

On terrain, map and course


Kõrvemaa is sometimes called the hiking and skiing paradise of Estonia. The forecast of the Estonian Weather Service mentions sleet in many places on Saturday, but most probably it will not be enough for skiing, so leave your skis at home. Instead, bring some warm clothes and appropriate footwear. You know the saying: „There is no bad weather, only inappropriate clothing.“

Vetla and Voose have been quite well known orienteering terrains in Estonia, which have hosted several o-events some years ago, but more recently these terrains have been quite dormant for orienteers. However, these are the terrains where TAOK rogaine started 20 years ago, so it is a good occasion to return to these soils. Anyway, an ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus is claimed to have said: „No man ever steps in the same river twice!“ So even if you have been here before (I doubt), some things have certainly changed.

It is exactly on this terrain where the three long trans-Estonian hiking trails (Peraküla-Ähijärve, Oandu-Ikla and Penijõe-Kauksi) intersect. If you come from Latvia and start from Ikla just across the border on Riga-Tallinn road, it is just about 280 km on foot or by bike along the hiking trail to reach the event center!

There are two significant rivers on the terrain: a wider Jägala river flowing from south to north through the terrain, and one of its tributaries, a narrower Tarvasjõgi. There are just 3 bridges over the Jägala river. Additionally we have marked 3 spots where the water is quite shallow and the riverbed has hard surface. These are marked on the map with the following symbols:

 Bridge

 Shallow water with hard riverbed

It is strongly not recommended to cross the wider river in any other location than those marked with either symbol. The tributary Tarvasjõgi is narrower. There are also 3 bridges marked, but with the help of fallen trees or good luck you may find other spots where to cross it.

The part of the terrain on the eastern side of the Jägala river is a Kõrvemaa landscape protection area. As a result, the forests are older and there are very few clearings in this part. On the downside, some of the forest rides are overgrown and disappearing or have a high grass. In contrast, on the west from the river, there are more clearings – some

new, some with young forest. Yet, besides cutting the trees, the State Forest Agency has built also some good forest roads.



As to the wild animals, you may see some deers. There are rumors about bears, but who knows whether these rumors hold true or not.

Perila-Jäneda road passes through the terrain. Be careful when crossing it.

Human settlement is mainly in the western part of the terrain in Vetla ja Voose villages. There are some homesteads also sparsely along the Jägala river. Please respect the privacy of local inhabitants. It is strictly prohibited to enter areas designated on the map as out-of-bounds with purple stripes or to enter the territory of farmsteads and private homes, marked on the map with olive green color. The out-of-bounds areas are cultivated fields and pasture for horses or lambs.

The map scale is 1:30000 as usual, the contour interval is 5 meters. The size of the map sheet is 33x45 cm.



The symbol for a bog   is unfortunately too light on the map and hard to notice. We apologize! But we hope you will understand when you are in a bog ...

There are 45 controls on the terrain with values ranging from 2 to 6. There are 2 water stations.

The event center is in the middle part of the map, so you may consider the option to return to the event center during the race to pick up some dry and warm clothes or to change wet shoes. Of course, provided you have packed some spare shirts and shoes in your bag!

Good luck!