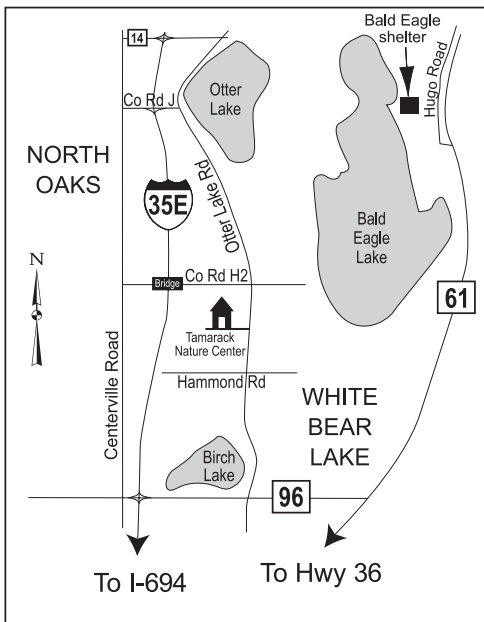


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Directions

From I-694, travel north on 35E to Hwy 96. Turn right on Hwy 96 and follow for approximately 1 mile to Otter Lake Road. Turn left on Otter Lake Road and follow for two miles. The park is located on the left.

Map



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What is Orienteering?

Orienteering is the sport (or art!) of cross-country navigation with a map and compass. The goal is to find the shortest, safest route between a series of marked landscape features, in order and in the shortest possible time.

Tamarack's Permanent Orienteering Course

This orienteering course was designed in cooperation with the Minnesota Orienteering Club (MNOOC) to offer an introduction to orienteering for school groups, scouts, youth groups and families. 24 permanent control points are installed throughout the park to create beginner, intermediate and advanced routes based upon the distance between points and the subtlety of terrain features used to find the point.



Participants use a map and compass to navigate to 5 or more control points, each with a distinct pattern that is recorded on a punch card. Multiple teams can be on the same course running different routes simultaneously.

Benefits of Orienteering?

Orienteering presents a unique combination of mental and physical challenges. Teachers and youth leaders like the emphasis on cooperation and decision-making skills. If you enjoy traveling in wilderness areas, you owe it to yourself to learn good map reading skills!

How do I access Tamarack's Orienteering Course?

The course and its control points are available for public use during daylight hours when the park is open. Tamarack offers an introductory class for those new to the sport. Maps and punch cards are available for purchase or rental and we'll even loan you a compass! ... Let us know how we can help you!

What should I wear?

Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty, (long pants recommended), and sturdy walking shoes.

All proceeds from tuition, sales and rental help us maintain the orienteering course for your enjoyment.



Classes and Equipment Rental

To arrange a class, or rental/sale of orienteering supplies, call Tamarack Nature Center at 651-407-5350

Beginning Orienteering Class (2 hours)
\$6 per person, \$60 minimum (includes all materials)

Learn the skills needed to successfully navigate a beginner orienteering course: interpretive map, using a compass, judging distance/travel time, orienting a map, and matching features on the ground to map symbols. After finding a point collectively, participants run a timed beginner course with a partner.



Orienteering Training for Teachers/Youth Leaders (2 hours) \$30

Especially for group leaders who wish to lead a group orienteering themselves, this class will give you the background and skills to confidently teach your group orienteering.

Orienteering Equipmental Rental

Rental available during building hours or by special arrangement for on-site use only.

Individual Rental: \$2 (A set of one compass, map and punch card)

Group Rental: \$20 (A set of 10 maps, compasses, air horn and punch cards)

For Sale:

Orienteering Maps \$4 each

Punch cards 4 for \$1.00