

The VLDB 2005 Orienteering Race & Tour

Welcome to Bymarka, the best place to be when not writing VLDB papers!

The VLDB 2005 Orienteering Race offers two different courses, “*the challenge*” for people with some prior experience and “*the tour*” for those with no or very little experience. At the start, you can take a look at the maps for the two courses — and make your final choice. The courses are also described below.



The VLDB 2005 Tour is 2.1 km, almost flat and has 7 controls placed along a path around a small lake called Theisendammen. You should have leisure wear and shoes suitable for walking on forest paths. If you are lucky you might see a beaver or trees cut by the beaver. The course partly goes through Trondheim golf course. The “*Rollback procedure*” for this course is to ask someone for the way to Ferista Parking or “BSK (Byåsen Skiklubb) hytta”.

The VLDB 2005 Challenge is 3.4 km, relatively hilly and contains 9 controls. Many of these are close to paths, but you have to leave the paths for some parts of the course, and entering wet and dirty ground. Marshes are by most inhabitants in Trondheim regarded as a very nice “feature” of Bymarka, both in summer and winter! You must definitely have shoes that are suitable for these rough conditions. The controls should be taken in right order. The course can be made less wet by skipping some of the controls. Control no 4 is the wettest, but also the most beautiful place along the course! If you think it is too difficult, you may take a short cut by skipping control 4, or other controls. The “*Rollback procedure*” to be used only for this course is to walk in the direction pointed out by the red part of the compass needle (north). When you enter Fjelleseterveien (the road in the northern border of the map, with asphalt) — go to east (downwards) till you see the entrance to the parking place (Ferista), and then you should be able to see the starting point and the finish.

contour	
index contour	
form line	
earth bank	
small earth wall	
small gully	
knoll	
depression, pit	
broken ground	
impassable cliff	
cliff	
boulder, large boulder	
boulder field	
group of boulders	
stony ground, bare rock	
pond	
wide stream	
stream, ditch	
narrow marsh	
marsh	
indistinct marsh	
spring	
open land	
rough open land	
forest: run	
forest: slow run	
forest: walk	
undergrowth: slow run	
distinct vegetation boundary	
vehicle track	
footpath	
small path	
indistinct path	
narrow ride	
wide ride	
wall	
ruined wall	
fence	
ruined fence	
high fence	
crossing point	
building, ruin	
cairn	

For both courses the map has a scale 1:7500, which means that 1 cm on the map is 75 m. Most of the signs that you will find on the map is shown in the left column below. We will have some compasses that can be borrowed.

Participant control card: You’ll get this on the bus. Write your name on both parts. Write address(Hotel) and preferably also mobile phone no on the upper part. The control card is used on the controls – use the punch mechanism on control 1 to make small holes in the part of the grid marked with 1 and so on.

We will use simple old-fashioned time recording, and a very small database of results for both the courses will be published on the net the day after the event (www.vldb2005.org/orienteering.php). You may ask us to not record the time.

It is mandatory that you deliver your control card at the finish regardless how many controls you have found. The finish is at the hut.

Sunset is 8.39 pm, but it starts getting difficult to read the map already at 8.15 pm. **At 8.15 you should immediately go to the finish.**

When you finish your race, you will be able to take a shower and change clothes. We will end the orienteering event with a common **meal** before a bus brings you back to the hotel. “Sodd” will be served from 7.45 to 8.50 pm. Sodd is a local dish traditionally served in weddings with many guests. It consists of soup with mutton, beef, potato and carrot. You can choose from various kinds of soda, light beer (low on alcohol, not carbs) and water to drink. Bread is served for those who want an alternative to sodd.

Time schedule:

Start: 6.45 p.m. – 7.15 pm (Southeast on the parking place)

Meal: 7.15 p.m. – 8.50 pm

The bus leaves at 9.15 pm.

Good luck!

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