

Alberta Barebones '98 Orienteering Festival

May 29 - 31, 1998*

Three days of high quality orienteering in the Halkirk area east of Red Deer, Alberta. The Foothills Wanderers Orienteering Club invites orienteers of all caliber and experience to join us on the last weekend in May* for a three-day festival packed with events and activities that is guaranteed to be a fun, fun gathering of new and old friends. Our headquarters for the weekend will be the Teepee Village at Circle Square Ranch. Everyone, no matter what level of experience, is invited to take part in this, the third Alberta Barebones Festival.

* (NOT the long weekend)



Barebones '98 Festival At A Glance

We begin, as we always do, with Mark's **Sprint-O** on Friday evening. The event is at Heritage Ranch in Red Deer which gives everyone just enough time to get from the office to the 7:00pm start. After the event we head east to Circle Square Ranch and our group campsite for the weekend.

Saturday is Alberta's *First Ever Chase Start* – an orienteering event in two parts. In the morning we run **The Setup** event right from our campsite. A shorter than usual course in the coulees. Your finish time in The Setup determines your start time in The Chase. After a rest for lunch we take the short trip to North Paintearth for **The Chase** event. The first people back in the morning are the first ones out in the afternoon. First one back is the winner.

Saturday night all the action is at the group campsite: the potluck feast, a smattering of awards, maybe a campfire sing song and who knows, perhaps a night O.

Sunday we return to North Paintearth for **The Reverse Chase**. The organizers will have their laptop computers whirring furiously all night processing the results from The Setup event to determine start times for The Reverse Chase. In this event the slowest person from the Setup starts first. If things work properly, everyone will finish at exactly the same time. A Mass Finish!!

After, we'll have Alberta's Quickest Award Ceremony followed by a **Chase-Again** training event in which people are invited to rerun portions of Sunday's morning event. Coaching will be available. Afterwards the real heroes step forward for control pick up, and then we head home tired and happy.

Beginners Welcome!

If you've never orienteered before, or if you've done it a couple of times and are a bit nervous about trying it out - then the Barebones Festival is for you! Every event will have: 1) a beginners clinic starting one hour before the first start; 2) courses suitable for newcomers; 3) courses suitable for novice and intermediate orienteers; 4) non-competitive 'open' categories. You'll enjoy the camaraderie of new orienteering friends and pick up lots of tips. The Barebones Weekend is the ideal way to develop your orienteering ability and have a load of good fun.

Barebones Philosophy

We reckon that quality orienteering shouldn't need millions of organizers plus a dozen nervous breakdowns. The Alberta Barebones '98 Orienteering Festival will encompass the idea of quality orienteering with minimum organizational effort.



Sprint 0 – The Set Up – The Chase – The Reverse Chase

Sprint O

Friday May 29, 7 pm Heritage Ranch, Red Deer

This evening event sets the weekend off on a fun footing! Nothing more hectic and exciting than a mass start and lots of controls.

Meet Director	Mark Astridge, King of the Sprints
Map	Heritage Ranch 1:7,000, 5m contours 1992
Registration	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Map Drawing	Late registrants will have to draw their courses & map corrections after they start
Start	7:00 pm – mass start
Course closing	9:00 pm
Courses	Course 1 2 km – novice ; Course 2 3.5 km – intermediate ; Course 3 5.0 km – advanced
Directions to Site	Take Highway 2 to Red Deer. Follow the signs to Heritage Ranch from the 32 nd Street overpass.

The Setup

Saturday May 30, 10 am Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk

This event determines your start time for both the Chase and the Reverse Chase events. It is a shortish regular-O event starting and finishing right in the group campsite.

Officials	Course Planner: Jim Baker. Controller: David Roberts.
Map	Paintearth Creek 1:15,000 5m contours 1990, Pat & Dick de St. Croix
Sign in	9:00 – 10:00 am
Start times	10:00 – 10:30 am, times assigned at start line
Map Drawing	Late registrants will have to draw their courses & map corrections after they start
Maximum Time	Competitors will be allowed one and a half hours to complete their courses
Courses	Course 1 – novice – 1.5 km ; Course 2 – intermediate – 2.5 km ; Course 3 – advanced – 4.0 km
Directions to Site	Start / finish at group campsite. Crawl out of your sleeping bag and there you are.

The Chase

Saturday May 30, 2 pm Paintearth North, Halkirk

This is the second part of today's two-part event. This morning's fastest competitors start first and first one across the finish line is the winner. Chase starts are a whole load of fun. Expect some interesting strategies and lots of exciting finishes.

Officials	Course Planner: Jim Baker. Controller: David Roberts.
Map	North Paintearth 1:10,000 5m contours 1990
Sign in	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Start time	2:00 pm plus your time from The Setup; Mass Start at 3:30 for those who haven't already started
Map Drawing	Late registrants will have to draw their courses & map corrections after they start
Maximum Time	Competitors will be allowed two hours to complete their courses
Courses	Course 1 – novice – 1.5 km ; Course 2 – intermediate – 3.5 km ; Course 3 – advanced – 5.0 km
Directions to Site	Only five miles from the campsite. Head back toward Hwy 855. Approximately one quarter mile before the highway turn north on a gravel road (it will be signed). Follow this road for about three miles.

The Reverse

Sunday May 31, 10 am Paintearth North, Halkirk

A mass finish! The Reverse Chase gives an advantage to slower orienteers. Start times are assigned based on results from The Setup event. Slower competitors will be assigned early start times and faster competitors later start times so that ideally all competitors will finish at the same time. But still, first one back wins.

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Map	North Paintearth 1:10,000 5m contours 1990
Sign in	9:00 am - 10:00 am
Map Drawing	Hey, we liked the idea of color photocopies so much that we did it again. Yippee!!
Start	10:00 am plus a handicap assigned by the organizers based on the results from The Setup event.
Maximum Time	Competitors will be allowed three hours to complete their courses

Courses Course 1 – novice – 2.0 km ; Course 2 – intermediate – 4.5 km ; Course 3 – advanced – 7.0 km

Directions to Site This is the same map as yesterday – it hasn't moved.

Training

Sunday May 31, 2-3pm Paintearth North, Halkirk

Here's your chance to end the weekend with a bit of review. We'll be leaving out the controls a little bit longer from Sunday's Reverse Chase event. You can re-run your course in whole or in part; you can revisit particular trouble spots; and for those who prefer, coaches will be available to give insight and suggestions on areas that you may have particular problems with.

Camping

- We will be staying in Teepee Village at the Circle Square Ranch, right on the Paintearth Creek orienteering map. We have reserved seven teepees with seven cots in each available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Tent sites are plentiful. Hot showers in the washroom tents. A large kitchen tent for cooking and for the Saturday night Potluck. A nominal camping fee will be collected at the campsite (approx. \$10 / night).
- Our event coincides with Staff Training at Circle Square. The ranch has been very accommodating in allowing us to use part of their facility; but none of the Western Town facilities will be available, nor will there be any horseback riding. The BMX track and obstacle course will be open. Please help keep our very good reputation by staying out of the way of the Staff Training.
- Circle Square Ranch is a no-alcohol facility. Please respect the rules.
- If camping does not appeal to you, all of the events are within 45 minutes of Stettler which offers a variety of other accommodations for those more inclined to luxury. The events are scheduled for the convenience of those staying at the campsite.
- There are no major towns in the vicinity of Circle Square so bring everything that you'll need for the weekend. The town of Halkirk has a bar and a general store.

Directions to Campsite

- From Red Deer head east to Stettler and continue east on Highway 12. Just before the town of Halkirk turn north on Highway 855. After about three kilometers there is a bend in the road. Look for a sign to Circle Square Ranch and follow the signs eight kilometers.
- Approximate driving time from Red Deer (150km): 90 minutes.
- If you are not coming out until Saturday you probably don't want to come through Red Deer. From Edmonton direct (210km), take Hwy 21 and go through Camrose and through Daysland via Hwy 13 then take Hwy 855 south for about 30km to the bend in the road and the Circle Square sign. From Calgary direct (290km): take your favorite back country roads – there are no obvious shortcuts.

Pot Luck Supper

Join the fun in the Kitchen Teepee at the Group Campsite Saturday night. Bring your favorite dish. And cutlery. And plates. And beverage. Awards for the Short-O and the Chase will be bestowed between mouthfuls. And, bring along your guitar, harmonica, bagpipes, what-have-you, for a campfire sing song.

Child Care

If you require baby-sitting, please send a note with your registration giving the number and age of the children. We will provide on-site childcare unless the weather is poor in which case babysitting will be in Teepee Village with its tents, trampoline, pool, and frisbee golf. \$2 / child / hour. Please treat our volunteers with courtesy.

Rules

All entrants must sign a Release and Indemnity form at the event site.
Whistles are mandatory (and, as always, can be purchased at the event).
No spikes! This is to protect the ground cover.

Need more information??

By E-mail	Adrian Zissos: adrian@merak.com
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By fax	(403) 294-4301, Attention: Adrian Zissos
By mail	Alberta Barebones '98 Orienteering Festival 1239 Colgrove Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2E 5C3
Internet	http://www.cyberbia.com/fwoc/barebones98.htm



The Barebones Orienteering Festival is being run on a low budget and profits from the event will be used to support the development of orienteering in Alberta.

1996: 95 participants, \$1534 net income

1997: 77 participants, \$965 net income

Help us attract 100 competitors in 1998!

Registration

Pre-register! You get predrawn maps; you save money; you make the organizers' job easier; you get a chance for a free entry. Did I mention you make the organizers' job easier? May 13th is the early registration deadline and on that day there is an Early Bird Draw for a free entry! Send in your registration right away.

This year we're pioneering a different fee structure to encourage participation by newcomers and to reduce the fees for families with lots of young 'uns. The fee is based on your course:

Entry Fee received on or before May 13th

Event	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Short O	\$5	\$8	\$10
The Set Up	\$5	\$8	\$10
The Chase.	\$5	\$8	\$10
The Reverse Chase	\$5	\$8	\$10
For all 4 events	\$17	\$28	\$35

Late Fee & Non-members, add \$2/event (Contact Charlotte MacNaughton (see over for address) to receive a membership form.

Groups: Pay the regular entry fee plus \$3 for each extra map

Early Bird Special

On May 13th we will draw one pre-registered orienteer and award that person free entry to all of the events.

Complainer's Fee

Another Barebones' tradition. The complainer's fee of \$10 is to be paid in advance by anyone who thinks they might take to whining about the terrain, the courses, the punch-stands, the organization, the weather, or anything else that will make the organizers wish they'd never put their heart and soul into staging this event. Constructive criticism, as usual, is free :-)

Cancellation & Refunds

In the event you should cancel your entry, we will refund 80% if the cancellation is received in writing before May 13th, but only 50% after that. No refunds will be given after May 29th.

Registration procedure

Mail your entry (and fee) to: Barebones '98 Orienteering Festival, 1239 Colgrove Ave NE, Calgary, Ab T2E 5C3

If you prefer, **fax** or **email** us all of the information and mail us a cheque separately. Note that we will not consider you properly registered until we get the cheque! (So entry fees are determined by the date we receive the cheque - and so is eligibility for the early-bird draw).

BAREBONES '98 REGISTRATION

Contact name

Club

Address

Phone

E-mail

Entrants

Entry fees

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Make cheques payable to: Alberta Orienteering Association

TOTAL

A spare registration form, so you don't have to cut up the brochure...

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