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WORLD CUP

ROUTE-MAP-TO-WOC 2025





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Kuopion Suunnistajat ry

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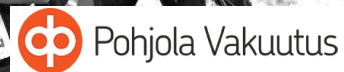
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Venue

Vehmersalmi,

Address [Räsälänlahdentie 175](#), 71310 Kuopio.

Competition centre is about 40 min from Kuopio depending on which route you choose.

There is a short ferry trip (delay 10 to 20 min) on the southern route.

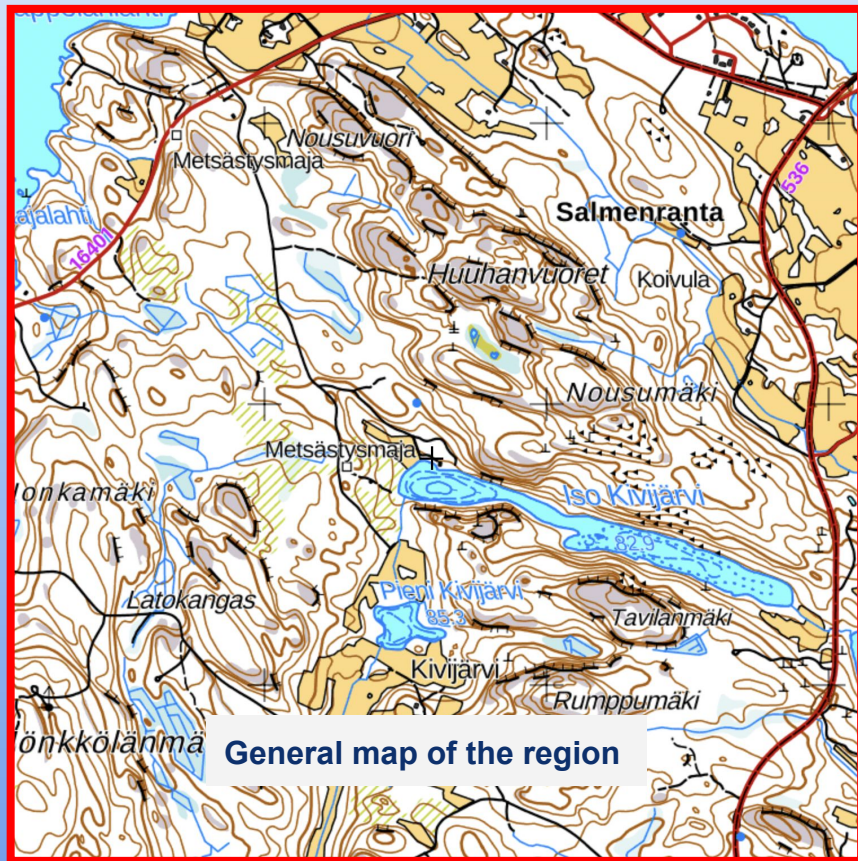
Date

Saturday 26th August 2023

Type of the competition

Middle distance





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The competition area marked on the map is embargoed and no orienteering or training is allowed in this area. It is allowed to drive Puutossalmentie (road number 5370/536) to the competition center (green arrow on the map). Driving through the embargoed area along Hirvilahdentie (road number 16410) and Räsälänlahdentie (road number 16401) is not allowed. Also those with links to possible WOC team members are not allowed to visit this area. It is allowed to drive the northern part of road 16401 to get to the competition center.

Embargoed and training areas for WRE event with all [WOC restrictions](#) (Google Maps).





Entry fee for competitors

The entry fee for WRE competition is 35 euros / competitor. The fee must be paid at the same time with the entry. Only competitors, whose fee has been paid, can compete. Late entry fee is 55 euros.

Latest date for entries

The last entry date is on Sunday 20.8.2023 23:59. Late entries on Tuesday 22.8.2023 23:59 for an increased fee.

Address for the payment of the entry fees

Kuopion Suunnistajat ry
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Rules of The Competition

Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events as published on the IOF website ([Competition Rules](#); Rules for IOF World Ranking Events) apply to competition.

Classes and any participation restrictions

The WRE competition classes are M21E for men and W21E for women. WRE classes M/W21E are limited to 80 participants. It is based on the World Forest Ranking situation on 21st of August 2023. Athletes after the 80th best are placed subsequently to M21EB and W21EB respectively. All classes are entitled to world ranking points. Other classes will be available as national races at the same time from the same arena.

Peculiarities of the event

Competition centre is located at the same area as Jukola 2014.

There is a Kuopion Viestiliiga relay (non WRE) on Sunday 27th of August on the same terrain. Course setter Olli-Jussi Korpinen (WRE2023/WCup2024/WOC2025). Entries to the relay competition via Irma system or by email sakari.hyvonen@woc2025.fi. Entry fee 85 euros/team, late entry 120 euros. Check more details www.woc2025.fi. Mixed teams are allowed to compete, but are excluded from official results.





Official entry form

Entries for WRE are made via Finnish Orienteering Federation entry system Irma. The international participants do their entries via IOF Eventor. Check that your personal data is correct.

Please contact sakari.hyvonen@woc2025.fi, if you have problems with the entry.

Inform:

- first name
- last name
- year of birth
- nationality
- your Finnish club (not mandatory)
- your Emit card number
- need for rented Emit card (5€)





Description of terrain

The competition terrain is located in Rytökylä, Vehmersalmi, some 50 km from the centre of Kuopio. The village of Rytökylä is in Soisalo, the largest island in Finland.

The terrain consists of four distinct areas of hills and a narrow stretch of water. The Finnish word “vuori” at the end of local names like Huhhanvuori and Nousuvuori means a rather high hill. The terrain in general offers easy running, but the courses may be strenuous due to soft ground in places. Occasionally there are slippery rocks hidden under a moss cover. There are also a couple of minor roads in the terrain. In the terrain, there are traces of logging carried out at various points of time, for example, tracks of logging harvesters. There are numerous high cliffs especially in the hilly areas in the northern part of the terrain. You’d better be careful out there!



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Details of the map

Scale: 1:10.000.

Contour interval: 5 m.

Map: Timo Joensuu and Janne Weckman (WRE2023 / World Cup2024 / WOC2025). 6-colour printing 8/2022. The size of the map is A4. The maps are inside compressed plastic cases.

Old map can be seen [here](#).

Event programme

First starts for M21E and W21E are at 11.00

The punching system

The punching system used in the competition is Emit (EKT). The organizer will reserve Emit cards for those who have not given Emit number upon entry. Rental Emit cards (5€) are available from the event organizer and can be picked up from the info desk at the event center. The organizer will charge 90€ for the lost Emit card.





Winning time

Estimated winning times are 35 minutes.

Details of opportunities for training

WOC2025 training package. Check www.2025woc.fi.

Types and cost of accommodation and food

The cost of reasonable accommodation varies from 50 to 150 euros per night/person. Our partner offers can be found from our website www.woc2025.fi. Use code woc2025 while making a reservation.

Transport and parking

Public transport is not available. Parking on the roadside close to the competition center.

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Climate

In August an average temperature ranges between min 11.8°C (53.2°F) and max 19.3°C (66.7°F). The relative humidity is 74% and we have 13 rainy days on average.

Passport and VISA

To visit Finland you need a valid passport. For travellers from certain countries, a visa or further documents are required. Please check with your embassy if you need visa permits. For an official letter of invitation please send an email with request to raimo.kariniemi@woc2025.fi

[A visa to visit Finland](#)

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Only in Kuopio you can
find the model terrain for
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Welcome!



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