

Black Creek Park 5K Course Description (New 8/14/06)

General Description-

This course is a “work in progress”, but it is very close to 5,000 meters long and we ran one race on it this summer. The first mile and the third mile are similar to the “old” course. The start is in the open field South East of the pond and the finish is at the East end of the same field. The one mile mark is approximately at the main intersection near the park entrance. This is also the only part of the course that crosses a road. The two mile mark is at the end of the creek trail just before you turn left (East) onto “Snake Alley”.

Specific Description-

- Start across from the pine trees inbetween the bathrooms and the pond. The start line runs “north/south” from the second lone pine tree from the end.
- Travel clockwise around the pond and then head directly south towards the tall pine tree to the right of the big lodge.
- Go around the pine tree to the left and follow the edge of the tree line. Take your first right into the small opening.
- Vere left and head directly towards the tree at the bottom of the sledding hill.
- Go up the left side of the hill and take a left on the main trail at the top.
- Follow the trail East and take a left at the first opening. Head down the hill and keep right at the bottom.
- Follow the right side of the park road to the intersection. The stop sign is aproximately one mile.
- Cross the entrance road and continue to follow the park road to the far north end near the bathrooms.
- Stay to the right edge of the parking lot and to the right of the bathrooms.
- Head down the small hill opening and stay to the left side along the tree line.
- Head south (straight) for the far corner opening along the creek. Go between the old tree stump and the grill. This is the half way point.
- Follow the creek trail south to the 4-way intersection. This is a long, steady incline. Do not take either of the first two trails that go left.
- The 4-way intersection is approximately the two mile mark. At the intersection, turn left (East) into “Snake Alley”.
- Follow the trail to the opening at the end by the big bush. Turn right and cross the bridge to the pond.
- At the pond, go right. Follow the right edge of the pond around to the gravel path.
- Follow the gravel path to the opening in the woods. (Do not take the small opening with the “no bikes” sign.)
- Follow the gravel trail to the end and take a right towards the sledding hill.
- Go around the tree at the bottom of the hill and up the left side of the sledding hill. (This is the same as the first mile of the course).
- Make a left on the main trail at the top of the hill. Go straight and then left to go down the hill towards the road.
- This time take a left at the bottom of the hill and follow the wood chip trail along the edge of the road/parking lot. Follow the left side of the parking lot.
- At the end of the parking lot near the lodge, head northwest towards the bathrooms.
- Turn left at the fire hydrant and head up over the hill.
- The finish line is towards the group of pine trees at the south end of the pond. There is a rock in the ground where the finish line poles go.
- This course is approximately 5,000 meters. It can be marked using a normal amount of flags and cones.