

Introduction

Northern Finland Off Road Association and Off Road Oulu invite all 4x4 and ATV drivers to off road orienteering and endurance competition in Raajärvi, Lapland, Finland 21.-23.7.2006. This is the second time this kind of competition is arranged in Northern Finland, and Raajärvi area is uniquely suitable to this type of event. Large competition area offers interesting challenges for all participants in every class.

Lapland Trophy contains two separate competitions, Finnish Open National Competition and Baltic Sea Cup -series Finnish competition. These two competitions have their own technical rules, safety regulations and classes. The dates, location, control points and time schedules are common. Rules and schedules for both competitions can be found from these web pages. One can participate to only one of these competitions. National competition offers also Safari Orienteering classes for those who want to drive together with friends in a group.

Competition center is in the Old Mining Village in Raajärvi, the best off road center in Finland.

Old Mining Village situates in Northern Finland, Lapland. Raajärvi is located 65 kilometers from Rovaniemi, first 41 km towards Kemijärvi (road number 4 until Vikajärvi, then road number 82), and then to the right from Misi (road number 9444) for 24 kilometers. The Old Mining Village in Raajärvi has accommodation facilities, fully licensed restaurant and excellent possibilities to repair vehicles in a village garage.

Competition center KKJ-coordinates are E3495969 and N7385179, WGS 84 coordinates are E026 degrees 54.321 minutes and N66 degrees 33.469 minutes. There is a place in competition center where participants can check their GPS-device settings. Please note that there can be so called "blind spots" in GSM network in the competition area. We recommend using Sonera GSM network, which works the best in the area. If you want to be 100% sure for 24 hours communication e.g. into your service vehicle, we recommend using satellite phone.

Map links to Raajärvi: [ViaMichelin](#) and [Karttapaikka](#)

Raajärvi area is owned by Metsähallitus; it is a state enterprise that administers more than 12 million hectares of state-owned land and water areas. There are big areas in Raajärvi area that can be used for off road driving. There are plenty of control points; no-one can pick up all of them during the competition. Control points are worth a number of competition points, depending how easy or difficult it is to reach.

The participants are given a map and a form of control points before the start. Each team needs to plan their own route, and decide which control points they want to pick up. Control points can be found using traditional orienteering techniques, but the usage of GPS-devices and computerised methods are allowed. GPS -coordinates of the control points are also available in electronic format by request; the map is in paper only.

A visit to the control point is proven by digital camera; the competitors have to take a picture of the control points where they have visited. The pictures must be of good quality to minimise any possibilities for unclearness. The competitors sum up the competition points from the control points where they have visited to a summary sheet, and give the summary sheet and pictures to organisers for results checking immediately after the finish. In this way the results are as reliable as possible and results are available as soon as possible.



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The competitors are asked to register themselves as soon as possible; the normal registration deadline is 20.6.2006. Registration is possible also later, but then the registration fees for the Finnish Open National Competition do not include t-shirts or caps, and Baltic Sea Cup fees are slightly higher. Last possible registration date is 20.7.2006.

The three best ones in each class get a prize in the Finnish Open National Competition. Baltic Sea Cup competitors get a diploma.

Best Regards,

Northern Finland Off Road Association (Pohjois-Suomen Off Road Yhdistys) and Off Road Oulu