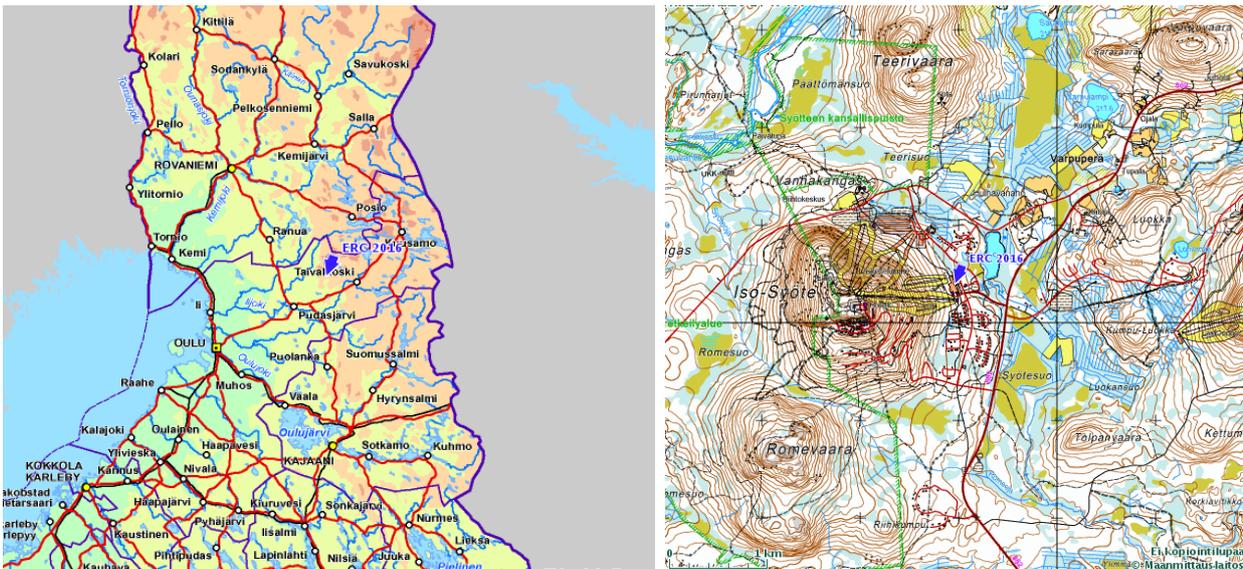


# APPLICATION FOR ORGANIZING THE 13<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

1. *Suggested dates of the ERC2016:*
  - We suggest that the race will be on the last weekend of August 27.-28.8.2016.
- 2.1 *Location*
  - Race will be on a holiday resort area Syöte and it's surrounding terrains
  - Syöte is located 135 km east from city of Oulu: [map link](#).



- 2.2 *Access*
  - There is good public access by airplane or train to Oulu and bus from Oulu to Syöte
  - Highway 20 from Oulu to Kuusamo passes close the area of Syöte
3. *General description of the terrain*

Race center area is a holiday resort area with several downhill ski slopes, caravan areas, some hotels and cottage villages. Plenty of accommodation capacity exists and good number of places for parking cars. Part of area is national park. This part of terrain is very pure: partly real wilderness with lot of wild animals and vegetation.

Area is covered by forests that are mostly spruces and pines. Exceptionally spruces are tall, which are called "candle spruces" by locals because of thin but tall outlook of the trees. Area has also some open marsh and forested marshy terrain. Plenty of smaller or bigger hills are around the area. Some parts of the terrain have a lot's of small scale hills, kettle holes, ridges and passes.

Drinking water is available straight from the nature: almost all open water is drinkable. Especially creeks and ditches have good water and lot of natural fountains exists.

Weather in the end of August is usually moderating with daytime +15 - +20 and night +5 - +10. Freezing nights might be possible, but not usual in the end of August.

#### 4.1 *The organizing group*

Organizer is *Free Adventure Ry* which is well-known rogaining and extreme adventure racing club in Finland. More info on website: [www.freadventure.fi](http://www.freadventure.fi)

- Race director: Seppo Mäkinen
- Route designers: Seppo Mäkinen and Marko Vapa
- Field team: Hannu Oja, Mikko Vapa and Maija Oravamäki
- Sponsor manager: Kai Ojala
- Result manager: Miika Pietilä
- Photos: Tapani Launonen and Minna Pietiläinen
- Maps: Mapline Oy

#### 4.2 *Arranged races by the same organization:*

Rogaining (4-24h):

- Retki-Rogaining 2014 on Hailuoto, Oulu (Open Finnish Championships, 24h format)
- Muddy-X 12 times from 2005 to 2014 (4h short rogaining race by foot or MTB)

Adventure races (24h):

- Geopark Challenge 4 times 2011-2014 on Geopark area of Rokua. Challenge has been 24h adventure race with several disciplines. Race have been international with foreign participants. Check: [http://www.rokua.com/geopark\\_challenge](http://www.rokua.com/geopark_challenge) and TV-productions every year: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8S06A1iVvc&feature=youtu.be>

Orienteering races:

- Organizers have experience of arranging orienteering races every year in the last twenty years

#### 4.3 *Best merits and experience in rogaining as a sportmen*

Seppo Mäkinen:

2012	WRC Czech Republik MV	1 <sup>st</sup>
2010	WRC New Zealand XO, MV	1 <sup>st</sup>
2010	ERC Ukraina MO	1 <sup>st</sup>
2009	ERC Ylläs Finland MO	3 <sup>st</sup>
2008	WRC Karula Estonia MO	5 <sup>st</sup>

Hannu Oja:

2012	WRC Czech Republik MV	1 <sup>st</sup>
2010	ERC Ukraina MO	1 <sup>st</sup>
2009	ERC Ylläs Finland MO	3 <sup>st</sup>

Marko and Mikko Vapa:

2012	WRC Czech Republik MO	10 <sup>th</sup>
2010	Retki Rogaining MO	1 <sup>st</sup>

Kai Ojala:

Strong backround from MTB-Rogaining, cross country skiing and orienteering

Miika Pietilä:

Strong backround arranging result services in Retki-Rogainings, ERC2009, WRC2015 etc.

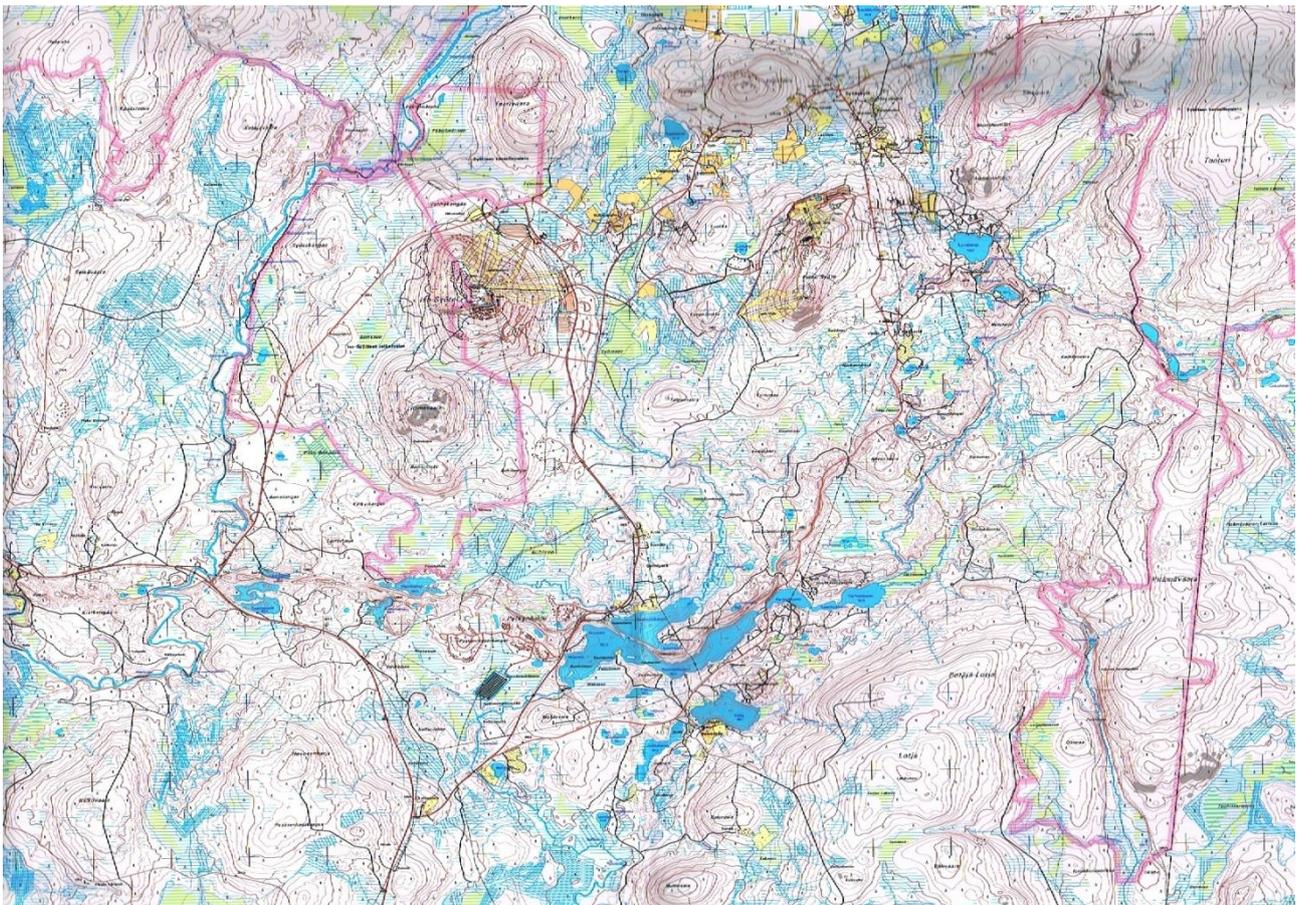
Mapline Oy

Mapline makes the most of the maps of the biggest orienteering races in Finland including World Orienteering Championships 2013 and Finnish Championships Retki-Rogaining 2014 and Rokua Geopark Challenges 2011-2014. They have provided maps with best available quality and accuracy.

5. *Other*

Tourism and general information of race area: <http://isosyotteenmatkailu.fi/>

Map overview from the area (is also attached in 1:50 000). Notice that final area will be determined after first plans of the route. There's great terrain, trails, open cottages, fire places like "lean-to"s and good possibilities to all directions from the center area of Syöte.



We are looking forward with this!

Oulu 11.11.2014

Seppo Mäkinen

