

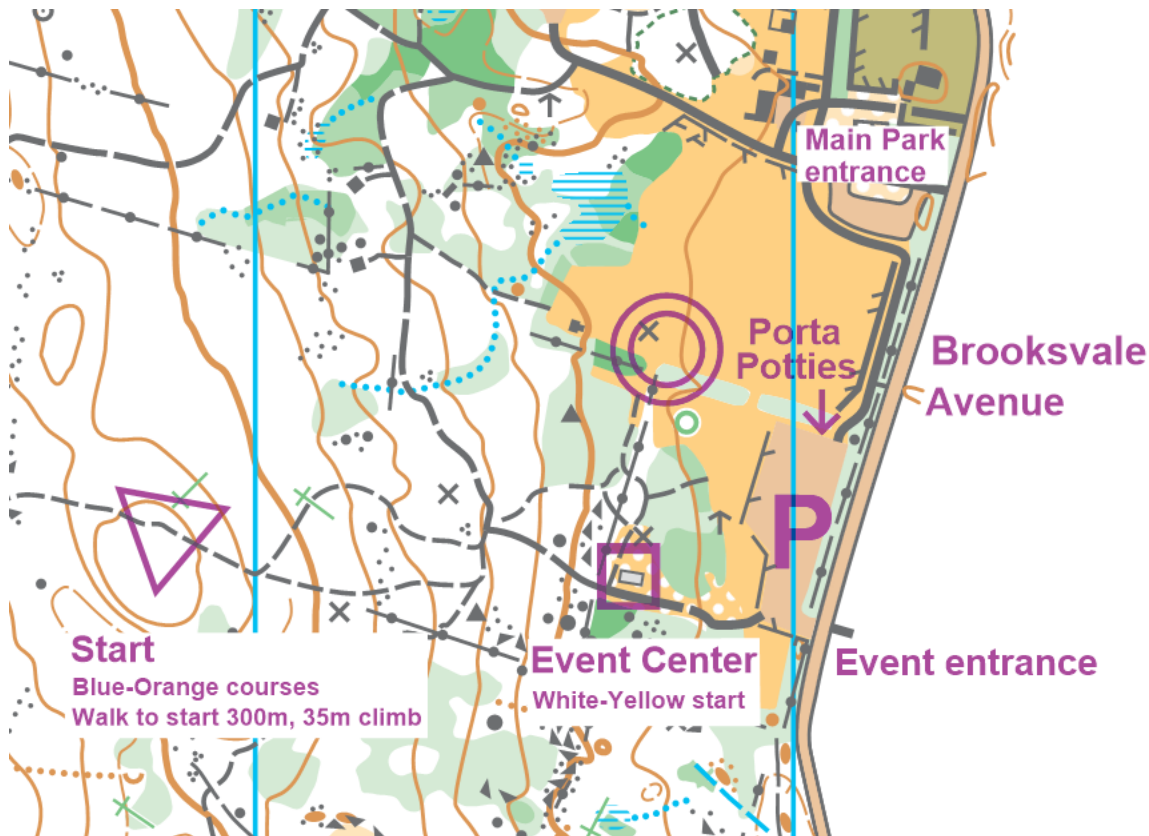


Brooksvale: Bigger and Better, One-Day NRE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Brooksvale Park, Hamden, CT

LOCATION



Parking is in the [large parking lot on Brooksvale Ave.](#), just south of the main entrance. There is no entrance fee.

Check In/download is at a nearby pavilion, which can be accessed using a trail extending off the southwest corner of the parking lot. Follow signs.

Brooksvale Park is embargoed until after the event with this exception: there will be primitive camping available at Brooksvale on Saturday night for \$5 per person. All areas of the park immediately outside of the parking and camping areas are embargoed. Add exception for camping around pavilion if needed.

SCHEDULE

October 13 – Late fees start Monday, 12:01 am

October 22, midnight (end of Wednesday) – Registration ends

PROGRAM: Sunday, Oct. 26

9:30 am-11:30 am – Registration for recreational courses

10:00 am-12:00 pm – Starts for competitive and recreational courses

3:00 pm – Courses close

REGISTRATION FEES (not including OUSA discount)

JUNIORS		ADULTS	
<u>Regular</u> Thru Oct. 12	<u>Late</u> Oct. 13 – Oct. 22	<u>Regular</u> Thru Oct. 12	<u>Late</u> Oct. 13 – Oct. 22
\$22	\$28	\$44	\$56

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Pre-registration for NRE by end of day on Oct. 22 is required. No day-of registration, except for Recreational courses.
- All prices are in USD.
- OUSA member discounts of \$4 apply to members of all international orienteering federations.
- The SI timing system will be used. All participants must use an SI timing card. SIAC (Air+) will be enabled. SI timing cards will be available for rental for \$2 per card through the online registration site, EventReg, and can be picked up in person at check-in on site. We have 6 SIAC (Air+) rental cards and those will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. When they are allocated, the remaining SI rental units are non-Air+ sticks.

[Register for NRE](#)

RECREATIONAL COURSES

There will be a Recreational White, Yellow and Orange course. Pre-registration for the Rec courses is strongly encouraged and will be available through October 22, 2025.

	MEMBERS OF US ORIENTEERING CLUB	NON-MEMBER
<u>Regular</u> Thru Oct. 12	\$5	\$10
<u>Late Registration</u> Oct. 13 – Oct. 22	\$10	\$15

- Recreational course participants must use an E-Punch/SI timing card; these are available on loan – check at recreational courses registration table. The registration system will charge \$2 for the use of an E-Punch. Recreational participants can redeem a coupon using the code SILOANER at the bottom of the registration confirmation page to remove this \$2 fee.

[Pre-Register for Rec courses](#)

Day of race registration will be available for the Recreational courses ONLY and only if sufficient maps are available. The cost will be \$20 per person. Those going in a group of 2 or 3 can pay \$3 per extra map.

- Large groups wishing to do Recreational courses should contact an Event Director (skdewitt@snet.net) ahead of time for large group rates. A large group is more than 3 people.

Large groups cannot register on the day unless they have notified the Event Director first.

COURSES and CATEGORIES

Categories

BLUE	M 21+
RED	F21+, M20, M35/40/45+, M Red
GREEN	F20, F35/40/45/50+, M18, M50/55/60+, F/M Green
BROWN X	F18, F55/60/65, M65/70/75
BROWN Y	F70/75/80/85+, M80/85+
ORANGE	F/M16, F/M Orange
YELLOW	F/M14, F/M Yellow
WHITE	F/M 10, F/M 12, F/M White

Course Details – subject to minor changes

Course	Distance (km)	Climb (m)	Climb %	Controls	Map Scale
BLUE	10.7	265	2.5%	27	1:10/15,000
RED	8.3	215	2.6%	20	1:10/15,000
GREEN	5.8	145	2.5%	14	1:7,500
BROWN X	4.1	85	2.1%	12	1:7,500
BROWN Y	3.1	65	2.1%	10	1:7,500
ORANGE	4.0	80	2.0%	12	1:7,500
YELLOW	2.4	75	3.1%	13	1:5,000
WHITE	1.6	35	2.2%	11	1:5,000

All courses except White and Yellow will have 1-3 controls with water available as indicated on the description sheet.

Time limit for all courses is **3 hours**. If you are likely to exceed this limit, please abandon your course and return to the finish. Even if you abandon your course, you must download so that we know you are back and do not send out search parties.

Clue sheets will be printed on the map. Loose clue sheets may be picked up 2 minutes before your start, at the mid-line. Clue sheets for White and Yellow are in English and for Orange in both English and in IOF symbols. For all other courses, the clue sheets are in IOF symbols only.

CHECK IN

NRE competitors and pre-registered Recreation course competitors If your registration is complete (including waiver and payment) you only need to check-in if you are renting/loaning an SI stick or if your SI number or course have changed. If this is the case, go to the NRE registration table in the pavilion to complete or change registration.

Start times will be allocated at the start line.

Recreational competitors who have not pre-registered. Go to the Recreational registration table in the pavilion. Anyone borrowing an SI stick will have to check in at the table as well.

START

All courses, except White and Yellow, will have a remote start. Follow signs and ribbons for a 300m walk on a large trail with about 35m of climb.

The White and Yellow course participants, both NRE competitors and recreational runners, will start at the Event Center. Look for signs.

START PROCEDURE

There will be no pre-assigned start times. You will be allocated a start time at the first start line, and the time will be at least 3 minutes after a competitor on the same course. Your name, course and SI number will also be checked.

Two minutes before your start, proceed to the second line and pick your loose control description sheet (control descriptions are also printed on all maps).

One minute before your start, proceed to the map-station at the third line, pick your map keeping it blank side up. Write your name on it. A staff member will ensure you have picked the correct map. You are not allowed to look at the map until you start.

Once the beeper sounds, punch the start control and begin your course.

MAP and TERRAIN

The map will be 5,000 scale for White and Yellow, 7,500 for Green, Brown and Orange courses and 10,000 scale for Blue and Red courses; 5 m contours for all courses.

Participants on the Blue and Red courses can request 15,000 scale to allow athletes with international ambitions to race on 15,000 scale (contact Course Setter in advance), while other participants benefit from the more legible map scale.

Course maps will be printed on 9x12" waterproof Teslin 10mil paper.


The Blue and Red courses will have a map flip with the respective maps printed back-to-back on the same sheet of paper. The first map shows the start and the controls up to and including control #16 on the Blue course and control #12 on the Red course. When runners flip to the second map, Blue control #16 and Red control #12 will be marked with a start control triangle and the first control on this map will be Blue control #17 and Red control #13. Note that the control number used for the map flips may change on the final course maps.



On the Yellow course, one leg will ribboned part of the way. Starting from control #2, runners should follow bright colored ribbons through a low visibility area until you reach a distinct ditch (remnants of an old large trail) on an uphill slope. This will be noted on the description sheet.

Terrain.

The terrain is typical to the northeast area with mostly moderately hilly, wooded terrain with a trail network, stone walls, stony ground, and other rock features. The basemap was created by Clinton Morse and field checked by Clinton Morse and J-J Cote (Oct 2025). A few salient points to pay attention to:

1. Vegetation mapping.

- a. The Medium Green vegetation symbol predominantly represents Mountain Laurel, and these areas are generally well defined. Free-standing and distinct Mountain Laurels are mapped with a single Medium Green dot.
- b. The White woods can be open and runnable, as runners will experience on the first leg of the advanced courses. However, much of the mapped white woods may be described as "New England White", meaning the woods are a mix of open woods and slower light green vegetation with ambiguous transitions and borders. There are at times young saplings and/or branches/debris on the ground that slow you down. While Blue and Red runners will run at speed through these sections, Brown runners may at times perceive the white woods as light green.
- c. Major fallen trees are mapped with a green cross .

2. Several sections of the terrain are flat and featureless. It is easy to lose navigational control in these areas and precise compass work and disciplined use of distinct features like trails, boulders and stone walls are beneficial.
3. Stone walls are generally lower in height and less distinct compared with many other places in New England.
4. Boulders and cliffs with less than 1m heights are occasionally mapped when distinct in their immediate area.
5. The Cairn symbol  is used for distinct, larger rock piles. Smaller, lower to the ground piles of rock are mapped with three black dots in a triangle .
6. The width and runnability of trails are described with different thickness of the trail symbol used. Some of the smaller trails are not widely used and combined with leaves on the ground, they may at times be difficult to see in the terrain, especially when running across them.
7. Runners on the Green, Red and Blue courses will encounter areas in the NW sections of the map where numerous trees are marked with bright paint. Please disregard these painting signs, which are related to planned logging that will take place after this NRE weekend.
8. The longer courses will cross a powerline in the southern section of the map. Most of the powerline area is marked with single-slash green stripes, representing mainly non-thorny waist or chest high grass and bushes.

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AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each NRE class. Awards will be available for each course when the first three places are finalized.

ACCOMMODATION

\$5 per person primitive camping surrounding registration pavilion at Brooksvale Park on Saturday night. Campers cannot go outside the parking lot and pavilion because all other areas are embargoed. Campers can use the porta potties in the parking area.

If you would like to camp at Brooksvale, you can indicate this when you register online and pay for it.

Some nearby hotels that are reasonably priced include:

- Cheshire Welcome Inn
- Whitney Inn and Suites

EVENT OFFICIALS

Meet Directors: Susan DeWitt and Ellen Morse

Course Setter: Niels Lyng-Olsen

OUSA Course Consultant: Boris Granovskiy

Course Vetter: Tony and Karen Muffatti

Mappers: Clinton Morse and J-J Cote

Registrar: Earl LaVallee

Starts: Joe Brautigam, Pavlina Brautigam and Chris Fielding

Finish and Results: Rick DeWitt, Susan DeWitt, Marie Arnesson Galler

Recreational Registration and Instruction: Jim Henderson, Rich Nietupski, Charlie DeWeese, Steve Richardson

Refreshments: Harold Ellis

Photographer: Bill Duncan

SAFETY/MEDICAL

All participants should carry a whistle. If you don't have one, they will be available at check-in.

Safety bearing is East towards Brooksvale Avenue. The White, Yellow, Orange, and Brown courses will not cross and go south of the large powerline in the southern section of the map.

Kit(s) to handle minor emergency first aid available at EventCenter/download station.

The nearest **emergency room/Hospital** is Yale New Haven Hospital, 20 York St, New Haven, CT, 203.688.4242 - 14 miles away. The nearest walk-in clinic is MinuteClinic at CVS, 905 S Main St, Cheshire, CT, 866.389-2727 - 3 miles away.