



International Rogaining Federation

News – March 2026

Welcome to an email newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date with what the International Rogaining Federation has been doing and big events from our member and observer countries. Please share around your clubs and give your country representative news to share.

World Rogaining Championships 2027 – Australia



Start planning your next travel adventure to the World Rogaining Championships in Australia. These will be held in the spectacular Flinders Ranges of South Australia on 16-17 September 2027.

A true rogaining paradise. The area comprises of complex spur/gully terrain with spectacular red quartzite cliffs dominating the view in the competition area. The Flinders Ranges exposed rock strata that document nearly a billion years of the Earth's history. Vegetation is sparse, and the terrain will permit a mix of running and walking.

“The Flinders Ranges is a favourite rogaining areas as I can move quickly while navigating the complex, yet visible, terrain. It is stunningly beautiful from broad vistas to the immense feeling of age in the old River Red Gums” Julie Quinn, Course setter from WRC2016.

Need more? Watch the short video on the website. <https://qldrogaine.asn.au/wrc2027/>

An experienced team of rogainers from around Australia has come together to organise the event and is meeting regularly. LiDAR data has been purchased to achieve the best quality map. A substantial funding grant for the event has been approved by the South Australian Government Tourism Commission.

Bulletin 1 will be out shortly with information on the event and location, to allow you to start planning.

European Rogaining Championships 2026



The 21st European Rogaining Championships will be held in Orlické Záhory, Czech Republic on Saturday 27 June to Sunday 28 June 2026.

The terrain has one main mountain ridge in a central flat area with bog where the Orlice River originates. The rogaine straddles the border between Czech Republic and Poland.

The map from a rogaining event in 2016 is on the website for you to view. Please respect the embargoed area in place until the event.

Bulletin 1 is available and entries are open. <https://o-adventure.cz/stranka.php?co=2026erc>

You can get cheaper entries until 31 March. Entries close 14 June.

Thank you to organisers Orienteering Adventure and hosts Czech Rogaining Federation.

Slovenia foot and mountain bike rogaine



There will be an 8-hour foot rogaine and 6-hour MTB rogaine in Štorje, Slovenia on 21 March 2026. This is Slovenia's second rogaine.

Join Rogaine Slovenija for an unforgettable race in the heart of the Karst region, where the unique landscape of this remarkable terrain awaits you! Surrounded by rugged rocky slopes, mysterious sinkholes, diverse woodlands, and views of charming Karst villages and vineyards, this event offers the perfect blend of navigational challenges and enchanting Mediterranean atmosphere.

Website is at <https://rogaining.net/en2026>

Some good pictures from the setters on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571835802264>

New Zealand Rogaining Championships 2025



Lake McKay Station near Wanaka in New Zealand was the location for the national rogaining champs in November 2025. The terrain stretched from bike trails along the Clutha River right up to 1300m on the Pisa Range with views of lakes and snowy mountains of Central Otago. Route planning presented challenges with steep valleys, rocky bluffs and impenetrable bush between ridges. If you've never rogainied in NZ you will not have experienced the vicious delights of rampant matagouri bushes, gorse and briar roses. On the flat, careful navigation was required when overgrown farm tracks dived off bike trails. Results and GPS tracks are at <https://rogaine-results.com/event/results/2025/nz-champs/24hr>

A meeting for champions in Latvia



Latvian rogainers ran an event called “Champions dinner”. It was a chance to have a meeting of Latvian champions where they were able to enjoy the Latvian woods at wintertime with a mini-rogaine and have a relaxing dinner and a story night afterwards.

Valters made a video showing where they went and other competitors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta29LOMtVWE>

The Latvian rogaining season starts at the end of March. Check out their calendar if you might be in the region soon. <https://rogaining.lv/web/kalendars>

250 Rogaines in one state of Australia!



The sport of Rogaining was invented in the Australian state of Victoria. Australia is a big place and rogaining developed under separate organisations in each state and territory. From Victoria rogaining next spread to the states of Western Australia and New South Wales, home of Australia's largest city, Sydney.

This year will mark the 250th Rogaine in New South Wales since the state rogaining association was formed in 1983. These days average attendance at events is 300-500 competitors.

The milestone in 2026 is being marked by the 24-hour state championships.

Remarkably the championship course is being set by one of the original founders of the Association - Bert Van Netten.

By regularly running events Bert has been a huge contributor to rogaining. In particular, he gained the support of his local government at Lake Macquarie for sponsorship of an annual rogaine now in its 34th year. This year's championships will be combined with that event.

As a rogainer Bert has always been a competitive and very successful navigator. He is famous amongst his partners for high awareness of landforms and for rarely pulling out his compass.

Got news or a good story to share?

If you have something you would like to share with other rogainers around the world, please send an email to Julie via the link:

<https://www.rogaining.org/about-us/contact-us/contact-exec/50-julie-quinn>