

**NEOC**  
**Canoe/Kayak Treasure Map Adventure**  
**Orienteering at Walborn Reservoir**  
**July 12, 2015**

Walborn Reservoir has likely never seen such an enthusiastic band in search of booty. Happy that the earlier predictions of thunderstorms had missed the mark, at least 22 kayaks and 11 canoes (and a few runners headed for land controls) lined up on the beach, ready to go.



Within minutes of the 1:00 mass start, not all was sunny and bright, as the privateers soon discovered. Mother Nature, perhaps in cahoots with diabolical Course Designer **KJ Rufener**, decided more water was needed, so a steady rain began, adding another element to overcome through most of the allotted 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The course included 25 mapped controls, most accessible on the water, but a few calling for land legs and a fight through dense undergrowth. No treasure hunt is complete without a little mystery and of course, treasure. The former came with the 3 controls not identified on the map. Each of their locations was only discoverable at the single identified control where the map with the mystery location was hanging on the control line. No one except KJ knew which of the identified controls had the secret locations posted. The treasure came in the form of a chance at millions to the first buccaneer who found the lottery ticket hanging from each mystery control.

As the 150 minutes quickly evaporated, the finish line could have been pure chaos as multiple participants finished almost one on top of the other, had it not been for the cool headedness of combo registrar and timer **Fran Kern** (fashionably attired in a pirate bandana). She was able to quickly assign times to those wet, weary souls who came running, walking, and smiling, as they crossed the finish line.



Given the weather conditions and the course difficulty, no individual was able to sweep the course, but soloist **Steven Johnson** came close with a score of 27. Bob Boltz followed, coming in about a minute ahead of Bryce Boltz, each with 26 controls. In the team events, there were three who captured all 28 controls. In kayaks, the **Thunder Road** team of **Brad & Jennifer** got them all, with the Gerdes team right behind with 27, and the Freemans at 25. In canoes, the **Hensley** team finished before Mary Ruth & Aubrey, with both teams scoring perfect 28's, while the John & John Rasinski/Mitchell crew racked up 27.

Thanks to all those who brought food for the community table. A special thanks to the soggy competitors who volunteered to go back out to help collect the waterlogged controls. Hope all enjoyed their trinkets.

**See ya next year maties!**

(And don't forget all our landlubber events too!!!!)



Ivan, KJ, Brad, Jennifer, Stephen, Sean, Amy

<b>Kayakienteers (Teams)</b>		<b>Time</b> (minutes & seconds)	<b>Score</b>
Thunder Road	(Brad & Jennifer)	132' 05"	28
Gerdes	Robert & Tena	131' 32"	27
Freeman	Dan & Caleb	144' 18"	25
<b>Kayakienteers (Ind.)</b>		<b>Time</b> (minutes & seconds)	<b>Score</b>
Johnson	Stephen	133' 39"	27
Boltz	Bob	147' 45"	26
Boltz	Bryce	148' 40"	26
Johansson	Andreas	137' 53"	25
Porco	Joseph	144' 18"	25
Hoffman	John	147' 08"	24
Mailey	Fred	148'	23
Robinson	Jennifer	152'	21 (23-2)
Bogorad	Alex	105' 30"	19
Gualtieri	Bette	153'	18 (21-3)
MacGeorge	Michaele	153'	18 (21-3)
Robinson	Pat	153'	18 (21-3)
Johnson	David	155'	17 (22-5)
McGowan	Patrick	155'	15 (20-5)
Belzinskis	Remigijus	159'	13 (22-9)
Murphy	Karen	89' 30"	7
<b>Canoeienteers</b>		<b>Time</b> (minutes & seconds)	<b>Score</b>
Hensley, Sean & Amy Frank-Hensley		116' 43"	28
Kamp, Mary Ruth & Aubrey Miller		130' 25"	28
Rasinski	John & John, & Randy Mitchell	147' 33"	27
Williams	Jay	128' 45"	25
Freiheit	Elizabeth, Theodor, & Julianna	140' 30"	25

Johnson	Matthew & Olivia, & Kenneth Witalis	147' 08"	25	
Gerdes	Abigail, & Tom & Mike Minnick	135' 44"	24	
Mitchell	Natalie, & Aidan Matney	141' 18"	20	
Perry	Jeff & Mike	134' 06"	17	
Dremann	Rick & Jody	159'	16	(25-9)
Napier	Chris & Brandi, & Zack Earlenbaugh	155'	12	(17-5)