas Canyon Middle

**Tuesday March 11, 2025**

**Location:** Amerind Foundation, about 1 hr from downtown Tucson.

**Directions:** Take I-10 east to E Dragoon Rd in Cochise County. Take exit 318 from I-10 E. Turn right on Dragoon Rd. Take Dragoon Rd 1 mile to Amerind Rd. Follow directions once on the property.

Key Info
<b>Check-in opens:</b> 8:30am <b>Starts:</b> 10 am - noon <b>Courses close:</b> 2pm
<b>Course setters:</b> Cristina Luis <b>Event Director:</b> Annie King
<b>Closest ER and urgent care:</b> Benson Hospital, 450 S Ocotillo Ave, 20 min or Northern Cochise Community Hospital in Willcox, 901 W Rex Allen Dr, 24 min

## Courses:

Course	# Controls	Length (km)	Climb (m)
Explorer	A bunch	Up to you!	Very little
Orange	10	2.5	Very little
Brown	12	2.5	Very little
Green	16	3.2	Very little
Red	16	4.1	Very little
Blue	23	4.9	Very little

## Abbreviated mapper's notes (Jon Campbell, 2024):

Texas Canyon is mapped to IOF standards (ISOM 2017-2, Rev 6) with 5m contours. Scale as indicated for your particular course.

**Safety:** Please be familiar with the rarely used symbol for dangerous pit (203.2). From exploratory mining test pits, these have sheer vertical walls, with long drops (or unseeable

bottoms). They are extremely dangerous. But, they are in areas with other “normal” rocky pits (203.1), and all the pits are identifiable on approach from the surrounding “spoil,” the rock dug or blasted out and spread around the hole.



*Dangerous and rocky pit examples. Note the resemblance of dangerous pit to a gigantic boulder.*

As you become aware on the last few miles of driving here, this is a special place. First, it is a wonderland of exposed rock, boulders of many sizes, and whimsical rock formations. Second, it is primarily open grassland with fast running and very few cacti.\* Third, the terrain has many gentle hills, saddles, spurs, and reentrants. I made generous use of downward facing slope lines but you are doing well if you successfully avoid mentally inverting up vs down.

\*Thorns are here aplenty, but not from cactus. The primary tree / bush of the area is thorny mesquite, and there is also thorny acacia. In winter orienteering season, the mesquite has a few remaining small compound leaves and the acacia is bare. But, let's be honest, you don't routinely run into trees—you run around them, and this will serve you well here too. The other tree, with dark green “evergreen” leaves is the live oak. But...

You came here for the challenge of navigating in this rocky wonderland, and so the map emphasizes the rock and generalizes, but does not ignore, the vegetation. The museum campus has some individually mapped trees, but I avoided using the symbols for prominent large tree (417, green ring) or prominent tree / bush (418, green circle with center white dot), except in some rare, exceptional circumstances—these clutter the map and detract from its overall usefulness in navigating in this terrain.

But, the vegetation is well mapped and you will find it useful for route choice decisions and navigation. The map is primarily rough open land (403, light yellow), with patches of rough open with scattered bushes (404, green dots) or occasionally rough open with scattered trees (404, white dots). These are generalized area symbols, not intended to show precise edges. There's

no hard and fast rule for what's a high bush vs what's a low tree: gut feel—remember, generalized. But useful nonetheless.

In places, the bushes/trees (primarily mesquite) become thicker and are appropriately shown with shades of green for vegetation: slow running (406, light green), walk (408, medium green), and fight (410, dark green). The edges of these are typically precisely shown. And though subtle, the small patches of white forest (405) are very useful for navigation, because they tend to be the green-leafed live oak, some quite large. So paradoxically, you'll find you are often ignoring the vegetation mapping and yet finding it quite useful elsewhere.

Now, let's talk about the rock feature mapping. You'll see many big jumbles of rock and boulders. If your background includes climbing / bouldering / scrambling, you are going to say: "I could get up or through that..." But orienteering is a running sport, and I applied my judgement to determine "impassable" at a run, not climb—mapped using the only two impassable symbols available: 201 impassable cliff (thick black line) or 206, (gigantic boulder or rock pillar—black blob, drawn to shape). So, boulders, even quite prominent ones that are part of otherwise uncrossable features, are not shown. And boulder field (208, black triangle) or boulder cluster (207, black equilateral triangle) both imply passable, so are not used nearly as often as you might think when you first look at something and conclude: "that's a jumble of boulders." It is, but it's a jumble of impassable boulders, so it's likely mapped as a black blob—go around it.

Most mapped knolls are indeed rock, but rock that you could stand on top of, unlike boulders which are rock that you can't.

### **What to do after orienteering:**

- Visit the museum on the Foundation grounds. Your bib gets you free entry!
- Improv show at Tucson Improv Movement in Tucson (4:30 pm)
- Meet for dinner at the MSA Annex in Tucson (6:00 pm)

# Day 5: Rest Day & Kitt Peak telescope tour

**Wednesday March 12, 2025**

**Directions to Kitt Peak:** Kitt Peak is located at the end of route 386 on the Tohono O'odham Nation, 54 miles west of Tucson. Coming from Tucson, take route 86 (Ajo Way) west to the junction of 386. Make a left turn at the sign and follow the road to the top of the mountain. Please see the [Google map](#) for additional information and directions to [Kitt Peak Visitor Center](#). The public parking area for both day and evening activities is near the Visitor Center. RVs may not be parked overnight on observatory grounds.



# Day 6: Maternity Well 3-hour Score-O

Thursday March 13, 2025

**Location:** Maternity Well Group Site, Empire Cienega

**Directions:**

**From Tucson,** take I-10E to Vail. Take Exit 281 and follow Hwy 83 S/ Sonoita approximately 19.5 miles south to E Empire Ranch Road. Turn left into the preserve and follow the O-signs to a right-hand turn south to the Maternity Well Group site.

**From Sonoita,** head North on AZ 83 N. At 7.4 miles, turn right onto E Empire Ranch Road. Follow the O-signs to the Maternity Well Group site.

**Parking:** Maternity Well Group site

Key Info
<p><b>Check-in Opens:</b> 8:30 am <b>Starts:</b> 9 am - 11 am <b>Courses close:</b> 2pm</p>
<p><b>Restrooms:</b> portable toilets</p>
<p><b>Closest ER and urgent care:</b> Northwest Medical Center Sahuarita, 35 miles (about 45 min). 16260 S Rancho Sahuarita Blvd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629. Ph 520-416-7100.</p>
<p><b>Course setters:</b> Brad &amp; Yvonne Poe <b>Vetters:</b> Jeff and Nancy Coker <b>Event Director:</b> Yvonne Poe</p>

Course	Controls	Scale
Score-O (3 hour)	30	1:10,000

**Course Notes:**

The course is highly runnable with varied terrain and few hostile plants. The limited amount of Acacia (Catclaw) is easily avoided. The high points on the course provide spectacular views in all directions. While scouting the course, the course setters were lucky to see antelope herds on several occasions- hopefully you will too!

There is no water on the course and very little shade. Please bring water and snacks for your adventure, definitely wear some sunscreen, and gaiters are recommended to keep out any grass seed. There are fences on parts of the course. Please exercise caution with any barbed wire and remember to leave any gates as you found them (open or closed).

Safety bearing is West to AZ 83.

**What to do after the orienteering:**

Stay up late to watch the total lunar eclipse! It begins at around 9 pm, and reaches maximum close to midnight, and ends around 3 am.

Prior to the eclipse, head south to Sonoita and grab lunch/dinner at the Copper Brothel Brewery or other local restaurants. If venturing further afield to the town of Patagonia, check out the Gathering Grounds for breakfast/lunch or the Velvet Elvis for pizza.

# Day 7: Danny Lopez Park-O

**Friday March 14, 2025**

**Location:** Danny Lopez Park (previously known as Christopher Columbus Park)

**Directions:** From Tucson: Take I-10W to the Grant Road exit. Head west 1.1 miles on Grant Road to Silverbell Road, then head 2.75 miles north on Silverbell Road to the entrance of Danny Lopez Park on the east side of the road. In the park, take the first right, and Ramada 1 will be on your left about 0.25 mile down. Please only park in designated lots at the park. There are numerous lots throughout and there should be more than enough for everyone.

Key Info
<b>Check-in opens:</b> 9:30am <b>Starts:</b> 10 am - 11 am <b>Courses close:</b> 1 pm
<b>Restrooms:</b> In buildings <b>Closest ER and urgent care:</b> Banner - University Medical Center 1625 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719 (520) 694-0111, NextCare Urgent Care 501 N Park Ave #110, Tucson, AZ 85719 (520) 284-9200
<b>Course setter:</b> Alan Craig <b>Event Director:</b> Marcy Beard

## Courses:

Course	# Controls	Length (km)	Climb (m)
Park-O	23	3.9	15

**Map:** 1:4000/1m contours

**Course notes:** There will be one point-to-point Park-O course on offer at our inaugural use of the brand new, piping hot off the presses Danny Lopez Park map. The course will take a tour of the southern half of the park providing a mixture of developed park terrain surrounding the two lakes in the park and the runnable desert terrain in the undeveloped area. At 3.9km with about 15 meters of climb, this is a course that can be enjoyed very casually or at blistering speed!

## What to do after orienteering:

→ On the way to Phoenix? Consider these options!

- Check out Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge to see a prehistoric multi-level adobe structure
- Stop and climb Picacho Peak at Picacho Peak State Park for some stunning views of the region
- Hop over to the Huhugam Heritage Museum in the Gila River Indian Community to explore the history and culture of the Tohono and Akimel O'odham tribes
- Visit Papago Park and the Desert Botanical Garden in Tempe
- Check out the wild and extensive collections of the Musical Instruments Museum in Phoenix

 Day 8: Bartlett Lake

 Night 8: Bartlett Lake

 Day 9: Bartlett Lake

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