

COURSE DESIGNER'S GREETINGS:

The terrain near the Keuruselkä sports park and the old Pioneer Regiment training area is very typical hilly terrain of Central Finland. In some areas of terrain there has been done traditional forest maintenance work but in a large area, no forest maintenance work has been carried out in the forest for a long time.

The competition area has a dense network of trails and roads, now in August the undergrowth vegetation and hay are at their highest and there is plenty of it. The aim has been to include an up-to-date description of vegetation on the map, which was completed and updated in 2025. Some of the edges of larger paths and tracks are overgrown with very dense bushes. All of these are not mapped on the map.

There are old spruce forests, young commercial forests, a few denser seedling areas, and there are hardly any logging areas. However, the terrain's runnability and visibility are quite good overall.

Model orienteering gives a good picture of the terrain of the competition area, I recommend visiting.

There are also archery training tracks in the vicinity of the sports park, blue target equipment is marked on the map with a black x mark, but the target animals are not marked on the map, so don't be surprised if you bump into e.g. a deer or a lynx at the end of the tracks.

All orienteering courses have many controls, so be careful not to miss any controls. Especially in sprinting, you should be careful.

There are no separate control descriptions, but the codes are marked in the after the control number, of course the control descriptions can be found on the maps.

Forbidden areas are marked on the map, but as a recap, field areas and asphalted roads are forbidden areas, in the sprint and relay there is a road crossing, which must be done from the place marked on the map by the organizers and elsewhere, crossing the road will cause the competitor to be disqualified.