## Wahstao 2015

This is your chance to orienteer on one of EOOC's **BEST** maps near Smoky Lake. The map was first used in 1995 for the Canadian Orienteering Championships as part of Canada '95. Whilst Victoria Trail (Wahstao) is championship terrain, it's also great for beginner and intermediate orienteers too!

Date:	Sunday July 12, 2015		
Мар:	Wahstao (Victoria Trail); 1:10,000; 5m contours; Field work: Bryan Chubb (1994-5, 2006, 2008)		
Terrain:	Low rolling sandy hills interspersed with dry, wooded and open marshes, and linked by a network of distinct and indistinct trails. Sandhills covered with pine and poplar forest provide great detail and excellent runnability. There is very little undergrowth but there are some areas of blow down. Deer, moose and (very rarely) black bears are found in this part of Alberta.		
Location:	120 km NE of Edmonton and 14 km SE of Smoky Lake (travel directions on reverse) N54° 03.854' W112° 21.050'		
Timing:	SPORTident electronic timing		
<b>Registration:</b>	On site from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (free beginner/refresher clinics available during this time)		
	All participants must sign a <u>waiver</u>		
Starts:	11:30 am – 1:00 pm.		
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Courses Close: 3:00 pm - everyone must be back by this time

## Courses:

Course	Technical Difficulty (TD)	Length (km)
TD1	Beginner: controls on trails	~2.4
TD2	Novice: controls within 50 – 100 m of trail or other linear feature	~2.8
TD3	Intermediate: controls on large features; "cross country" orienteering skills required	~3.5
TD4s	Advanced: controls on small features, multiple route choices, range of orienteering skills	~4.6
TD4	Advanced: controls on small features, multiple route choices, range of orienteering skills	~5.5
TD5	Similar to TD4, but requiring greater concentration and physical effort	~8.0

Fees:

\* Includes SportIdent timing card, plus, if necessary, compass and whistle. Deposit of Driver's license is required for SI card, compass or watch.

Organizers: Laura Milroy (O200 Level Official in training), Wayne Best (O200 Level Official in training) and Chris Sigvaldason (O200 Level Official)

Controller Laura Querengesser (Level O300 Official)

More information: EOOC web site: www.orienteer.ab.ca

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What to Bring: Bring a watch, a whistle (any kind will do), a compass, watch and your own SI card. If you do not have a whistle, compass, watch or SI card, loaners are available, but please bring your driver's license to the registration desk as it will serve as a deposit. Optional: water bottle, snacks, picnic lunch, camera.

Be prepared for any weather - jacket if it's cool; hat and sun-screen if it's sunny. Also be prepared for bugs if the weather has been wet. Long pants recommended. Water and cookies provided.

## **Travel Directions:**

- Via Highway 28: Take Highway (Hwy) 28 to Smoky Lake. Continue on Hwy 28 for approximately 8 km (past the Agriplex) and turn right (south) onto Range Road (RR) 164. Travel south for approximately 7 km to Township Road (TR) 590. Park on the east side of RR 164 (south of TR 590).
- Via Highway 45: Using a combination of Highway (Hwy) 16, Secondary Highway (SH) 830, Hwy 15, SH 830 and Hwy 38 (alternate routes possible, consult a provincial road map) to get to Hwy 45. Drive east on Hwy 45 (approximately 35 km from the Vinca Bridge at SH 830 and Hwy 38). Turn north (left) at SH 855 (signed to Smoky Lake.) Approximately 8 km after crossing the North Saskatchewan River, turn right (east) onto Township Road 590. Travel approximately 8 km to Range Road 164/165 and turn right. Park on the east side of RR164/165 (south of TR 590)

