



## Trail Description

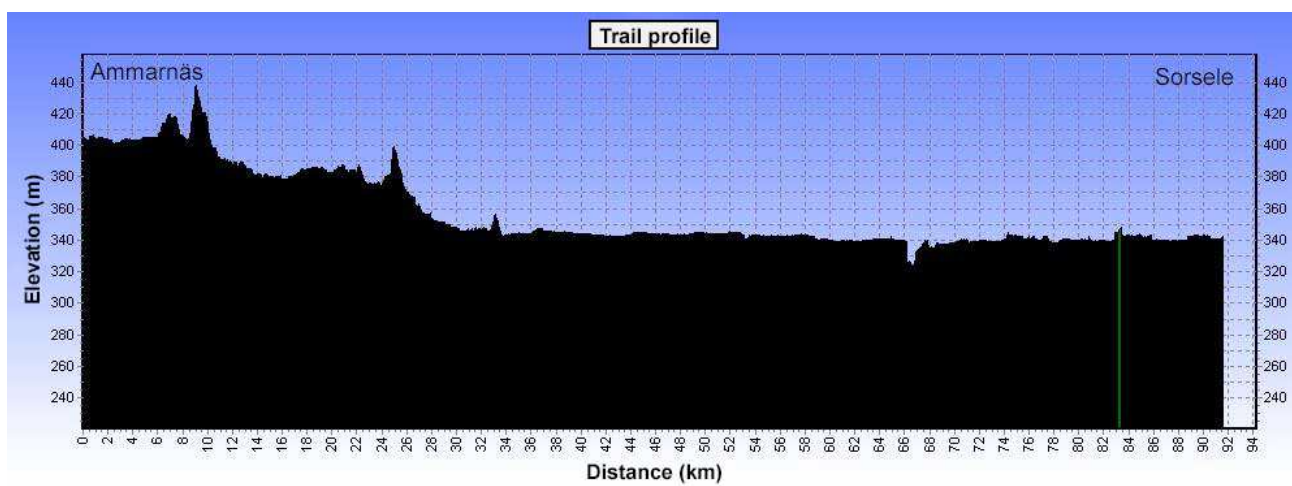
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### Trail Description

To simplify this description we refer the cardinal directions to the Finnish-side of the river respectively the Norwegian-side of the river, because most people know where Finland and Norway are in relations to Sweden.

**DAY 1: Friday AMMARNÄS - SORSELE 92,5 km**

### Elevation Profile day 1



### Mass Start at Ammarnäsgården in Ammarnäs

[1. Ammarnäs - Kraddsele 20,5 km](#)

#### Optional exchange,

Day 1 Ammarnäs-Kraddsele today 20,5 km, optional exchange in Djupfors, makes for a distance of 10,5+10 km, parking will be on the road.

Exit via Tjulån, follow lake Gautsträsk for 6,5 km, after that 2,5 km light forest terrain, steep climb at Järnforsen, light slope for 2,5 km, mixed terrain forest and river for 4,5 km, river driving for the rest of the distance to the exchange in Kraddsele. Exchange on field.

[2. Kraddsele - Gillesnoule 13,0 km](#)

Hilly forest terrain for 7,5 km, the rest of the distance is river driving up to the exchange in Gillesnoule. Exchange is on the ice.

[3. Gillesnoule - Hemfjäll 8,5 km](#)

The whole distance is river driving, at Hemfjäll the leg follows the Finnish-side of lake

**Storvindeln.**

[4. Hemfjäll - Jeribäcken 12,0 km](#)

The whole distance follows the Finnish-side of lake Storvindeln. Exchange is on the ice.

[5. Jeribäcken - Grannäs 13,0 km](#)

The whole distance follows the Finnish-side of lake Storvindeln. Exchange is in Grannäs.

**New-start in Jeribäcken at 13.00**

[6. Grannäs - Kvarnudden 7,5 km](#)

The whole distance follows the Finnish-side of lake Storvindeln. Exchange is on the ice.

[7. Kvarnudden - Ned.N. Örnäs 9,0 km](#)

The leg follows the Finnish-side of lake Storvindeln for 2 km, after that 1 km light forest terrain to Laisälvens outlet in Nedre Gautsträsket. The rest of the trail follows the Finnish-side of Nedre Gautsträsket to the exchange. Exchange on field.

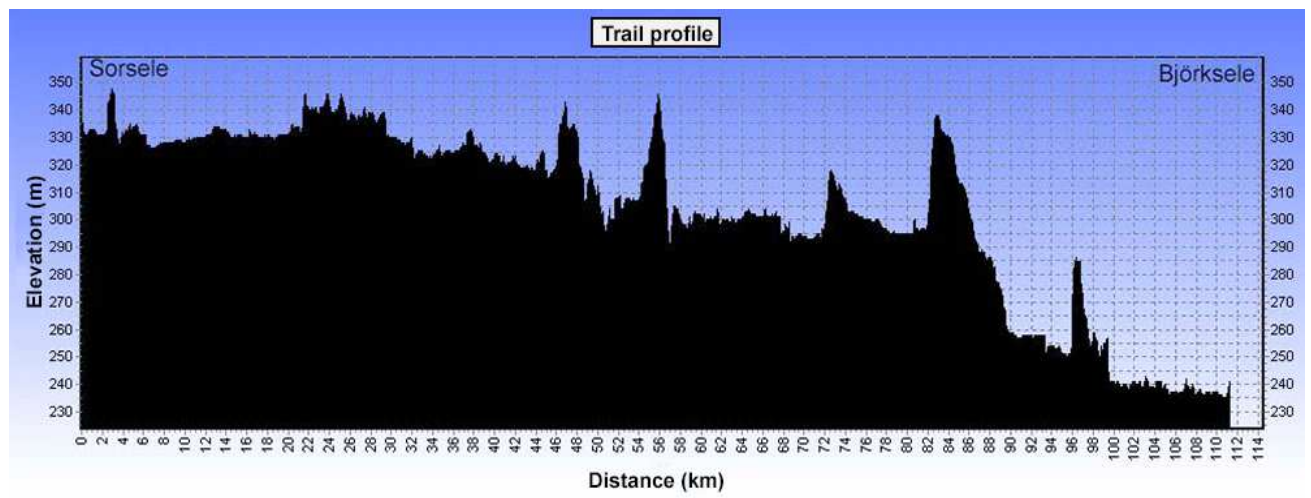
[8. Ned.N. Örnäs - Sorsele 9,0 km](#)

The leg follows the Finnish-side of Nedre Gautsträsket, then on to the Finnish-side of Vindelälven up to Sorsele. Finnish line at the lake in connection to the camping site in Sorsele.

**New-start in Nedre Norra Örnäs at 15.00.**

**DAY 2: Saturday SORSELE - BJÖRKSELE 108,5 km**

**Elevation Profile day 2**



**Mass Start at the camping site in Sorsele**

[9. Sorsele - Nedre Saxnäs 18,0 km](#)

Start on the lake by the camping site in Sorsele. The leg then follows Vindelälven for 2 km, then light forest terrain for 4 km. Half way through the distance the trail passas over a fen for 2 km. The rest of the distance follows the Finnish-side of Vindelälven. The exchange is on the ice road in nedra Saxnäs. Parking on the ice road.

[10. Nedre Saxnäs - Blattnicksele 13,0 km](#)

The leg follows the Finnish-side of Vindelälven for 3 km, after that light forest terrain along a

forest road. The trail follows the Finnish-side of Vindelälven for 3 km, then forest driving along a forest road on the Norwegian-side of the river for 6,5 km. The rest of the distance up to the exchange follows the Norwegian-side of Vindelälven. Exchange on the ice road in Blattnicksele.

[11. Blattnicksele - Sandsele 6,0 km](#)

The leg follows the Norwegian-side of the river to the exchange in Sandsele. Exchange in connection to the football field in Sandsele.

[12. Sandsele - Torviksele 13,0 km](#)

~~Optional exchange,~~

~~Day 2 Sandsele-Torviksele today 13 km, optional hadover zone by the ice road to Lillselebränna, that make for the distances 7+6 km. Parking on the ice road.~~

The trail follows the Norwegian-side of the river for 2 km, then crossing to the Finnish-side, mixed terrain forest-, and river-driving. Exchange i Torviksele on field.

[13. Torviksele - Gargnäs 8,5 km](#)

The leg crosses over Vindelälven and then over Vindelälsvägen (road 363). After that following the power line to Gargnär, that starts with a very light climb for 3 km, then heavy downhill driving to the village. The distance finishes along the lake up to the check point, the exchange is by the school in Gargnäs.

New-start in Torviksele at 13.00

[14. Gargnäs - Råstrand 8,0 km](#)

The leg follows along the airfield the crosses over Gargån, then light forest driving for 3,5 km. Followed by river driving to the exchange at the old store in Råstrand.

[15. Råstrand - Vindelgransele 24 km](#)

Optional exchange,

Day 2 leg 15 between Råstrand and Vindelgransele after the second crossing about 12 km from Råstrand.

The trail follows Råstrandsavan in the forest for 5 km and then on to Rågoträsket for 6 km. The trail then goes on with moderate difficulty forest driving for 5 km and finishes with river driving to the exchange at Vindelgranselegården in Vindelgransele.

[16. Vindelgransele - Björksele 18,0 km](#)

Optional exchange,

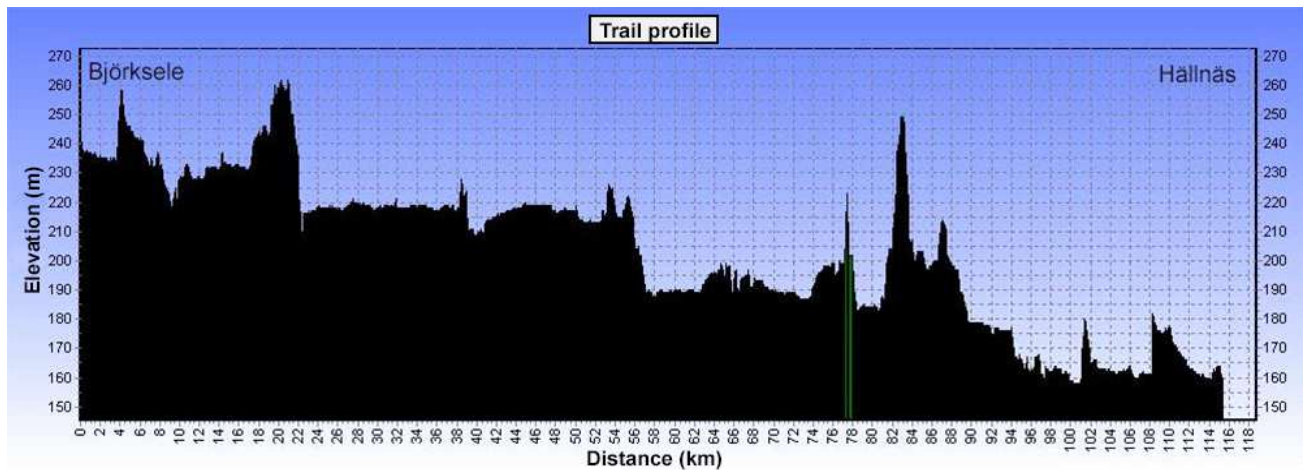
Day 2 Vindelgransele-Björksele 18 km, optional exchange between Vindelgransele and Björksele after crossing from the Norwegian-side to the Finnish-side half-way along, makes for the distances 10 + 8 km. The optional exchange is located in Knotthagen.

River driving for 2 km along the Norwegian-side then a short heavy climb from the river om the Norwegian-side. After that 6 km forest driving. The leg ends with river driving to finish line for the day at the association house in Björksele.

New-start in Vindelgransele at 15.00.

**DAY 3: Sunday BJÖRKSELE - HÄLLNÄS 116 km**

**Elevation Profile day 3**



**Mass Start at 10.00 in Björksele**

[17. Björksele - Vormsele 14,0 km](#)

**Start in Björksele. 2 km river driving, then 7 km slightly hilly forest driving. The leg is in close approximation to the road Vindelälvsvägen. The leg finish with river driving to the exchange at the cabin village in Vormsele.**

[18. Vormsele - Ruskesele 18,0 km](#)

**Optional exchange,**

**Day 3 Vormsele-Ruskesele 18 km, optional exchange by the bridge over Vindelälven (Enebacken), makes for the distances 12+6 km, parking on the Road Administrations rest area at the bridge ramp.**

**The trail follows the Norwegian-side of the river for 2,5 km, then light forest driving form 5 km , There is a slightly tricky slope to the river. The leg finish with river driver to the exchange at the bathing area in Ruskesele.**

[19. Ruskesele - Forsholm 10,0 km](#)

**River driving for 7 km, then forest driving ending with a short distance of river driving to the exchange in Forsholm. Exchange is on a field in the center of the village Forsholm.**

[20. Forsholm - Siksele 9,0 km](#)

**This whole leg is river driving, the exchange is on the Norwegian-side of the river at the ice road in Siksele.**

[21. Siksele - Föjsviken 14,5 km](#)

**Optional exchange,**

**Day 3 Siksele-Föjsviken 15 km, optional exchange at the slope to Mårdseleforsen, makes for the distances 5,5+9 km, parking on the road Vindelälvsvägen at Mårdseleforsen.**

**The trail follows the Finnish-side of the river for 2 km to Sikseleforsen. Moderate difficulty forest driving for 3 km passing Mårdseleforsen. River driving for 7 km and finish with light forest driving to the exchange under the power line in Föjsviken.**

**New-start in Siksele at kl 13.00**

[22. Föjsviken - Åmsele 8,0 km](#)

**Very light forest driving for 3 km, river driving on the Finnish-side of the river. The leg finish with**

a heavy climb to the exchange in Åmsele.

### [23. Åmsele - Ekorrsele 17,0 km](#)

Optional exchange,

Day 3 leg 23 between Åmsele and Ekorrsele on the ice road to Bjursele (**Iceroad not open. Teams have to walk 300m**) about 8 km from Åmsele.

This leg is the most hilly of all the legs. The leg starts with a short river driving followed by 2 km light forest driving. Then 4 km river driving. Next we have several heavy climbs. The rest of the leg is forest driving. The leg finish at the heritage centre in Ekorrsele. If you choose to use the optional exchange in Bjursele, remember that the hilly part of the trail is between Bjursele and Ekorrsele.

### [24. Ekorrsele - Strycksele 12,0 km](#)

The leg follows the Finnish-side of Vindelälven for 1 km then crosses the river, after that 6 km forest driving. Then river driving on the Norwegian-side of the river, light climb to the exchange at the school in Strycksele.

New-start in Ekorrsele at 15.00.

### [25. Strycksele - Hällnäs 13,5 km](#)

The leg follows the Norwegian-side of the river all the way to the finishline at the camping site "Kärleksudden" in Hällnäs.

New-start in Strycksele at 15.00.