

Lake Cuyamaca Orienteering Event: Course Setter Notes

Date: Saturday, October 10

Start window: 10:00–11:00

Event ends: 1:30 PM

Headquarters: Paso Picacho Campground ([parking pin link](#))

Welcome to the Lake Cuyamaca orienteering event! Below is everything you need to plan your day.

Courses

Course	Length	Climb	Map scale	Start	Start link
Beginner	2 km	30	1:5,000	At HQ	Paso Picacho
Advanced	4 km	110	1:10,000	Remote, Stonewall Mine	Stonewall Mine
Expert	7.4 km	185	1:10,000	Remote, Stonewall Mine	Stonewall Mine

Getting to the start

The Beginner course starts and finishes at the HQ in the Paso Picacho campground.

The Advanced and Expert courses use a **remote start at Stonewall Mine**. A shuttle runs continuously from the HQ to the start, and the ride takes about 10 minutes.

- **Plan your timing.** Allow for the ride so you arrive in time for your start. The start window is 10:00–11:00, so the last shuttle should leave the HQ well before 11:00.
- **Park at the HQ** and take the shuttle. This is our recommendation for everyone.
- **If the start parking floods**, Advanced and Expert runners will be redirected to the overflow parking next to Stonewall.
- **Parked at Stonewall?** A shuttle ride back to your car from HQ will be provided.

Entrance fees

There is a **\$10 entrance fee** per car at both the Paso Picacho campground and the remote start at Stonewall Mine.

Facilities

Toilets are available at the HQ and at the Stonewall remote start.

Event end time

The event ends at **1:30 PM**. Please be back at the finish by then, even if you haven't completed your course. If you are still out, head back to the finish and report in so we know you're safe.

About the map

- **Age.** The Rancho Cuyamaca map was first drafted in 2012, so some details may be out of date.
- **Vegetation:** The white "forest" areas mostly mean scattered trees, not dense tree clusters. Don't expect them to match what you see. Undergrowth is heavy this time of year, and in places it may be thick or slow.
- The flooded areas on the map are mostly dry, and so are the seasonal streams.
- **Trust the terrain.** Contours, knolls and other landforms are fairly accurate, so rely on those for navigation.
- **Contour interval** is 5 m
- **Gaiters recommended** for the Advanced and Expert courses.

Road crossing

The Advanced and Expert courses cross **Highway 79** once. A control with drinking water marks the crossing point:

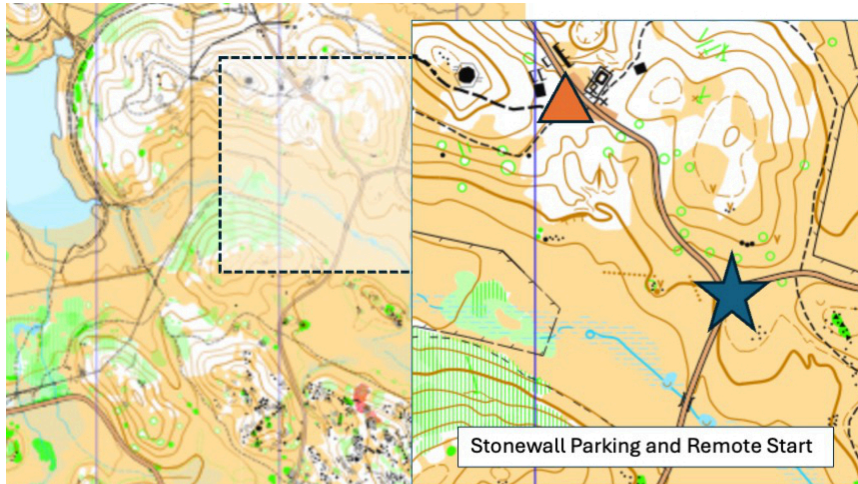
- **Advanced:** control 5
- **Expert:** control 11

Please take care here and watch for speeding cars. The other roads on the courses are safe to cross, but stay alert at each one.

Weather and safety

The forecast looks nice, with temperatures much lower on Saturday than during the coming week. Check the forecast the day before and dress accordingly.

Cell reception is weak throughout the park and sometimes doesn't exist.



Remote Start



Shuttle Pickup/Dropoff



HQ/Finish



Paso Picacho Parking,
Finish and HQ