

California Orienteering Festival

Stage 3: Morgan Territory Middle Distance

National Ranking Event

Wednesday July 19, 2023

Meet Director's Notes

Stage 3 is the Finale of the Western States Championships. Residents of Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Nevada are eligible. Scores are computed using the Scottish system across Stages 1 to 3. Awards will be presented at the NAOC Opening Ceremony and Dinner at Northstar on Friday July 21.

East Bay Regional Park District's Ordinance 38 (04-19-2016), specifically Section 806 Archeological Features, states: No person shall damage, injure, collect or remove any object of paleontological, archaeological, or historical interest or value located on District parklands. In addition, any person who willfully alters, damages, or defaces any object of archaeological or historical interest or value or enters a fenced and posted archaeological or historical site shall be arrested or issued a citation pursuant to Penal Code Section 622-1/2

There is limited parking at Morgan Territory. Please carpool if possible. We are fortunate and grateful that the neighbors can provide overflow parking if the main lot fills up. If you park in the overflow lot, it is very important that you do not damage any fences on the way to the arena. Please pass at a gate or UNDER the fence.

Course Designer's Notes

Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Livermore, CA

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The start and finish locations are close to the assembly area. The starts are 100 m from the assembly area and it is a 300 m walk back from the finish.

Competition Area: Because the starts and finishes are close to the parking lot and assembly area, there is limited room on the north side of Morgan Territory Road to warm up. Feel free to cross the road to the south side of Morgan Territory Road and stretch your legs on the trails there if you like. Be careful crossing the road.

Water on courses: Except for Classes F/M-10, F/M-12, M/F-White and Rec 1 White, water will be placed at control locations approximately every 2.5 km. Because of the long length of some of the legs, the distance between water stops may be slightly longer. In addition, it can be very hot at Morgan Territory in the summer so you may consider carrying water on your courses depending on the weather conditions on the day of the event.

Vegetation: There are three shades of green used to indicate variations in potential running speed (not accounting for steepness). The map legend indicates light green is slow run, medium green is difficult run, and dark green is fight which is nearly impassable except by small four-legged animals. Over the areas covered by the courses, I found the vegetation to be reasonably accurate. Also, portions of the terrain have two plant species that some find irritating so you may want to come prepared. The open areas have an abundance of foxtails. Your shoes, socks and lower pant legs will likely be full of them if extra precautions are not taken. The more heavily forested areas have an average amount of poison oak (i.e. clearly evident and avoidable with extra care).

Dry and/or fallen tree: The map has a lot of use of the green X symbol which signifies a dry and/or fallen tree. Some of these are used as control locations. If it is a fallen tree, the control descriptions use the rootstock symbol. If it is a dead, standing tree, the control descriptions use the ruined lone tree symbol with the height noted. The green X's used for control locations are reasonably obvious, but this is not always the case for all green X's in the terrain.

Fences: The optimal route choice on some legs for several of the courses would require crossing a barbed-wire fence. The fences are generally in very good condition with the lowest strand relatively close to the ground. The easiest and safest way to cross the fence is typically to run along the fence line until you find a gate or low spot where there is extra clearance and slide underneath the fence. Do not jump over the fence - the fences **must** not be damaged! This is very important for our continued good-will with EBRPD.

Out-of-bounds areas: The purple hatch symbol has been added to portions of the map (Symbol 709, ISOM 2017-2). These are areas that shall not be entered by competitors. This is for your safety, as permit conditions, and for fairness of competition. Areas that are not marked as out-of-bounds may be entered even if temporary signage may indicate that certain areas are closed.

Download: Don't forget to download when you get back to the assembly area. It is a 300 m walk from the finish to the download station.