



WTOC 2017

Bulletin 1

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WELCOME BY THE EVENT DIRECTOR



Dear orienteering friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and executive organizer Orienteering Club Falco I am pleased to welcome all the competitors, team leaders, officials and guests to the World Trail Orienteering Championships 2017 in Lithuania.

Trail Orienteering in Lithuania has a short, but rich history, dating back in 2004 with our first participation at WTOC in Sweden, where Lithuanian team was the third of seven in attendance. The second World Trail Orienteering Championships held in 2005 in Japan was most successful for Lithuanian team: Evaldas Butrimas in Paralympic class became the world champion and Lithuanian team took second place. Lithuania has hosted the TrailO European Championship in 2006. Some 3 years ago, OSK Falco was established specially for maintaining TrailO events in Lithuania and ECTO (Unofficial Europe Cup in TrailO) competition stages were organized in Palūšė (2014) and Kaunas (2015). WTOC 2017 will be the first IOF event of the highest level in Lithuania and we are looking forward to organize it the highest standard level. Organizing WTOC is a big honor, but yet also a big challenge for us. We will try our best to make a fair competition with good and precise maps and fair competitive tasks for all participants.

The Event Center will be established in the Lithuania health city Birštonas with the history of one of the oldest balneology resorts in Europe recorded from the Middle Ages. Competition will be held in Birštonas and near other historical places - Aukštadvaris and Trakai - Lithuania's ancient capital, founded by Duke Gediminas.

PreO 1 will be held directly at Rumšiškės Open Air Museum territory. Lithuanian Folk Museum Rumšiškės is based on residential and farm buildings, moved from various regions of Lithuania - Highland, Suwalki, Dzūkija, Žemaitija, Lithuania Minor. They are grouped in complexes: farmsteads, small villages, and towns. Buildings of different epochs and social strata buildings typical stylistic features, planning, design, decor items. Restored building environment - fences, green plantation, sacral monuments.

Other competition places were also picked to be not only challenging for orienteering, but for sightseeing as well.

I wish all of you a lot of success at our event in 2017, hoping that we will manage to organize it on the highest possible level.

Darius Gimžauskas, Event Director

WELCOME BY THE COURSE SETTER



Dear orienteering friends,

As you have already noticed a falcon – bird with extra good vision and capability to choose fast the right choice from the distance is on the WTOC 2017 logo. We have chosen it as the symbol of the whole Event and expecting your capabilities in the competition will be as good as falcons.

The course terrains were picked to be challenged and tricky for tasks solving. We will do our best to make precise maps and tasks. My goal – each control to be a conundrum with the solution you will have to find out. No rest together with maximum concentration will lead the strongest competitors to victory.

I am pleased to have the opportunity of planning and setting courses for World TrailO elite. Let the strongest win, not eventuality.

Wishing to catch success for all of you,

Andrius Jovaiša, Course setter

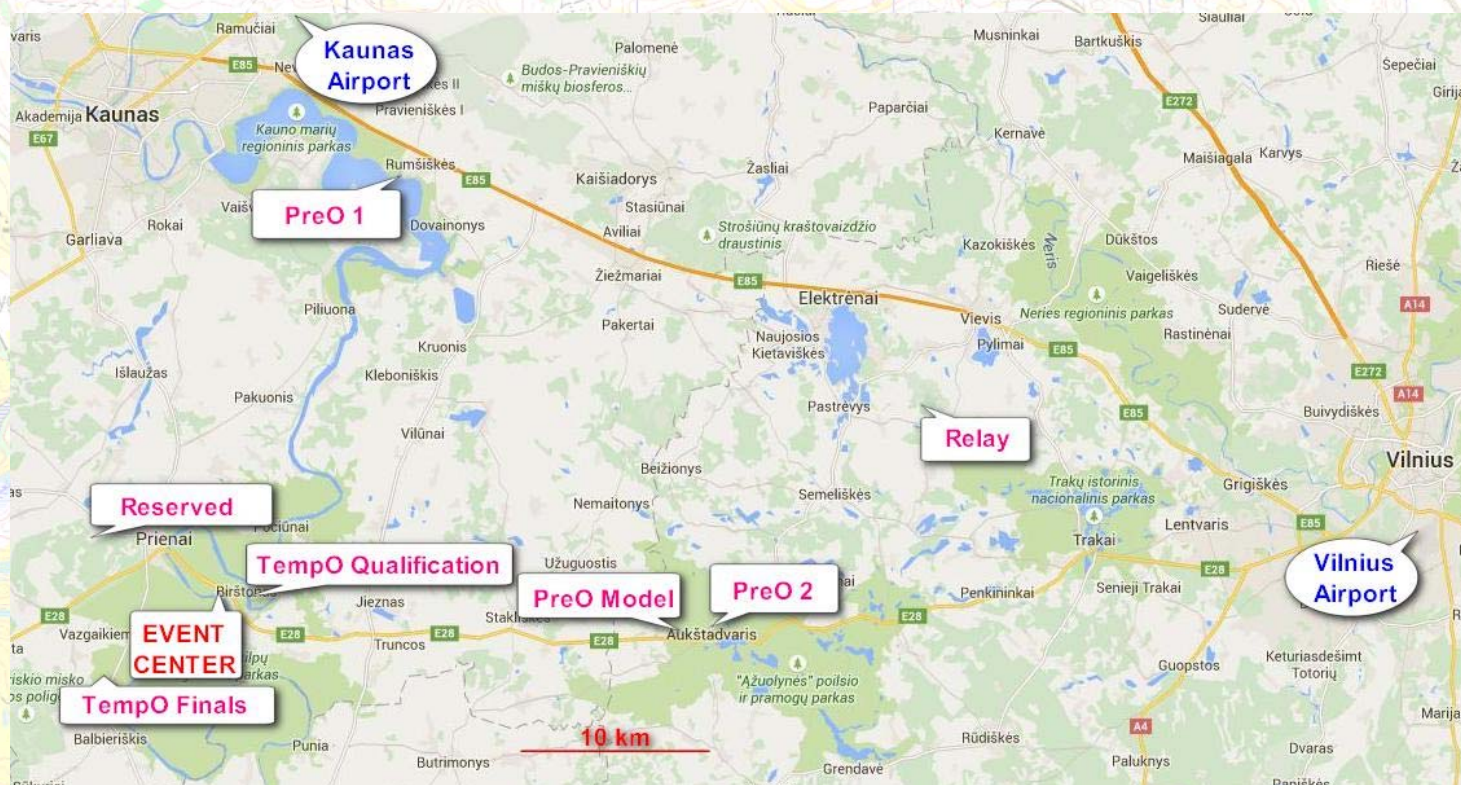
VENUE

The World Trail Orienteering Championships 2017 will be held in Birštonas, Lithuania. Competitions will be held in various places. The longest distance to relay place is 63km, 50 minutes driving from the Event Centre.

The Event Centre is 95km (1h.15min. drive) from Vilnius airport and 58km (50min. drive) from Kaunas airport. We recommend a car rental as there will be many attractive places to visit during the Event. The event organizers will offer options for the teams to buy transportation services from/to airport. There will also be a possibility to buy transportation services from Event center to the competition places or to use a "team bus" service with driver during the entire Event time.



Birštonas is a balneological resort and a spa town in Lithuania situated on the right bank of the Nemunas River. Birštonas is known for its mineral water. This water is used by sanatoriums for mineral water pools and baths. Birštonas is a tranquility place for relaxation in nature, but it is in close distance with major Lithuania towns Vilnius and Kaunas where many various attractions and interesting places with rich history can be found.



ORGANISING TEAM

The event will be organised by members of the Orienteering Club "Falco", under the auspices of the Lithuania Orienteering Sport Federation.

Darius Gimžauskas *Event Director*
Andrius Jovaiša *Course Setter*
Jonas Aleknavičius *Administration manager*
Šarūnas Grigaliūnas *IT solutions manager*
Gediminas Trimakas *Mapping*
Saulius Kireilis *Mapping*
Donatas Lazauskas *Media director*
Gytis Šumskas *Human Resources*

Ola Wiksell (SWE)
IOF Senior Event Adviser

Kyllikki Anttila (FIN)
IOF Assistant Event Adviser

Egidijus Kukenys (LTU)
National Controller



COMPETITION RULES

The Competition Rules for IOF Trail Orienteering Events (valid from 1st January 2015 and all future updates up till 2017) shall apply to the World Trail Orienteering Championships 2017. Copy of the Rules is available for download from the Rules section in the official IOF website: <http://orienteering.org/trail-orienteering/rules/>

EVENT PROGRAMME

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
Mon, July 10	Event Office Opens	Birštonas, Event Centre
	TempO Model Event	Birštonas
	Opening Ceremony	Birštonas
	Team officials meeting	Birštonas, Event Centre
Tue, July 11	TempO qualifications	Birštonas
	TempO finals	Harmony Park
Wen, July 12	PreO Model Event	Aukštadvaris
	Team officials meeting	Birštonas, Event Centre
Thu, July 13	PreO Day 1	Rumšiškės
Fri, July 14	PreO Day 2	Aukštadvaris
	Team officials meeting	Birštonas, Event Centre
Sat, July 15	Relay Event	The Capitals Golf Club (Pipiriškių k.)
	Awards Ceremony	Birštonas
	Closing Ceremony and Banquet	

EVENT CENTER and ACCOMMODATION

Royal SPA Residence 4* <http://www.royal-spa.lt/en/>

Accommodation for the teams and other guests will be organized centrally, but not compulsory in the Event Centre. The aim is to create an 'Olympic Village' atmosphere for athletes and teams. The hotel offer accommodation options both economy and superior. Hotel's rooms and infrastructure are adapted for people with disabilities, well located in nature, has free car parking place and all facilities needed.

Event organizers will make efforts to accommodate all event participants in one place with acceptable prices.

The accommodation availability and price information will be given in bulletin #2.



TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

Pre WTOC 2017 TrailO event will be held at 12-14 August 2016 (a week before WTOC 2016) in Druskininkai together with Foot and MTB orienteering event Dzūkija 2016.

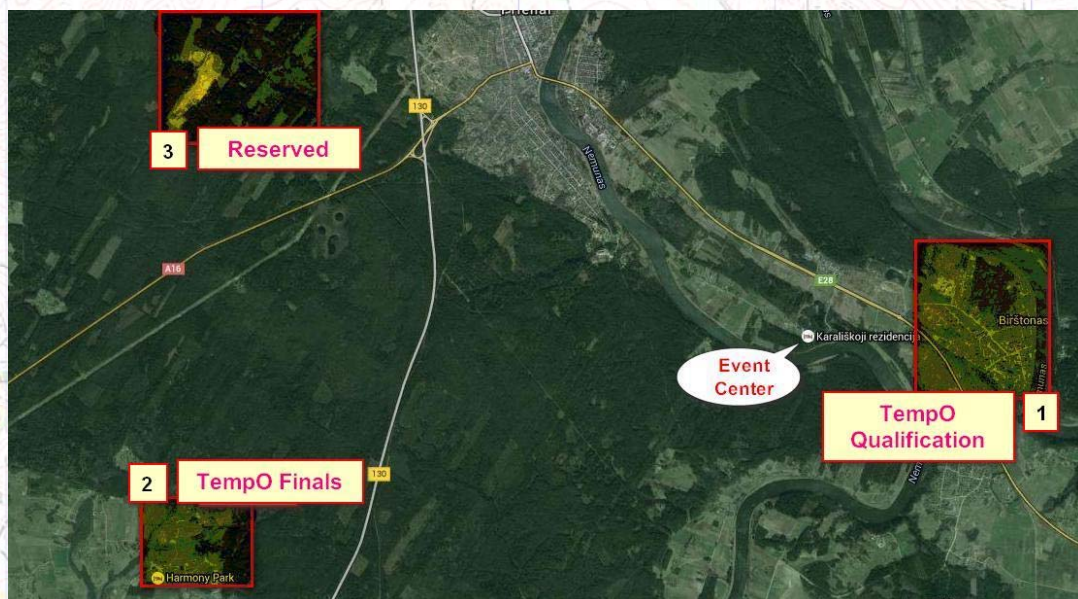
In addition, on the weekend just before the Championships, there will be public TrailO competition.

More information about all these events will be published in the official WTOC website: www.wtoc2017.lt and OSK Falco web page: www.oskfalco.lt

In addition, on personal request, WTOC organizers can provide maps and opportunities for team preparations for WTOC 2017 on similar terrains.

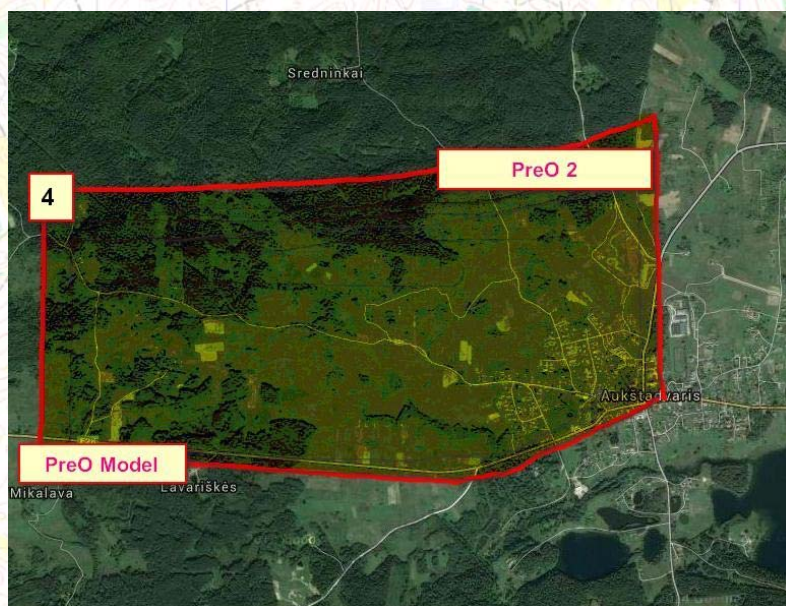
There will be set of few PreO controls and self-served TempO stations near the Event Center available the entire Event time.

EMBARGOED AREAS

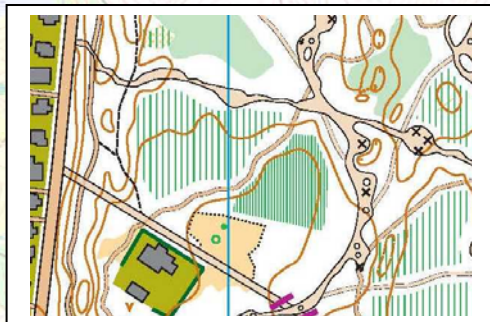


All embargued areas marked and numbered from 1 to 6 are open for all regular human activities except Trail Orienteering for all potential WTOC 2017 team members (competitors, officials, escorts...) and any other person who may influence the results of the competitions.

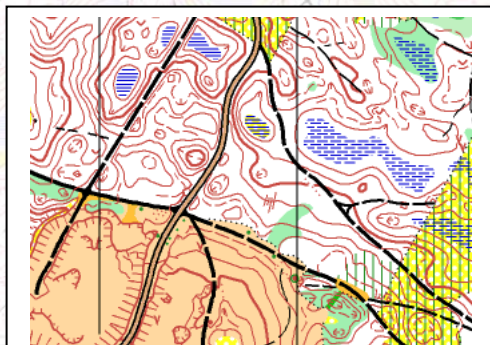
1. The city of Birštonas and parks within it.
2. The territory Harmony Park.
3. Marked territory in the west side of the city Prienai.
4. The territory in within square 3km East and 1km. North from the city Aukštadvaris center.
5. The territory within Open Air Museum of Lithuania.
6. The territory within the Capitals Golf Club.



TERRAINS AND PREVIOUS MAPS



**NO PREVIOUS
MAP**



1. BIRŠTONAS

1:4000, h=2m, 2014, ISSOM

No FootO competitions held.

Local TrailO competitions in September 2014.

Urban area and city parks. Flat terrain with subtle terrain details. Pine forest with some undergrowth.

2. HARMONY PARK

NO PREVIOUS MAP

Urban area and parks; terrain with mid-sized slopes. subtle terrain details; open and semi-open areas.

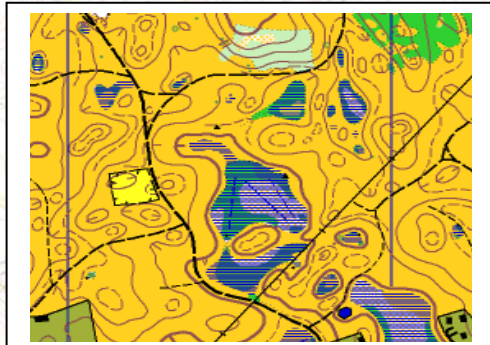
3. RESERVED TERRITORY

1:10000, h=2.5m, 2013, ISOM.

FootO competitions in 2013.

No TrailO competitions held.

Mature forest with many mid-sized landforms. Sand quarry.



4. AUKŠTADVARIS

1:15000, h=5m, 2008, ISOM.

FootO competitions in 2008., MTBO competitions in 2012

No TrailO competitions held.

Mainly open land with many mid-sized landforms.



5. RUMŠIŠKĖS

1:10000, h=5m, 2012, ISOM

FootO competitions in 2012,

TrailO competitions in 2012.

Partly open land and mature forest with mid-sized landforms and human made objects.

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MAP**

6. CAPITALS GOLF CLUB

NO PREVIOUS MAP

Golf course terrain. Open and semi-open areas; with numerous mid-sized terrain details.

PARTNERS



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GOLFO KLUBAS**
**THE CAPITALS
GOLF CLUB**



HARMONY PARK



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