

ROCHESTER MAP ADVENTURE

2015 Event Details

The object is to visit, in any order, as many as possible of the checkpoints indicated by circles on the map, and verify that you were there by answering a question whose answer is found at the checkpoint.

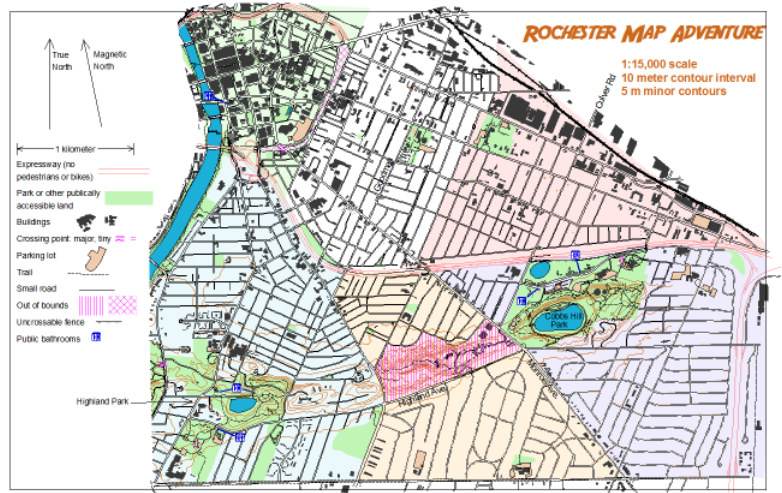
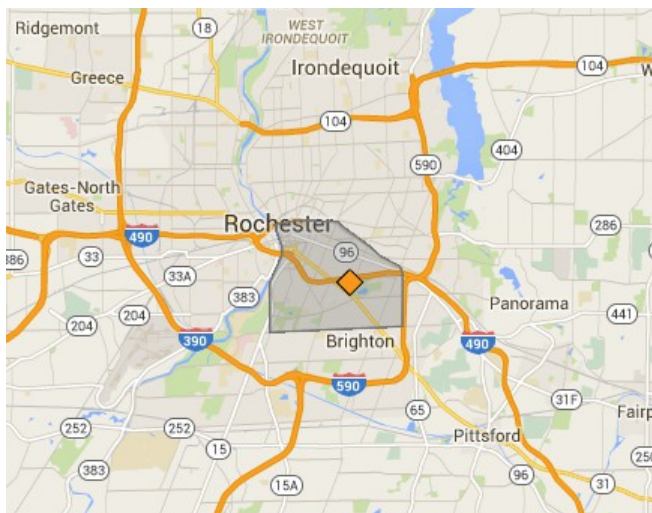
Event Location:

Event starts at Fleet Feet Sports 155 Culver Rd next to Cobbs Hill Park. Registration open at 9:30 and event starting at 11:00.

Map:

The map is double sided 11x17 at 1:15,000 scale. Each side has just less than 50 checkpoints. You will receive the map as soon as you check in at registration and may begin planning a route.

At that start participants will be given the questions sheet for the first side. When they have collected as many checkpoints as the desire, they can return to the start/finish and turn the first side questions sheet in and receive the second side.



Checkpoints:

Checkpoints are numbered by section on the map each starting with the same letter. This should minimize paper-shuffling between the questions sheet and map.

In the center of each checkpoint circle is a dot indicating the precise location of where the answer can be found. The answer should generally be reasonably obvious if you are at the right spot. We tried our best this year to minimize the time needed at a control to locate the answer, by having a red dot in the center of the control circle, and by having hints where needed.



Most of the checkpoints are quite permanent (things carved in stone on building walls, for example), but others could conceivably change with time.

Hopefully this hasn't happened to other checkpoints, but with such a large number of points, it's not out of the question that a very small number may have changed. If you know you're in the correct location, and the question just isn't making sense (or the question makes sense but there is no way to answer it), after giving it a good effort, don't agonize over it forever. Move on to the next control on your route. If others who attempt that control report a problem with it, you'll be given credit for it.

Scoring:

2 points for every control visited with the question answered correctly, and minus 2 point for questions answered incorrectly. Minus 1 point per minute or fraction of a minute overtime.

Rules:

It is prohibited to utilize any method of determining the answer other than by visiting the checkpoints. (Internet searches using smart phones, for example, or wild guesses, or calling a friend who you think may know.) By answering a question, you are attesting that you were at that point.

Team members must stay together (no splitting up to visit separate locations.)

Although you're encouraged to carry a cell phone for safety reasons, cell phone conversation between different teams to compare strategies, swap answers, etc. is strictly prohibited. If needed, the organizers can be contacted at 585-353-5813 (cell phone) (this number is also printed on your map).

Extra Info:

There are no refreshments (food or beverages) provided by ROC on the course, other than at the start/finish. However, this being an urban setting, there are lots of places where food or beverages can be purchased.

The location of known public restrooms are indicated on the map.

Try not to miss the pedestrian paths, since they can shorten the route (and cars can't use them, which makes you a privileged character!)

Limited-access highways (I-490 and the Inner Loop) are mapped in red; no pedestrian or bike travel is permitted on these roads. Other streets are legal for foot and bike traffic, although being in an urban area, there is a wide range in terms of how busy (and thus bike-friendly) the streets are. On Saturday the traffic on most city streets should be light enough so that bike travel is not difficult.

Virtually all of the streets on the map have sidewalks, so they are pedestrian-friendly. Use extra care when crossing streets. Please make safety your first concern.

The map is oriented to true north with magnetic north indicated on the map legend.

Map bags of 9x12 and 12x18 will be available (your choice). Some people might find it better to have a smaller map bag to hold, while others may like being able to see the entire mapped area at once.

Bicyclists will have to get off to get to some of the spots. Riding in Highland Park and Cobbs Hill Park is forbidden, except on roads. They will also need to find a way to carry the maps and answer sheet in an accessible way.

If you're competing by bike, there is no requirement to keep the bike with you for the entire time. If you choose to do so, you can lock it up and go on foot to visit some controls.

Hope you enjoy the event and find our city as interesting as we did!!

- Tyler Borden and Rick Lavine, course setters
- Rick and Dayle Lavine, meet directors

Map Notes:

This map was created in very large part from GIS data provided by the City of Rochester and the County of Monroe.

As far as buildings, standard-sized city houses are not shown. Any building judged substantially larger than a typical house is generally shown. Over time, some buildings are torn down, and some new buildings are built. There may be a few errors due to buildings shown that are no longer there, and buildings that are there that are not shown on the map. In general, the buildings are probably 99% accurate and can be very useful in navigating (telling what corner you're on, etc.).

Most parking lots are not shown. A couple are, because they relate specifically to control points.