



START MEMO Fjällräven CLASSIC, version 1

Meeting place – Camp Ripan

Camp Ripan (www.ripan.se) in Kiruna is the meeting place for participants in Fjällräven CLASSIC. At Högalidsskolan, next to Ripan, you will receive the equipment included in the registration fee and you leave your luggage for further transport to the finish in Abisko. Participants arriving to Kiruna a few days before the start may book accommodation at Ripan, there are also possibilities to camp. For booking call +46 (0)980 630 00.

Transfer to Ripan

Transfer to Ripan are arranged from all flight and railway arrivals to Kiruna in connection to Fjällräven CLASSIC (from Thursday the 5th of August). Transfer is included in the registration fee.

Registration

All participants have to check in at the registration before the event. At the check-in you sign out you will achieve a map and your "hiking pass" among other things. The registration opens at Thursday the 5th of August.

For participants who arrive to Nikkaluokta (the starting place) by car or want to stay in Nikkaluokta before start it is possible to check-in and leave luggage there. Accommodation may be booked by calling Nikkaluokta Sarri AB (www.nikkaluokta.com) at +46 (0)980 550 15.

Food and gas

At the registration you will pick up fuel (gas, petrol or methylated spirit) and the first food ration for the event. You may pick up food for two days in Kiruna. Food may then be picked up at checkpoint Sälka and checkpoint Alesjaure. Gas (not petrol or methylated spirit) may also be picked up at these two checkpoints. To reduce waste handling the organiser recommend you to share fuel with other participants during the event. If you use petrol or methylated spirit you have to bring your own bottle. Bread will only be delivered at registration.

Check-in/check-out of luggage

Transport of one bag (maximum 60 litres) from Kiruna to Abisko is included in the application fee. The luggage has to be waterproof. At the registration you will receive a tag with your name and start number which should be attached to your luggage. In Abisko there is 24h service for check out of luggage.

Safety tag

At the start you will receive a signal tag. This tag, along with the Hiking pass, serves to identify a person as a participant in the Fjällräven CLASSIC. The tag should be attached to the top of your backpack, so that it can be seen both from the front and the rear. The tag is also an aid for attracting attention in the event of an emergency.

Hiking pass

You will receive your Hiking pass at the check-in. The Hiking pass is a small booklet that you carry during the walk. At start and finish your start and finish time respectively will be inserted in the pass by an official. At every checkpoint your Hiking pass has to be stamped, there is a unique stamp at each checkpoint. At the finish the hiking pass will be checked.

Map and route

You will receive one map at the check-in. The orienteering along the route is easy. The route you walk along is marked with painted rocks and cairns. The route runs often parallel to the winter trail which is marked with special "trail crosses". The winter trail is not recommended for summer walks.

Mandatory equipment

Fjällräven CLASSIC will be held 250 km north of the Arctic Circle in an area that can be extremely weather sensitive. You can experience snow and sunshine, strong winds temperatures from + 25C till -5 C. It is very important that you have the right equipment for good experience in Fjällräven CLASSIC. This is the minimum requirements for participants:

- Map & compass
- Sleeping mattress, minimum 5 mm thick
- Sleeping bag
- Tent or part in tent alternative waterproof sleep coverage or windsack
- Stove and fuel (fuel is provided by the organiser)
- Hat
- Gloves
- Long sleeve top of thermal material Eg. down, fleece or wool
- Long underpants to a dry change
- Windproof pants
- Wind/waterproof jacket with hood
- First aid kit

You may read more about appropriate equipment at Fjällräven CLASSIC's web site.

Transport to the start in Nikkaluokta

Bus transfer from Ripan to Nikkaluokta is included in the registration fee. Buses departure early enough to have time for the last preparations before start in Nikkaluokta.

Start

There are eight start groups in Fjällräven CLASSIC, you choose at application which one you want to start in. Change of start group is only allowed if two participants change group with each other.

Start group 1: Friday 6th of August, at 09:00

Start group 2: Friday 6th of August, at 13:00

Start group 3: Friday 6th of August, at 16:00

Start group 4: Saturday 7th of August, at 09:00

Start group 5: Saturday 7th of August, at 13:00

Start group 6: Saturday 7th of August, at 16:00

Start group 7: Sunday 8th of August, at 09:00

Start group 8: Sunday 8th of August, at 13:00

All participants have to visit the registration to the start area. The registration opens one hour before start. At the registration an official will insert your start time in your Hiking pass and you will receive your first unique stamp in the Hiking pass. After registration it is possible to leave the start area, if you for example have to visit the toilet.

Electronic time-keeping

A bar code for electronic time-keeping is attached to your Hiking Pass. The code will be scanned at check-in, start and finish respectively.

Checkpoints

The Fjällräven CLASSIC walk passes six checkpoints between Nikkaluokta and Abisko. At every checkpoint your Walking pass has to be stamped by an official. You can find the officials in a big blue tent at every checkpoint. In case of emergency the officials have to leave the tent, then the stamp may be placed outside the tent and you stamp the Walking pass yourself.

At every checkpoint you can also find a "guest book". Please provide information about what time you passed the checkpoint. It is also possible to leave and read messages to and from other participants.

Water

Drinking water could be found in streams and tarns along the walk.

Sunrise and sunset

In the beginning of August the sunrise is approximately at 03:30 and the sunset at 22:00.

Sleeping accommodation

All sleeping accommodation will be in tents during the event. One tent may be shared by two or more competitors. Sleeping in the cabins of the Swedish Touring Club is not allowed.

You are free to camp where you want along the route. However, you have to respect the safety distances for camping next to the cabins of the Swedish Touring Club. The officials at the checkpoints have information concerning safety distances.

In the end of the walk you will reach Abisko National Park. There are special provisions for where you might camp or light a fire. These regulations must be observed. Camping outside these areas is strictly forbidden. The only places where you are allowed to camp is in the area around the Abiskojaure Cabins and at a special tent location near Nissanjåkk, five kilometres south of Abisko Tourist Station.

Cabins of the Swedish Touring Club

During the walk it is not allowed to use any of the resources offered in the cabins of the Swedish Touring Club. It is against the rules of Fjällräven CLASSIC to sleep in the cabins, cook in the kitchens or borrow things from the cabins. Read more about the rules at the website of Fjällräven CLASSIC.

Boat transport

It is not allowed to use boat transports over Ladtjojaure and Alesjaure.

Waste handling and littering

It is absolutely prohibited to litter or leave waste along the trail or at the checkpoints. You carry your own waste produced during the walk to the finish in Abisko. It is advisable to burn toilet paper.

Medical care and security

Read the detailed description about medical care and security at the website of Fjällräven CLASSIC. To sum up the following are valid:

- Bring a simple first aid kit including for example elastic bandage, plaster, tape, blister pads and if needed personal medication, pain reliever and so on.
- Remember to eat and drink enough.
- Contact the checkpoint officials in case of injury or disease. The officials are trained in first aid and equipped with first aid products. They may contact the event office in Abisko in cases related to medical care or in need of helicopter evacuation.
- The event organisation are not responsible to check every participants position along the route, in the case of an incident the participants have to contact the organiser. Generally there will be no organized search for people who have not reached the finish.

Abandon the walk

If you decide to abandon the walk you still have to walk to Abisko or return to Nikkaluokta. If you decide to return, please contact an official at a checkpoint or call the contact phone number at +46 (0)73 832 41 20. In the case of injury or disease helicopter evacuation is possible, please contact a checkpoint. The organiser reserves the right to charge an evacuation according to the current price list (1 500-5 000 SEK/person). In the case of emergency, call 112 (SOS Alarm).

The organiser will have officials in Nikkaluokta the days after start. Participants returning to Nikkaluokta may contact the officials. They have possibilities to arrange with transport of luggage from Abisko to Nikkaluokta. Two transports of luggage will depart each day, thus your luggage may arrive the following day.

Time limit

There is no formal time limit for completion of Fjällräven CLASSIC. However, the staff along the trail are relieved at repeated intervals during the week. The checkpoints along the route are closed at the following times:

Kebnekaise Mountain Lodge: Monday 9th of August 12:00

Singi cabin: Tuesday 10th of August 12:00

Sälka cabin: Wednesday 11th of August 12:00

Tjäktja: Thursday 12th of August 12:00

Alesjaure cabin: Thursday 12th of August 18:00

Kieron: Friday 13th of August 10:00

The finish in Abisko will close at 13:00 on Friday the 13th of August. After that you will be able to achieve your last stamp in the reception at Abisko Tourist Station.

Finish

The finish in Abisko has 24h service and you may check out your luggage at any time. There are hot shower and sauna at your disposal.

Fjällräven CLASSIC medal

The Fjällräven CLASSIC medal is received after finish. There are three time limits for gold, silver and bronze respectively:

Gold 72 hours (=3 days)

Silver 96 hours (=4 days)

Bronze 120 hours (=5 days)

Prizes

There will be a lottery of prizes Sunday to Wednesday night at Trekkers Inn.

Accommodation in Abisko

In Abisko at the finish accommodation is offered at Abisko Tourist Station. You can get everything from camping or a cheap overnight bed to cabinet accommodation or hotel stays. Accommodation may be booked by calling +46 (0)980-40200 or book on-line via www.abisko.nu.

