

WTOC 2025

BULLETIN 2



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Welcome by the Hungarian event director



Dear orienteering friends,

In the name of the organizers of the World Trail Orienteering Championship 2025, I would like to invite all the competitors, collaterals, viewers, and anyone who is interested to Hungary, Sümeg city.

The WTOC will be organized in an area, which already housed a lot of international orienteering competitions.

Many can know the traditional Hungarian race: Hungária Cup, which also was in this area a couple of years ago.

We hope that the terrain and the courses will give everyone a memorable experience.

In these years Hungary hosted a lot of events in every orienteering discipline, but this will be its first joint WTOC.

We believe that with our Slovak sport mates together, we will organize a World Trail Orienteering Championship with the one of highest standards.

Paskuj Mátyás

Hungarian Event Director

Welcome by the Slovak event director



Dear orienteering friends,

I would like to invite all competitors, officials, and guests on behalf of the organizing committee, Slovak orienteering association and orienteering club Farmaceut Bratislava to the World Trail Orienteering Championships 2025 in Slovakia and Hungary.

The Slovak orienteering association has great experiences with organizing important events in various orienteering disciplines and we are believing that together with our Hungarian friends we will organize fair and nice competition with the possibility to explore beauty and interesting places in Slovakia.

I would like to apologize that you may face a little bit higher requirements for traveling, but each competition will be held in different type of terrain with great demands on TrailO skills. You will meet flat, hilly, and steep slopes, different vegetation mostly in non-urban areas.

Hana Šmelíková

Slovak Event Director

Venue

The World Trail Orienteering Championships will take place in two countries for first time in IOF history.

The first part of World Trail Orienteering Championships 2025 will be held around Sümeg, north from Balaton, in Balaton highlands in Hungary.



The Balaton highlands are an uneven plateau rising 150–200 meters above the lake. The Tapolcai basin is made up of a Miocene limestone plateau extending like a bay into the dolomite scene, where basalt was poured, or basalt tuff fell. As a result of the erosion, peculiarly shaped witness mountains were formed.

The area around Sümeg has been inhabited since the Bronze Age. In the 13th century, the castle, which is the symbol of Sümeg, was built on top of the 270 m high limestone hill towering over the town. The castle was primarily of military importance during the Turkish wars. After the decline of its strategic importance and thanks to the

destruction of the Habsburg fortress, the castle fell into ruins. In the 19th century, Sümeg gained a reputation as an important place for the wine trade beyond Hungary. It acquired its city status in 1984.



Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe and a defining element of Hungary's hydrography. Its shallow water, which warms up easily, makes it excellent for swimming and sports, its wildlife is extremely rich, and the landscape is unique in

many ways with its varied volcanic cones.

<https://sumegvar.hu/en>

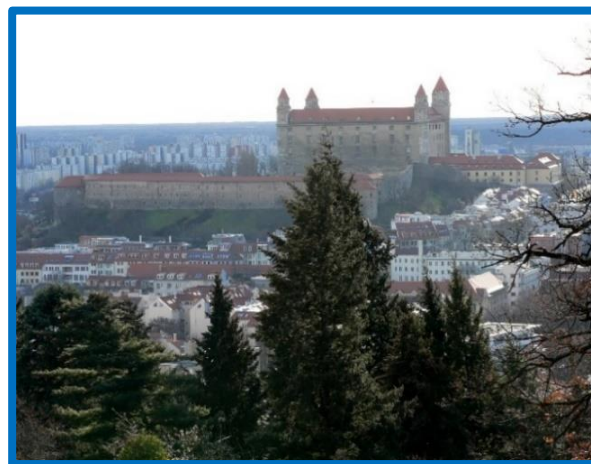
<https://visithungary.com/>

The second part will be held in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, and its neighbouring areas.



The Little Carpathians are a relatively low and narrow mountain range, about 100 km long with very diverse relief. Geomorphologically, the Little Carpathians belong to the Alps-Himalaya System, the Carpathian Mountains sub-system. The mountains begin in Bratislava and continue about 100 km to the northeast. This territory is largely covered by deciduous forests with beech, common ash, sycamore maple and linden. There are a total of eight karst areas in the Little

Carpathians with great possibilities for orienteering. Since the Middle Ages, the area has been known for its wines and wine-making traditions.



Bratislava is the political, cultural, and economic centre of Slovakia with a population of about 500,000 inhabitants and located in the southwestern Slovakia, at the junction of rivers Danube and Morava. Bratislava is very close to two other countries Austria and Hungary. Bratislava is historically tied with these countries and during long history it was a significant economic, cultural, and political centre of Central Europe. You can find a lot of unique architecture, culture, history tradition, art, drinks, food, and nightlife in this “small” city.

The individual races will be held in different regions of Trenčín and Trnava especially in municipalities Chtelnica, Dolný Lopašov and Častá. These small villages are very beautiful with diverse nature. You can see the very flat forests change to rugged terrain forms or extremely steep slopes.

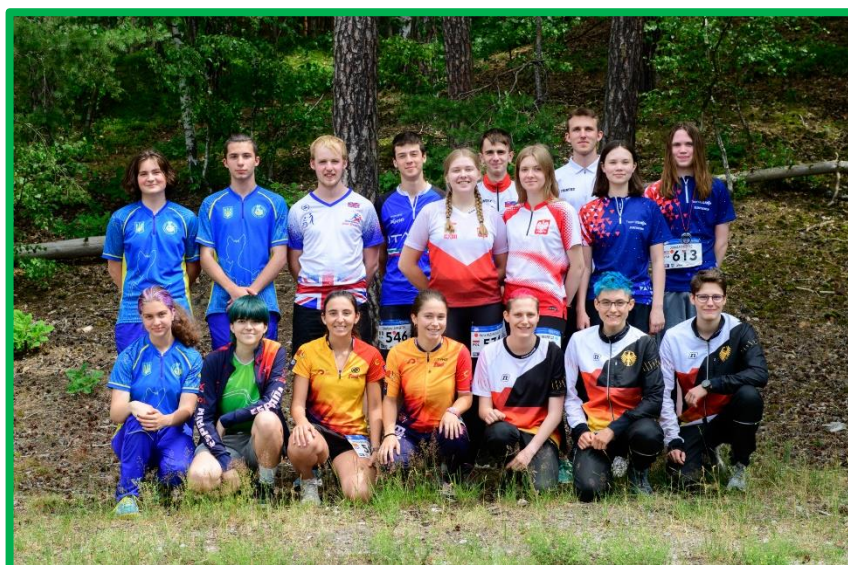
<http://www.visitbratislava.com>

<http://www.slovakiatouring.com>

Organising team

The event will be organized by members of the orienteering clubs” Tipó Tájfutó és Környezetvédő Egyesület” for Hungarian part and “TJ Farmaceut Bratislava” for Slovak part of WTOC, with the support of the Slovak Orienteering Association. Main officers are:

	HUNGARY	SLOVAKIA
Event Directors:	Mátyás PASKUJ	Hana ŠMELÍKOVÁ
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Arena manager:	Zoltan KULCSÁR	Maroš BUKOVÁC
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IOF Senior Event Adviser :	Per STÅLNACKE (NOR)	
IOF Assistant Event Adviser:	Petteri HAKALA (FIN)	



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Competition rules

The COMPETITION RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION (IOF) TRAIL ORIENTEERING EVENTS (Rules for the World Trail Orienteering Championships) valid from 1 July 2024 shall apply to the World Trail Orienteering Championships 2025. Copy of the Rules is available for download from the Rules section in the official IOF website (<https://orienteering.sport/trailo/competition-rules/>).

The following deviation of the Competition Rules applies:

There are not know any deviation according to Competition Rules.

Classes

In the individual PreO competitions and in the TrailO Relay there is one O (Open) class and one P (Physically challenged) class. In the TempO competition there is a single Open class. (Competition rule WTOC 5.1)

All competitors, regardless of sex, age or physical ability/disability are eligible to be entered for a World Championship Open class competition. (Competition rule WTOC 5.2)

Only competitors who have a permanent disability that significantly reduces their mobility are eligible to be entered for a P class competition. Competitors for the P class eligibility must submit to the IOF Office, at least three months before the competition, an eligibility form (available at www.orienteering.sport) completed by the athlete, a doctor, and their Federation. When approved, a certificate authenticating their P class eligibility will be issued. The eligibility certificate must be sent to the event organiser with the final entry form. (Competition rule WTOC 5.3)

Participation

All competitors represent a Federation. Each Federation may enter a team of an unlimited number of competitors. (Competition rule WTOC 6.5)

Each Federation may enter up to a maximum of four competitors of any physical ability for the PreO competition in the O class, a maximum of four eligible competitors for the PreO competition in the P class and a maximum of four competitors for the TempO competition.

In addition to the above the following may be entered by their Federations:

- The current Regional Champions (if the Regional Championship was held after the previous WTOC) and the current World Champions in their respective classes
- 2 juniors (aged 20 years or younger at the end of the calendar year) in each class and format
- The top 15 in the World Ranking list (as it stands 3 months prior to the first race of the event) with a maximum of the 2 best ranked from each Federation for the PreO O class and TempO.

- The top 15 in the World Ranking list (as it stands 3 months prior to the first race of the event) with a valid (spanning the WTOC) eligibility certificate with a maximum of the 2 best ranked from each Federation for the PreO P class.

These extra places are personal. Each criterion is evaluated separately with no regard to the outcome of any other criteria. (Competition rule WTOC 6.6)

For the TrailO Relay, a team consists of three competitors. Each Federation may only nominate one team in each class, O and P. Incomplete teams and teams with competitors from more than one Federation are not allowed. (Competition rule WTOC 6.8)

Disabled competitors requiring physical assistance from an able-bodied escort must bring their own escort. The organiser is only required to provide extra assistance at difficult section, e.g., steep up- or downhill sections. Escorts must not assist in any way with the map reading, control site identification, analysis, or selection process, nor disturb the concentration of any competitor. (Rule WTOC 6.9)

A competitor must have a valid IOF Athlete Licence. (Competition rule WTOC 6.11)



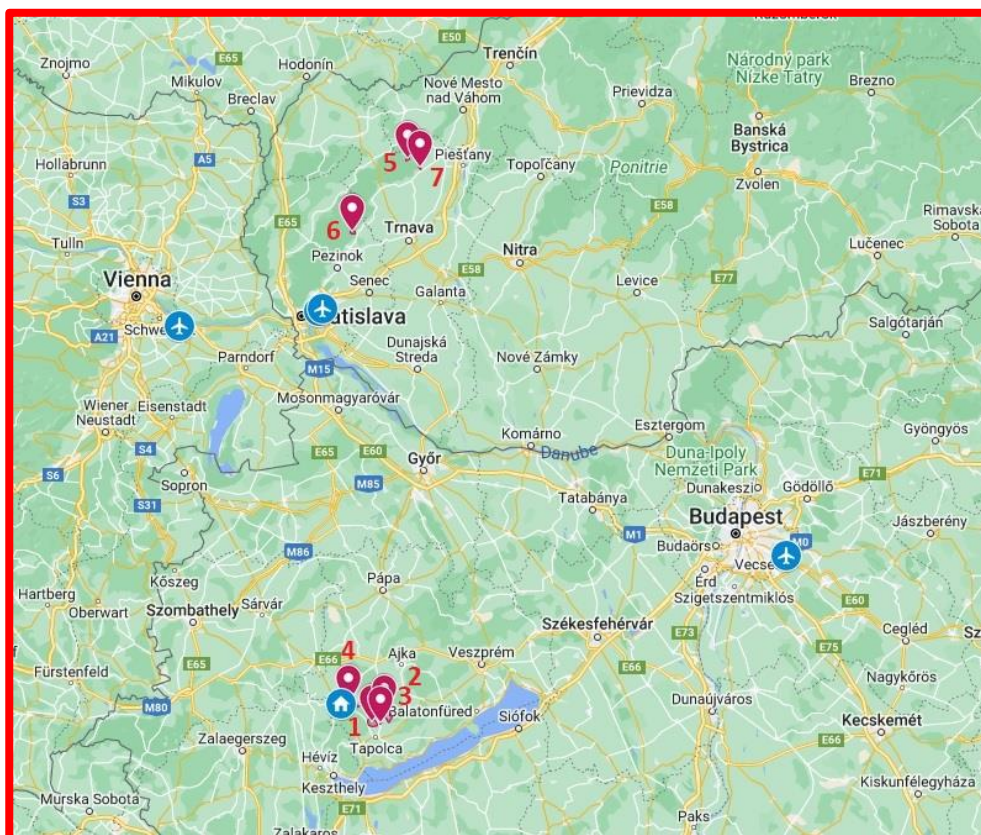
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Event programme

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday, August 26	Model for PreO and Relay (PreO part) Opening Ceremony	Sáska (HUN) Sümege (HUN)
Wednesday, August 27	PreO - Day 1	Zalahaláp - Ódörög (HUN)
Thursday, August 28	PreO - Day 2 Banquet	Sümege (HUN)
Friday, August 29 (National Holiday)	Model for TempO and Relay (TempO part)	Častá, Červený Kameň (SVK)
Saturday, August 30	Relay	Dolný Lopašov (SVK)
Sunday, August 31	TempO (Q+F) Closing Ceremony	Častá, Červený Kameň (SVK)



Location of venues and Embargoed areas



1. Ódörösög - released.
2. Sáska - PreO model
3. Zalahaláp – PreO Day 1
4. Sümeg - PreO Day 2
5. Vítek - released.
6. Červený Kameň – TempO
7. Dolný Lopašov – Relay

All embargoed areas are out of bounds for all potential WTOC 2025 team members (competitors, officials, escorts, etc.) and any other person who may influence the results of the competitions by any knowledge of the terrain (Competition rule 17.2).

You can find more information about [embargoed areas](#) on the official website.

Entries

All entries must be made through [IOF Eventor](#).

- The team size deadline is 30 June 2025.
- The time limit for paying the entry fee is 14 July 2025.
- The team names deadline is 17 August 2025.

Late payment and late entries will be subject to an additional fee according to competition rules (WTOC 7.4). Entries will not be valid until the payment of the entry fee has been paid.

The registration will be open in January 2025.

Fee	Amount*	Account **
Accreditation fee Athletes	100.00 €	(50€ to HU and 50€ to SK account)
Accreditation fee Team Officials	100.00 €	(50€ to HU and 50€ to SK account)
Accreditation fee Accompanying Person	20.00 €	(10€ to HU and 10€ to SK account)
Entry fee for PreO Competition	130.00 €	(HU account)
Entry fee for TempO Competition	100.00 €	(SK account)
Entry fee for Relay competition (per Team)	180.00 €	(SK account)

*The overall fees were decreased with help of sponsor [ECONOCAP](#).

**The World Trail Orienteering Championships will take place in two countries for first time in IOF history so payment will be divided between these countries according to last column in fees table. Accreditation fees must be pay simultaneously to both accounts – it is not relevant in which country will person attend the competition.

HU account:

Account name: Típo Tájfutó és Környezetvédő Egyesület
 Bank: Magnet Bank
 IBAN: HU28 16200113 18509731 0000000
 BIC: HBWEHUHB

SK account:

Account name: TJ Slávia Farmaceut
 Bank: Slovenska Sporitelna
 IBAN: SK27090000000005110562760
 BIC: GIBASKBX

Accommodation

Official accommodation with special WTOC prices and Event centres will be in

Hotel Kapitany Wellness

Tóth Tivadar u. 19

8330 Sümeg

Hungary

Prices: Single room for at least two nights with half board and wellness 155 € per night / person; double room 110 € per night/person. Single room for only one night with half board and wellness 202 € per night / person; double room 144 € per night/person.

Free private parking is possible on site.

Languages spoken: Hungary and English

Website: <https://hotelkapitany.hu/en>

Locations: GPS: 46.98489, 17.28142

Contact person: Krisztina Pajor

Email: program@hotelkapitany.hu

Keyword: WTOC2025

Phone: +36 87 550 167

Accessibility of entrance hall, bedrooms, sanitary facilities, and public rooms: All rooms are barrier-free, but the bathrooms have bathtubs. There is only one room with a bathroom with a shower.

Reservations for the accommodation should be made directly over email program@hotelkapitany.hu

Final bookings and payments of the accommodation must be made according to the business terms and conditions of the chosen accommodation. **The latest date for accommodation reservation is 30. 04. 2025** (later depending on available capacities).



Vienna House Easy by Wyndham Bratislava

Galvaniho ul 28
821 04 Bratislava
Slovakia

Prices: single room 75€ per night / double room 95€ per night (breakfast included). There are possibility order accommodation with half board for price 25€ per day (necessary order minimally 7 days before arrival).

The local tax is 3€ per person and night

Free private parking for accommodated WTOC participants

Languages spoken: Slovak and English

Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-uk/vienna-house/bratislava-slovak-republic/vienna-house-easy-bratislava/overview>

Locations: GPS: 48.16246, 17.18194

Email: Info.easy-bratislava@hrg-hotels.com

Keyword: WTOC2025

Phone: +421 2 3229 9100

Accessibility of Business Centre, Car Self-Park, Public Entrance, Route to Accessible Guestrooms, Route to Accessible Parking, Route to Meeting/Event Space is wheelchair accessible,

Capacity:

20 x room with a double bed (1 or 2 beds)

30 x room with 2 separate beds

3 x barrier-free rooms.

Reservations for the accommodation should be made directly over email:

Info.easy-bratislava@hrg-hotels.com or over [reservation formular](#).

Final bookings and payments of the accommodation have to be made according to the business terms and conditions of the chosen accommodation. **The latest date for accommodation reservation is 28.2. 2025 (later depending on available capacities).**



Transport

The organizers have not organized any transport to or from the Event centre. Teams, VIPs, and media representatives are free to use their own transport to all the arenas. There will be reserved parking areas at all the arenas. For parking in the arenas, parking vouchers are mandatory. The **parking fee is EUR 20€ per car** (10€ to HU and 10€ to SK account) for the entire event. Vouchers can be ordered in IOF Eventor and the fee can be paid together with accreditation and entry fees, on the same invoice. Vouchers will also be available for purchase at the Event office during the event.

On some days, there will be organized transport. Athletes with electric wheelchairs that are too big to fit into a standard wheelchair car will be allowed to go to start with their cars if there is another driver that can drive the car back to the arena. Please, send us a message with this request in advance.

Visa

According to the current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa to enter Hungary and Slovakia.

Please check the following websites for more information:

Hungary: <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/how-apply-visa>

Slovakia: <https://www.mzv.sk/en/services/information-for-foreigners/visas-for-foreigners-to-enter-sr>

Request for visas should be submitted at your nearest Hungarian and Slovakian Embassy. Please note that conditions of entry to Hungary and Slovakia can change and all WTOC participants are advised to keep up to date with the current situation by consulting their local Hungary and Slovakia Embassy.

Banquet

The banquet will be held on Thursday evening in the Event centre in Sümeg (HUN). The banquet fee is 57 EUR per person, but for those staying at Hotel Kapitány only 32 EUR. Banquet tickets should be ordered in IOF Eventor by 01.08. 2025. Later orders will only be accepted according to the organizer's possibilities.

Maps

All maps are mapped according to map standard ISSprOM 2019-2.

Scales: 1: 3 000 (mapped in scale 1: 4 000)

Contour intervals: 2m

Training possibilities

Relevant terrains for training:

PreO terrain:

Description: Old maps used for competitions WRE 2023 and PreWTOC 2024.

Hungarian Orienteering Federation portal:

https://adatbank.mtfsz.hu/esemeny/show/esemeny_id/8070

https://adatbank.mtfsz.hu/esemeny/show/esemeny_id/8321

Parking: Öskü (47.157715, 18.080150); Csákberény (47.347904, 18.338781).

Relay terrain:

Description: old map used for ETOC 2018 Relay. The slope above village Devín is partially relevant for style of mapping of vegetation, stones and rockfaces. The slope is not suitable for wheelchairs (they can see it only from long distances). The [castle Devín](#) in second part of map is suitable for wheelchairs. You can spend nice day by visiting these ruins and try remember the old race from year 2018.

Slovak Orienteering Federation map portal:

<https://www.orienteering.sk/maps-new/mapy/mapa/mapa.php?j=sl&id=1581>

<https://www.orienteering.sk/maps-new/jpg-gif/1581.jpg>

Parking: GPS: 48.175374, 16.9791534

TempO terrain:

Description: new map used for WRE competition in year 2024. The terrain is probably most relevant for stones and rockfaces style of mapping in this close area. The access to terrain is difficult for wheelchairs.

Slovak Orienteering Federation map portal:

link will be available in year 2025.

Parking: GPS: 48.614014, 17.584203 or 48.618029, 17.584987

Organizers will provide you a pdf version of the map. It is responsibility of interested parties print map yourselves and follow any rules and restrictions for access to terrain.

Climate

Balaton highlands:

Daily high temperatures decrease by 3°C, from 26°C to 24°C, rarely falling below 18°C or exceeding 32°C. The highest daily average high temperature is 26°C on August 5.

Daily low temperatures decrease by 2°C, from 17°C to 14°C, rarely falling below 11°C or exceeding 20°C.

For reference, on August 4, the hottest day of the year, temperatures in Tapolca typically range from 17°C to 26°C.

The average sliding 31-day rainfall during August in Tapolca is essentially constant, remaining about 54 millimetres throughout, and rarely exceeding 109 millimetres or falling below 16 millimetres.

For precise weather forecast during WTOC check out the [Hungarian Meteorological Service](#).

Bratislava surroundings:

August Weather in Bratislava is known as a warm month. The average maximum daytime temperature in Bratislava in August lies at 27.5°C. The average minimum temperature goes down to around 15.3°C.

Rainfall during August is moderate with an average of 64mm (2.5 inches). There are generally around 10 rainy days.

For precise weather forecast during WTOC check out the [Slovak Hydrometeorology Institute](#).

Hazards

There is no known occurrence of the life dangerous animals. You can occasionally meet typical fauna for this area (rabbits, roe deer, deer, and wild boar).

Despite the low probability of insect in this area, we are recommending having protection against insects (mosquitoes, ticks).

Escort, Accessibility for mobility impaired competitors

Disabled competitors requiring physical assistance from an able-bodied escort must bring their own escort. The organiser will provide extra assistance at difficult section, e.g., steep up- or downhill sections.

PreO:

Both competition courses with gravel road combined with some meadow paths with moderate elevation. However, at PreO1, there are some significant elevations to start and between the course parts . The organiser will provide extra assistance at those difficult sections.

Relay:

Gravel road or meadow with minimal elevation. The organiser will not provide extra assistance.

TempO:

Small forest roads or paths. Some significant elevation on some parts of courses. The assistants are recommended for wheelchair competitors. The organiser will provide extra assistance at difficult sections.

Preliminary information about Courses

Event	Length	Control (tasks)	Part s	TCs	Accessibility	Climbing
PreO day 1	0,6km	32-35	3	2 * 3	different quality of road	moderate
PreO day 2	0,4km	32-36	3	2 * 3	different quality of road	moderate
Relay	0,1km	3 * 14 -18	2	3 * 2 * 5 + 1 * 5*	gravel road or meadow	minimal
TempO Qualification	2,5km	5 per TC		6	forest path	moderate
TempO Final	2,0km	5 per TC		10	asphalt road, paved road, and meadow	moderate

* The last Relay leg has one additional public TempO station.

Terrains and previous maps

1. Ódörögd - terrain was released

(46.94136, 17.42672)

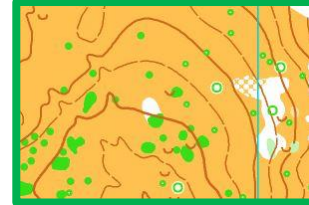


Old maps: 1:10000, e=5m, 2018, ISOM, 1:4000, e=5m

Open grassland area with gentle relief. The grassland areas are interspersed with small patches of forests and groves. There is lots of negative topography elements. Terrain is 200-260 m above sea level. Last FootO and TrailO competition in year 2018.

2. Sáska - PreO model

(46.93849, 17.47869)

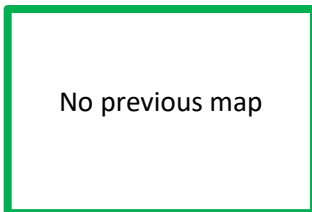


Old map: 1:10000, e=5m, ISOM

Open grassland area with low-sloping relief elements. There are scattered trees and groups of trees in these grazed fields. Terrain is 200 - 270m above sea level. Last FootO and TrailO competition in year 2020.

3. Zalahaláp - PreO Day 1

(46.92237, 17.45787)

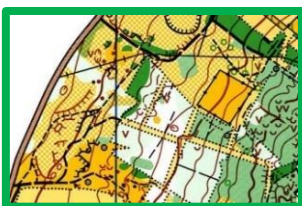


Old map: N/A

Abandoned basalt mine, there was intensive mining in the area between 1912 and 1980, so the top of the mountain was completely washed away. This area is characterized by remaining rocks, ledges, and barren ravines. Terrain is 250 - 360m above sea level. Never used for orienteering.

4. Sümeg - PreO Day 2

(46.98592, 17.28242)



Old map: 1:10000, e=5m, 2002, ISOM

Open, semi-open and overgrown areas that bear traces of former mining activity. Terrain is 200 - 350m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 2003. Never used for TrailO.

5. Vítek - terrain was released

(48.61846, 17.58489)

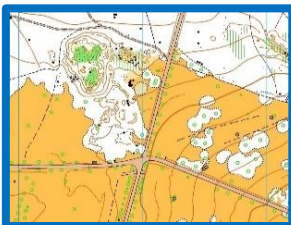


Old map: 1:15000, e=5m, 1992, ISOM

A typical Little Carpathians prominent rocky ridge and valley. Territory covered by deciduous forests with beech, common ash, sycamore maple and linden. Terrain is 250 - 350m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 1992. Never used for TrailO.

6. Červený Kameň - Tempo and model

(48.39502, 17.33238)

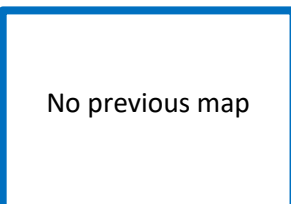


Old maps: 1:4000, e=2m, 2017, ISSOM

Deciduous forests with areas of small stones and contour details, castle park. Terrain is 300 - 400m above sea level. Last TrailO and FootO competition in year 2017.

7. Dolný Lopašov - Relay

(48.58939, 17.63132)



Old map: N/A

Semi open area of old quarry and valley with steep slope on one side. Terrain is 200 - 250m above sea level.

Never used for orienteering.

The map examples are linked with previous orienteering maps. You can find more recent information about any previous orienteering maps in the section of [embargoed areas](#) on the official website.



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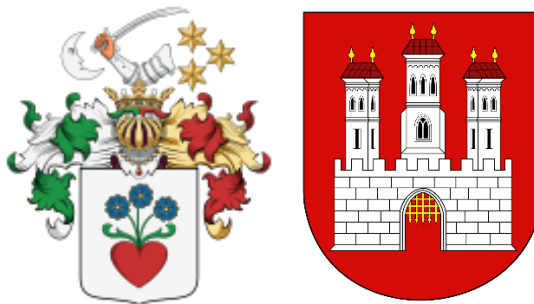
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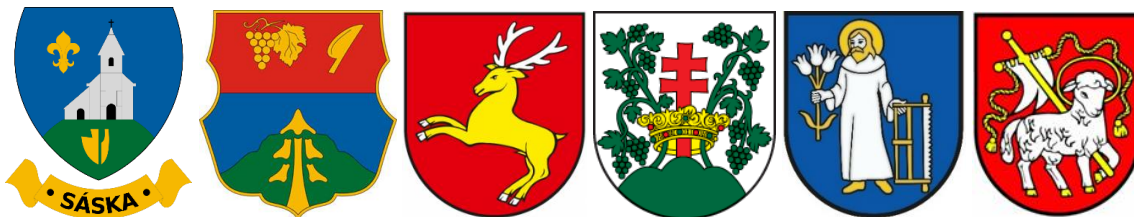


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