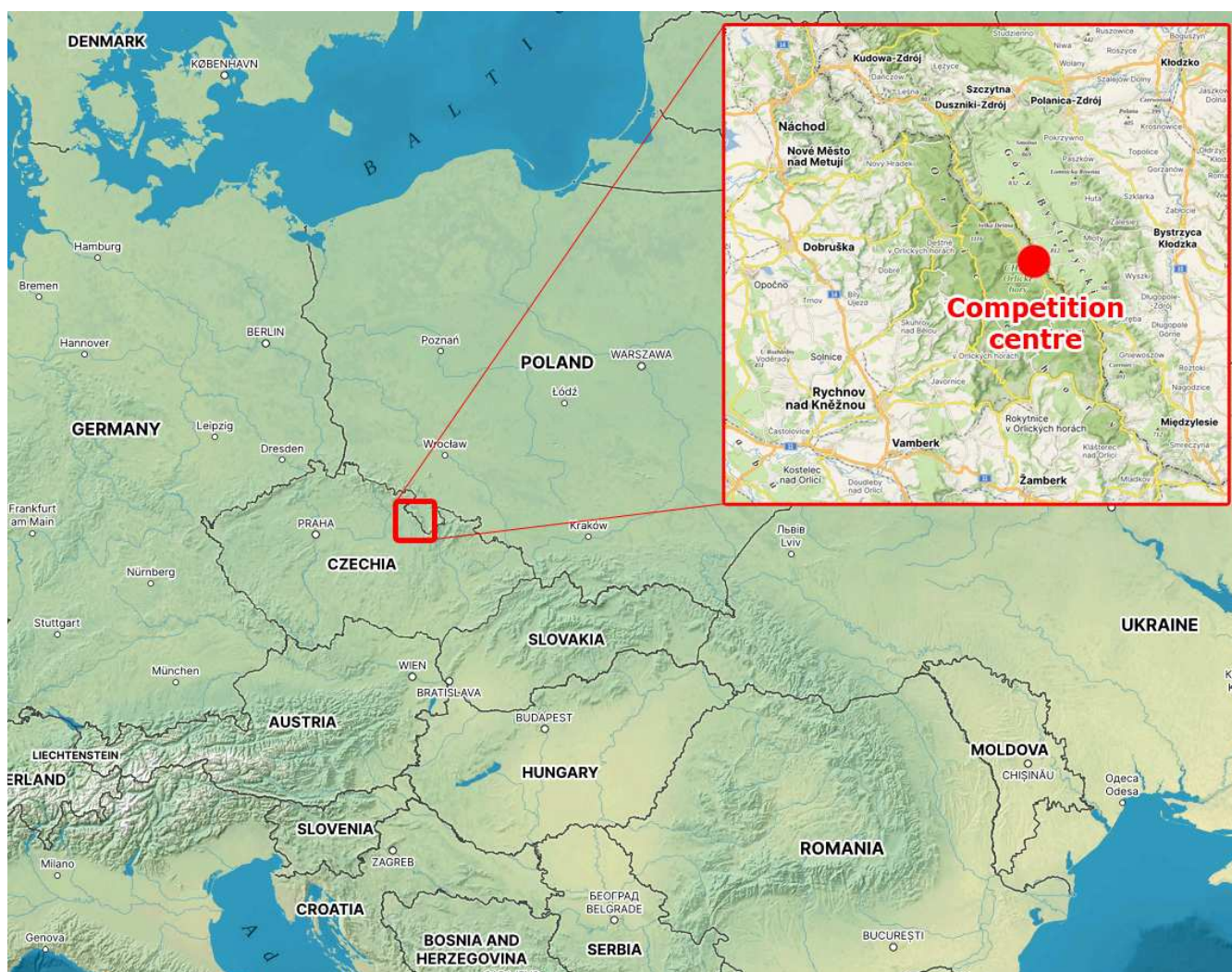


# 21<sup>st</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2026 30<sup>th</sup> Czech Rogaining Championships 2026

## Bulletin #1

### Location

Czech Republic – Orlické hory, Poland – Góry Bystrzyckie



### Event centre

Orlické Záhory, camping Černá Voda (50.2497139N, 16.4953400E)

### Date

27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## **Organizers**

Organizing team: Orienteering Adventure

Organizing association: Czech Rogaining Federation

## **Event website**

[erc2026.o-adventure.cz](http://erc2026.o-adventure.cz)

## **Format**

24 hours rogaining

## **Rules**

International Rogaining Federation Rules of Rogaining (valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024)

– <https://rogaining.org/rules>

## **Transportation**

By car:

From	Travel time	Travel time
	with highway vignette	without highway vignette
Prague Airport (PRG)	2:35	3:15
Pardubice Airport (PED)	1:25	1:30
Katowice Airport (KTW)	3:00	3:00
Wien Airport (VIE)	4:30	5:00
Wroclaw Airport (WRO)	2:00	2:00

Parking is provided by organizer near event centre.

By train/bus:

From (via)	Travel time
Praha/Prague (by train to Hradec Králové, and then local buses)	4:00
Praha/Prague (by train to Ústí nad Orlicí, and then local buses)	3:45 – 4:00
Check timetable: <a href="https://idos.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/">https://idos.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/</a> – local buses are operating rarely.	

## **Accommodation**

In the event centre, in own tents. There are many private accommodations in Orlické Záhoří not provided by the organizer.

## **Terrain**

Competition area is about 350 km<sup>2</sup>. There is one main mountain ridge, in central area flat terrain with bog where the river Orlice originates and flows down around the CZ/PL boundary. Many remains of WW2 fortification. In few parts a sandstone rocks and boulders. Generally good runability, in several parts dense young forest. Many paths and roads, almost no settlement. Top peak 1116 m a.s.l., lowest point 450 m a.s.l.

The terrain has been used for Czech Rogaining Championships 2016

Link to the existing rogaining map from this area

<https://o-adventure.cz/2026erc/rogaining2016.pdf>

## **Risks & hazards**

There are no direct life-threatening animals.

The most dangerous snake is viper, its bite is not fatal, but still requires immediate medical attention.

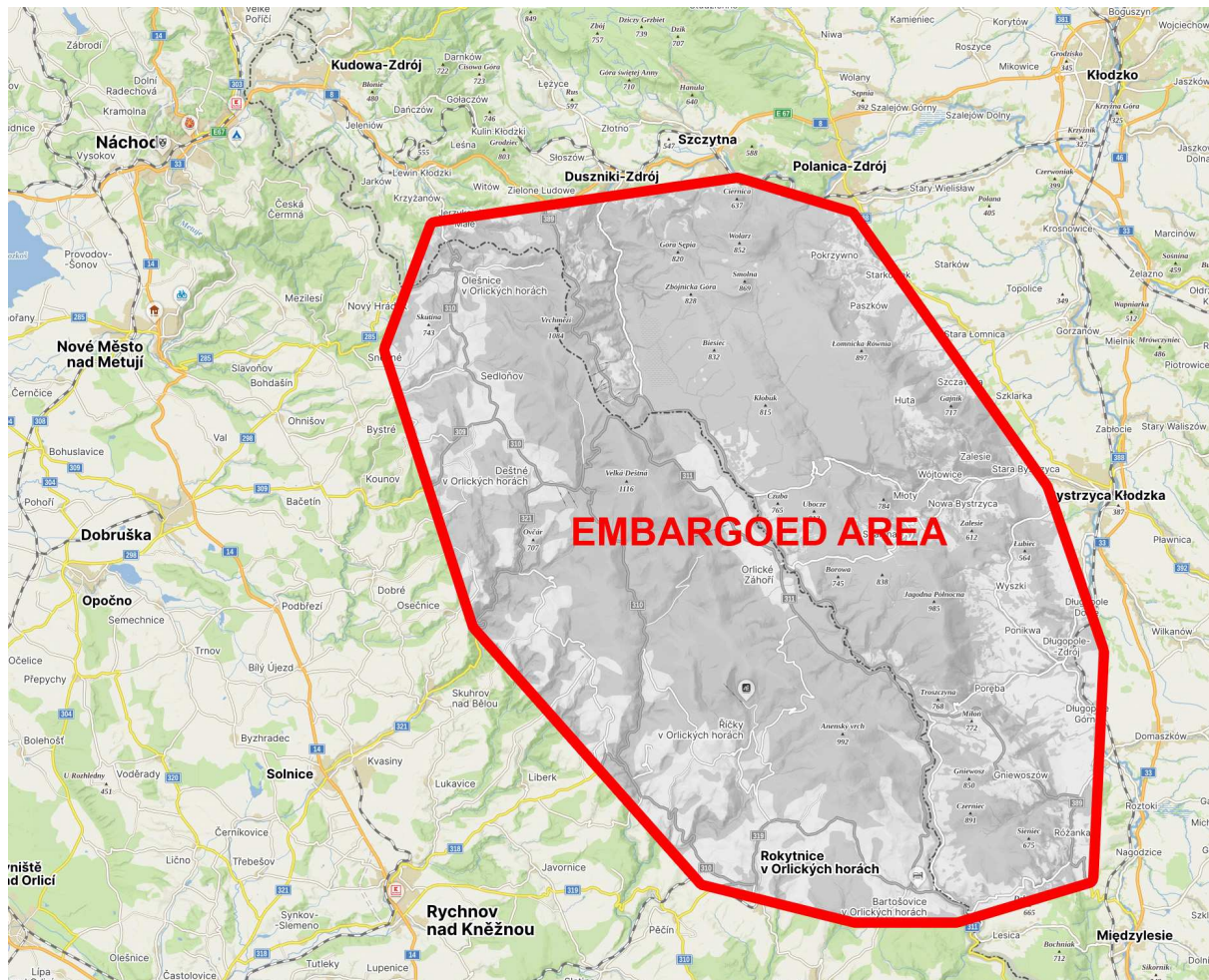
There are also wild boars here, be careful if they are with young ones. In such a case, the female may be aggressive.

A quite rare animal here is the wolf. Despite its bad reputation, it is usually shy and does not attack humans.

Private areas are often guarded by dogs. Be careful and don't cross borders of private areas.

## **Embargoed area**

For prospective ERC participants the area indicated on the map below is closed for training. Under the embargo, independent or team training on the terrain with a map, as well as participation in any rogaining-type or adventure events or similar activities is prohibited from the date of issue of Bulletin #1 until the start of ERC.



## **Participants**

A team shall consist of two or three members. A team that has a member under 14 years of age shall also have a member 18 years of age or over. A team member is considered to represent a country of which she/he is a national or a permanent resident.

Non-European participants are eligible to compete for the ERC medals.

Participants from Russia and Belorussia are able to compete as "International", they may not compete under their own country name. No symbols and flags of those countries are allowed during ERC2026. Only teams whose all members are from the Czech Republic will receive medals from the Czech Rogaining Championships.

## **Competition classes**

MO, WO, XO, MY, WY, XY, MV, WV, XV, MSV, WSV, XSV, MUV, WUV, XUV

M – all members of the team are men

W – all members of the team are women

X – there is at least one man and one woman in the team

O – Open category, no age restriction

Y – Youth category, all members of the team must be born 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 or later

V – Veteran category, all members of the team must be born 31<sup>st</sup> December 1981 or earlier

SV – Super Veteran category, all members of the team must be born 31<sup>st</sup> December 1971 or earlier

UV – Ultra Veteran category, all members of the team must be born 31<sup>st</sup> December 1961 or earlier

Teams are entered to particular categories based on gender and age of their members. Teams are deemed to compete in every category for which they are eligible.

The age requirements for age categories are based on the year of birth, i.e. the age of team members at the end of the year (as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026) is taken into account.

All participants under 18 years of age should present a written permission from parents or legal guardians upon registration.

## **Schedule**

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June

12:00 Event centre opens

12:00 – 22:00 Registration

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June

7:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 Map handout for ERC2026

12:00 ERC2026 mass start

18:00 Hash house opens

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June

12:00 ERC2026 finish

12:30 Late finish cut-off time

12:45 Deadline for submitting protests

14:00 ERC2026 prize-giving ceremony

18:00 Event centre closes

### *Sun and moon*

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June

21:09 Sunset

21:53 End of civil twilight

19:40 Moonrise

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June

4:01 Start of civil twilight

2:45 Mooset

4:46 Sunrise

Moon illumination is about 95% as there will be full moon on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1:58.

### **Weather**

The average daytime high temperatures in June are around 20 – 25°C, and the average nighttime low temperatures are about 10 – 15°C. The chance of rain is about 30 %. There may be storms. In extremely bad weather temperatures could be 5-10°C during day and night.

### Map

The competition map is a special rogaining map. The map scale will be 1:50000 with a contour interval of 10 meters. The map will be printed on a water-resistant material. Competitors will also get one map for course planning printed on normal paper. Map size will be DIN A2 (420 mm x 594 mm).

### **Course**

Checkpoints may be visited in any order. Control markers are not equipped with reflective stripes.

The first digit of the checkpoint number reflects its point value. There might be some out-of-bound areas marked on the map, including some nature reserves. It is strictly prohibited to enter these areas. Violations will lead to disqualification.

### **Mandatory equipment**

Each team member shall carry at all times during the competition a whistle, a visibly placed number bib and the SI card, sealed around the competitors' wrist with a non-removable wristband. One of the team members shall carry at all times during the competition the GPS tracking device provided by the organizer.

### **Recommended equipment**

Compass, watches, first aid kit, survival blanket, and a mobile phone, which is turned off, sealed by organizer and will be used only for emergency calls.

### **Prohibited equipment**

The only navigational aids allowed are the map provided by the organizer, magnetic compass and watches only used for measuring time (without GPS, or measuring of altitude).

The use of any other navigational aids, including any type of GPS, is prohibited. These devices may only be carried sealed by the organizer so that they do not provide any information to the competitor.

The use of any other map not provided by the organizer is prohibited. Competitors must behave according to fair play rules.

### **Punching**

SPORTident (SI) non-Air punching system will be used. Competitors may use their own SI cards – it is competitor's responsibility to use SI card with sufficient capacity. Organizer will provide rental of SI cards for 4 euro per SI card. In case of loss SI card, there will be 80 euro fee.

In order to gain points for a checkpoint, all members of a team shall punch their SI cards at the SI station of that checkpoint within a time interval of 60 seconds.

### **GPS tracking**

Each team will be provided with a GPS tracker and teams are required to carry a GPS tracker at all times when on course during the event.

### **Results**

After the finish, each competitor gets a printout of the SI card reading, indicating all controls visited, the total time, time of each leg and the sum of points collected. The individual SI printout shall be considered as a preliminary, and not a final result. Preliminary team results are posted at the event center. Final results are published on the ERC2026 website.

### **Protests**

Within 45 minutes of the nominated finish time, a team may submit a protest. Protests shall be submitted in writing in English to the organizer.

### **Hash house catering**

There will be food and drink available at the hash house from 18:00 on Saturday to 11:00 on Sunday. Vegetarian options will be also offered. Lunch will be provided at the hash house after the event on Sunday from 11:00 to 13:00.

### **Registration**

Online registration are open since 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and close on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

### **Entry fees (per competitor)**

till 31<sup>st</sup> March 80 Euro

till 31<sup>st</sup> May 100 Euro

till 14<sup>th</sup> June 120 Euro

The entry fee covers participation in the competition, map, course planning map, catering during the event in hash house and lunch after the event, parking near the event centre, camping in the event centre from Friday to Sunday, awards for the best teams and GPS tracking service.

The entry fee shall be paid by bank transfer to:

*Account name: ORIENTEERING ADV.*

*Address: Nadrazni 130, 54301 Vrchlabi*

*IBAN: CZ9603000000000283838208*

*BIC (SWIFT): CEKOCZPP*

*Purpose of payment: „ERC2026 entry fee" + Team name*

### **Cancellation**

In case of withdrawal of participation the organizers will reimburse 50 percent of the paid entry fee (minus bank transaction charges) by 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026. There will be no reimburse after this date.

### **Visas**

There is no need of visas for competitors from countries of The European Union. Nationals of other countries are advised to check the visa requirements and the necessary travel documents they need to enter The Czech Republic. For more information on visa applications, please see [https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/information\\_for\\_alien/index.html](https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/information_for_alien/index.html).

### **Organizing team**

Event director: Tomáš Leštínský

Course setter: Jan Fátor

Map maker: Tomáš Leštínský

Timing and results: Tomáš Leštínský

Course vetter: Vladimír Hora

### **Accompanying competition**

Open rogaining event for 6 and 12 hours (daylight events) – information will be published on the event web site

## **Partners & supporters**

