

## Permanent orienteering courses in North Texas

### Public courses:

Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Dr, Plano, TX 75074

Currently, this is only publically accessible permanent orienteering installation in North Texas. Note: It is not a traditional permanent course, but a technology-driven one.

The course was the creation and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Eagle Scout Service Project of Jared Chrisman. Jared is a member of BSA Troop 1001, chartered by Trinity Bible Church, Richardson, Texas, and graduate of Plano Senior East High School. NTOA served as one of the project sponsors and is hosting the course online.

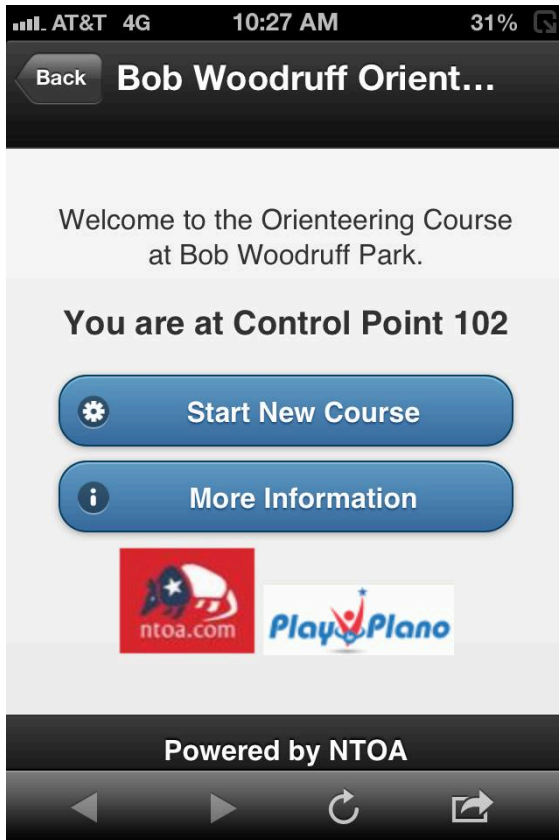
Jared developed the course in coordination with the [City of Plano Parks & Recreation](http://www.plano.gov/204/Parks-Recreation) [hyperlink/new window: <http://www.plano.gov/204/Parks-Recreation>] department to promote the sport of orienteering and benefit patrons of Bob Woodruff Park.



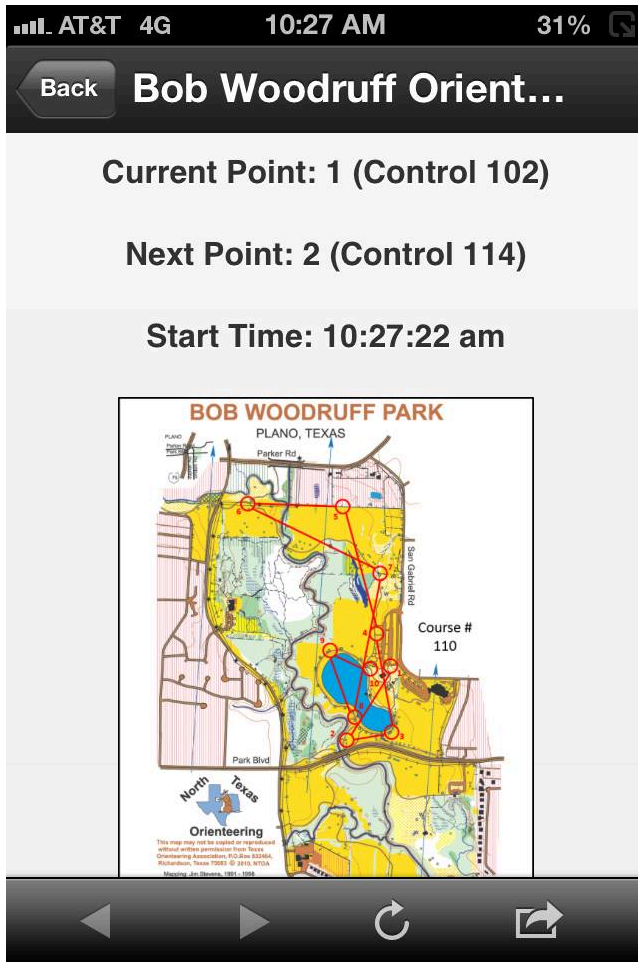
How it works:

- There are thirty-two control points scattered throughout the park that are used to create over 200 different 10-point courses. Controls can be found near the parking lots near both the North and South Pavilions.

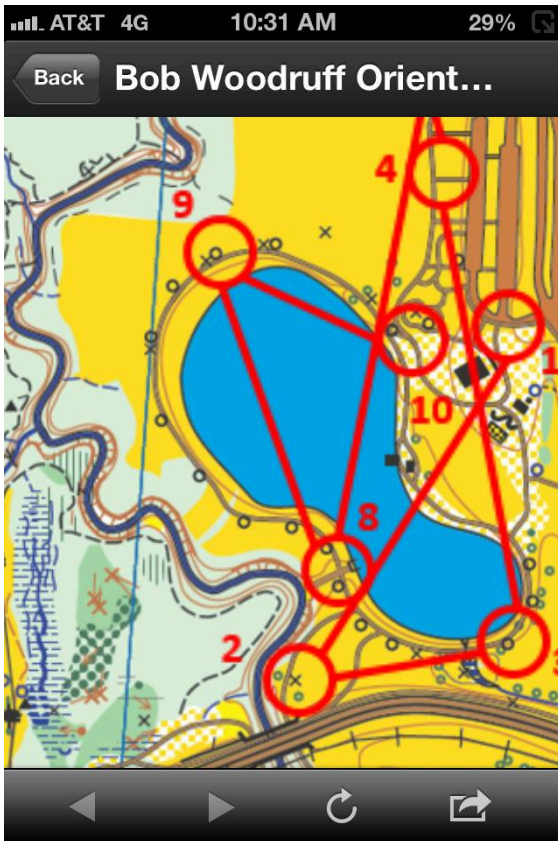
- The control points themselves are 4"-inch square aluminum plates printed with the QR code, URL and sponsor information. (See photo above.)
- It's easiest to use a smartphone with a QR reader app to participate. Scanning any QR code identifies your current control location, and lets you either click a link for more info, or to start a new course.



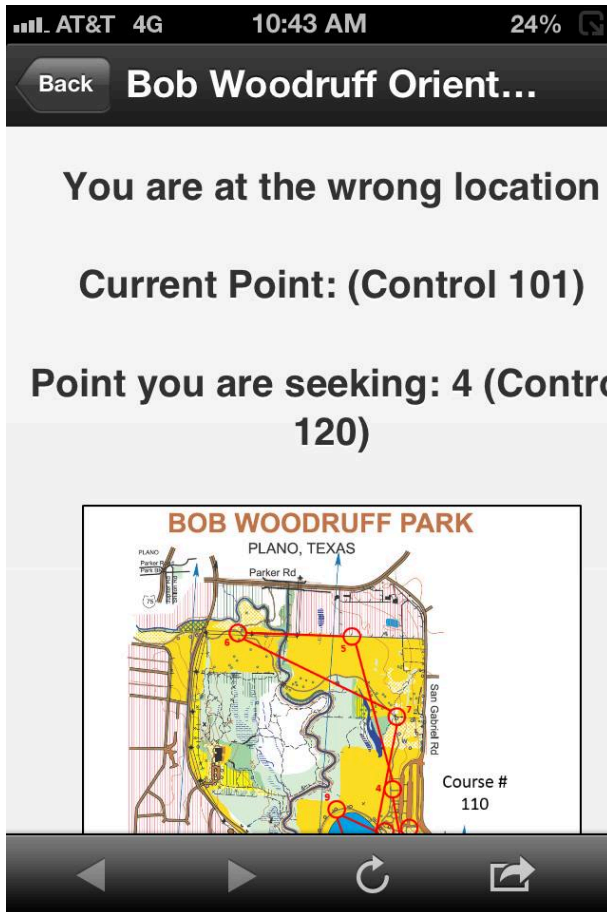
- When you click "Start New Course," one of hundreds of random 10-point courses is generated. Your start time is also noted.



- From there, you can zoom in on the map to orient yourself and look for the next control. By zooming in (pinching) on your phone or tablet, you can get a clear view of the control circles.



- If you make a mistake, it tells you! Otherwise, it records your split time, shows you your elapsed time, and sends you on to your next leg.



- When you've completed all 10 controls, it displays your elapsed time and splits.



### **BSA Permanent Courses**

There are permanent orienteering courses satisfying First Degree requirements installed at two BSA Circle Ten Council Scout Ranches:

#### **Camp James Ray**

71 Camp James Ray Rd, Pottsboro, TX 75076  
(903) 786-2591

#### **Clements Scout Ranch/Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp**

11217 FM 2970, Athens, TX 75751-8682  
(903) 675-3781

Contact the Scout Ranches directly to arrange your troop's visit and purchase maps.