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2005 North American Rogaining Championships, Canada, 2-3 August 2005

Looking for a fabulous rogaining holiday in Canada? Many will still have fond memories of the Kamloops 1998 World Rogaining Championships, run by the Sage Orienteering and Rogaining Club. With Murray Foubister's dogged determination, they are again hosting a major international event, the 2005 North American Rogaining Championships. This event will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2-3, 2005 and will take place between the World Masters Games in Edmonton, Alberta (July 22-31), and the Colorado 5 Day Orienteering (Aug 3-7). This will be a great rogain and you can register online. Details at <http://www.orienteeingbc.ca/sage/>

North American Rogaining Championships 2006

The IRF is endorsing the 2006 North American Rogaining Championships to be held near Rochester in New York State. We will publicize the event to assist the organizers, and organizers can use the IRF endorsement where appropriate. The event will follow the IRF Rules of Rogaining (www.rogaining.com).

Our biggest threats?

Item from the recent Western Australian Rogaining Association newsletter by WARA President Jim Langford under the heading: "What are the threats and challenges that WARA might face in the future?"

Jim's answer: Undoubtedly, the greatest problem will be obtaining countryside where we can rogain.

The reasons for this are:

- Restrictions imposed by government bodies
- Farmers worried about litigation
- Subdivision of land."

As someone famous once said, recognizing the problem is half way to solving it. WARA has already found that some of the rogaining areas used in their early years are no longer accessible, so it is great that the issue is being highlighted now.

Interesting that this comment should come from WARA when we note that they have one million square miles and one and a half million people. It suggests that land access will be critical in many of our other rogaining destinations globally.

New Zealand Rogaining

Taylor's Mistake Rogaine Series (Christchurch) 9th June, 23rd June and 7th July – Thursday evenings. This is a fascinating area with an interesting diversity of landforms from native bush to rolling hill tops, rocky coast line and pleasant beaches.

Lactic Turkey Piha Rogaine - 11th June. A popular annual event in Auckland, with 3hr and 6hr options, organized by Lactic Turkeys (Phil Wood and Shaun Collins).

Heights of Winter - 18th June. A 12hr event in Canterbury

Recent New Zealand events:

- Nenthorn Nemesis – New Zealand Rogaining Championships 2005

The annual New Zealand Rogaining Championship 24hr event was run on the 26th and 27th February from the Lindores woolshed close to Middlemarch, Central Otago. This was a challenging course which was flatter than normal for a New Zealand event, but this was offset by significant navigational challenge due to the subtle contours – particularly at night. This did not slow the overall winners, Chris Forne and Aaron Prince. Pete Squire's new electronic recording system worked smoothly and results were available, checked and printed within 15 minutes of the last competitor finishing.

- Marlborough B-Hynd Rogaine, 28th May.
- T'Walk (24hr Walk), 14th & 15th May.
- Mt Vulcan 3hr Rogaine, 10th April.

Japan Wild Rogaining Navigation Challenge 2005 in Sugadaira Nagano

May 28-29 2004 Saturday - Sunday

12 hours (6hours + 6hours)

3 hours

Organizer: Japan Rogaining Association
<http://orienteering.hp.infoseek.co.jp/rogaine/>

Kazuhiro Takashima formed the Japan Rogaining Association and this is their fourth rogaine.

Area: Sugadaira Kogen cross country course in meadowland. The organizers will accept any international rogainers. Online registration page in English is below.

<http://www.sportsentry.ne.jp/event.php?tid=7015>

This is also good opportunity to visit EXPO in Japan. <http://www.expo2005.or.jp/>

Karratha Rogaine, NW Australia

Karratha 6-7 August 2005

A six hour rogaine is being held at Millstream National Park in the Pilbara region of Western Australia run by David Westley. Millstream is centrally located for the towns of Dampier, Karratha, Tom Price, Pannawonica and Paraburdoo. There is also interest from rogainers from Perth (Karratha is approx 1500 km north of Perth, Millstream is a further 2 ½ hours by dirt road from there). The area available for the event contains many sites that are culturally very important to the Yindjibarndi aboriginal people, and a highlight for organizers was being shown around by two Yindjibarndi Elders who described a few of these sites and their significance. Details for the rogaine

<http://www.karratha.com/nwrogaining>

Of great support in this Karratha initiative has been the Western Australian Rogaining Association who are providing assistance including flying some members to Karratha to run some Rogaining seminars and to help set and vet the course. Warren Smith, a past WARA President has already helped assess the course location and helped with initial talks with the Conservation and Land Management Rangers.

See what you might be missing!

http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/previous_parks_month/millstream-chichester.html

Rogaining in Latvia

Guntars Mankus and Raimonds Lapiņš are organizing an 18 hour rogaine in Latvia on 30-31 July 2005. The event is run under IRF Rules of Rogaining, and electronic punching will be used.

The direct link to competition web page is

<http://www.brivnieki.lv/rogaine/index.htm>