

Mazama Lodge Orienteering Course

The Orienteering practice course at Mazama Lodge, created in 2010, is an opportunity to have a stroll around the Lodge and practice your map reading. There are 7 markers, aka control points, attached to trees. The object is to simply find the control points in the right order (find control 1, then control 2, etc.).

Questions and Answers . . .

How long is the course? About 1.8 miles.

How long will it take to complete it? Depending on your map reading skills, it should take you about 1 hour.

Do I need a compass? No, just the map.

Where do I get a map? The Mazamas web has a link to a .pdf file to both the map and these course notes: www.mazamas.org --> Resources --> Navigation Training --> Lodge Orienteering Course. Print one at home before you come to the Lodge. Printed maps are also normally available at the Lodge.

What am I looking for? You are looking for a square (about 4"x 4") vinyl marker attached to trees, with a white and orange triangle, the international symbol for an Orienteering control. Some trees have two markers, most have one. It looks like this:



Where can I go to for more practice? The Mazamas have a permanent navigation practice course on Mt. Tabor in SE Portland, which will offer you more in-depth training than this course. For details, see the Navigation Training link above.

Also, the worldwide sport of completive orienteering has a local club, the Columbia River Orienteering Club (CROC.) This club hosts orienteering events year round for all skill levels at local Portland area parks. Beginners are always welcome. See their website for more details, www.croc.org