The Barents Championships will take place in Kaakamavaara and Palovaara. The courses and terrain offer both technical and physical challenges to the orienteer. The terrain is rocky. In the vicinity of the race centre and on the periphery of the map there is sandy vegetation and partly wooded sandy areas.

The terrain contains many small features. Due to the small-scale nature of the terrain, the supervisor recommends the use of a magnifying glass. There are many steep and sharp 'slate slopes' on the slopes. Open rock map symbol has been used very sparingly; only flat rock surfaces have been marked in grey rock symbol. However, almost the entire top area is partially open area (see old map of 2006).

The rock blocks are described with small point mounds and some of the boulders with rocks. Here and there, rock formations of varying sizes that stick up from the ground are depicted by point symbols on boulders (see map fragment from the new map and photo of the same terrain).

The terrain is challenging, especially going downhill, and in the rain the rocks are slippery and dangerous! It is advisable to tape your ankles. BEWARE!

The hot summer has dried up the small waterholes marked in blue on the rocky outcrops. Trees felled / cut down by the typhoon can be found in a few places fallen on the paths. Some areas on both days have several unclear driving trails in the area that could not be marked on the maps.

Hydration will be available at two points on the courses of Saturday's long distance starting point No. 1. The drinking spots are marked on the map with a picture of a mug.

There is one growing seedling in the terrain, which is marked as a prohibited area on the map. The trails do not go through the prohibited areas. The road is marked X X X on the maps with X X X markings where running on the road is prohibited. It is strictly forbidden to walk in or cross the prohibited areas except along the paths marked on the map. Crossing points will be controlled by the organiser.

Welcome to enjoys athe challenging terrain!

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