

BLACK RUN PRESERVE

ORIENTEERING COURSE

This course is a beginner level course that loops back to the start. All control locations (markers) are easily found from marked trails. The course is relatively flat and covers moderate terrain. The total distance of the course is about 6 miles and will take 2.5 hours at a leisurely pace. However, both time and distance will depend on the specific route you choose to complete the course. Please take this into consideration when starting the course at dusk.

A basic orienteering compass is helpful in completing the course. The trails are well marked and maintained so you should be able to complete the course using the map only. You will need a pen or pencil for recording the control points as you locate them.

Orienteering is a timed event so you will want to record your start and finish times. You may wish to record times at each control point



INSTRUCTIONS

Familiarize yourself with the map before you begin.

Note: It may be easier to determine your relation to trails, fields and bogs if you hold the map in front of you and rotate it until it is “oriented” in front of you. The Pink Magnetic North lines will be helpful if you have a compass.

- 1) Set out to visit the controls in the sequence outlined on the map starting at the Start/Finish (S/F) orienteer symbol near the main parking area on Kettle Run Road. Upon finding the S/F marker post, record your start time in the space provided on the control sheet.

The **START/FINISH** Post



- 2) From the S/F marker begin your search for each marker post. For example, an imaginary post #15 shows that it is near a trail junction. Determine the route you want to follow to arrive at the junction. Check the control log for the hint.

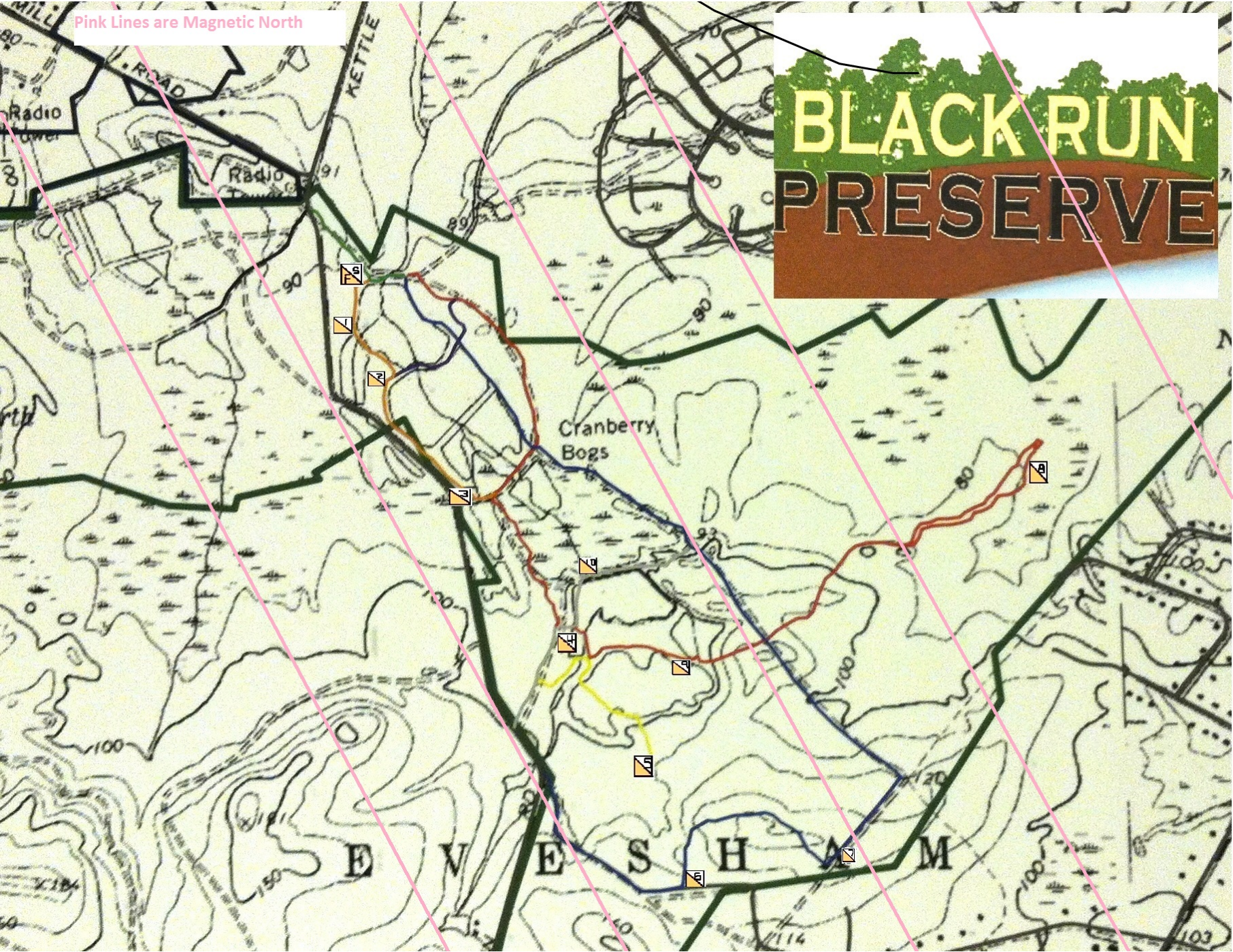
As you arrive at the junction and find the marker take a closer look to determine the control letter.

- 3) As you find each marker post log the control letter in the space provided. This provides proof that you have visited the control.
- 4) After visiting all controls return to the S/F Post and record your finish time.



SAFETY NOTE: The Black Run Reserve contains hazards not normally encountered. Be sure to follow all precautions normally used for hiking. You are responsible for the safety of you and your group.





NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS		DATE							
1	Towards the birdhouse	2	By the bench	3	Right of the dam	4	Red crosses white on white	5	End of yellow
6	End of blue	7	Blue standpipe	8	Valley of red	9	Bog with downed pine	10	Babbling birdhouse