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## Rogaining in Brazil

The Center for Sports Guidance and Adventure of Campo Grande - CODAC has identified rogaining as one of its sports to be developed. Well done.

## Land Access and the VRA strategy

For several years, the loss of rogaining land has been noted in several different countries; and there are even areas that used to hold 24 hour rogaines where such events no longer happen.

In 2006, the Victorian Rogaining Association recognized their slow loss of rogaining land over three decades and set up a sub-committee to address this problem. Chris Solnordal had captured this information in a series of time-slice maps for 1976-1985, 1986-1995, 1996-2006 showing where all 24-hour rogaines had been held. During these 30 years, 24 hour rogaines had become 100km farther from the main population centre (Melbourne) and moved from private farmland to predominantly public forest.

Specific investigation of prime rogaining land showed that a few areas had been lost to 24 hour rogaining because of significant sub-division into small farms, but for most areas the close contact with landowners had been lost and course setters had simply not asked for permission for many years.

Having understood how much land loss had occurred, and the main causes, the VRA has developed some long-term strategies to rectify the situation and regain access to some 24 hour areas. Early in 2008, Peter Taylor and Ross Dawson led a 24 hour rogaine in farmland on land that had never been used for rogaining before. For many people, it was their first all-farmland rogaine and a pleasant change.

The task for the VRA is far from complete, but the process of regaining land is underway. They have placed their strategy for land access on their website for rogainers and public alike to view:

<http://vra.rogaine.asn.au/Resources/VRA%20Land%20Access%20STRATEGY%20082008.pdf>

#### **Rogainers help to clean up after flood**

New Zealand Rogaining Association members, organized by Grant Hunter, contributed 8 person-days to help farmers clean up after the winter floods on farms at Blythe Valley and Omihi, North Canterbury. The work, mainly clearing flood debris off fences, was very much appreciated by the farmers and the district council coordinator. It was pleasing to be able to put this effort back into a farming community that has supported our events.

#### **Silver Peaks Rogaine 2008, NZ**

18th October 2008

As one participant put it, people in the Silver Peaks rogaine experienced four seasons in one day. We had bright warm sunshine, bitterly cold winds, rain, hail, snow and sleet, and then it would begin the cycle over again. There were some big hill climbs, but if you planned well you could minimize the climb but maximize points. Thanks to Bob Cunninghame, Laurie Kennedy and their support crew for organizing the event.

#### **Rogaining in Lithuania**

A 6 hour rogaine was organized in Lithuania on 15 June 2008 by OK Medis. First 24 hour rogaine 25-26 October 2008  
<http://okmedis.info/index.php?kas=7&ids=22&idm=1>

#### **2008 Capestorm foot and bike rogaines**

Belfast plantation, South Africa  
1-2 November 2008

#### **Stockholm Rogaine, Sweden**

November 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

[www.stockholmrogaining.se](http://www.stockholmrogaining.se)

#### **First 24 hour rogaine in Brazil**

15-16 November 2008, Mato Grosso do Sul. The event website includes photos and two information bulletins in Portuguese:  
[www.desafioretiradadalaguna.kit.net](http://www.desafioretiradadalaguna.kit.net)  
desafioretirada@globo.com

#### **9<sup>th</sup> TA OK 6 hour rogaine Estonia**

845 participants, 11 November 2008

<http://www.rogain.ee/eng/statistics.php>

#### **Stockholm Rogaine, Sweden**

15 November 2008

[www.stockholmrogaining.se](http://www.stockholmrogaining.se)

#### **Tasmanian Rogaining Championships**

29-30 November 2008-11-16

#### **Spain: 6 hours Rogaine**

17 January 2009, St Antony Day

L'Espluga Calba CATALUNYA

133km from Barcelona

Ajuntament de L'Espluga Calba

Director and course setter: Felip Gili

1:20.000 map with 10m contours, set in

Mediterranean pine forest.

[www.thewildboar.org](http://www.thewildboar.org)

#### **Australian Masters Games 5hr rogaine**

28 February 2009

#### **NZ Rogaining Championships 2009**

7-8 March 2009, Waikou, Otago, South

Island <http://www.rogaine.org.nz>

#### **European Rogaining Championships**

15-16 August 2009 Finnish Lapland

Mikko Lamminpaa, Manager,

<http://www.rogaining.fi/>

#### **34<sup>th</sup> Victorian Rogaining Championship**

24-25 October 2009