



Race Manual 2020



6 LÄNDER – 2.800 KM – 56.000 HM

Race Manual (January 2020)

The Race Manual gives an overview of the basic understanding, basic rules and instructions for the TransOst Challenge as a Bikepacking Race. The binding version will be made available to all participants by email before the race starts on July 12th. Before the start of the race all participants of the Challenge are obliged to confirm by signature that they know the content.

Unsupported Bikepacking-Race

The Challenge is not a classic bicycle race. The course is not marked or closed off. Each participant rides on a predetermined route with the help of his navigation. The race will take place on public roads and paths. The general traffic and legal regulations and possible bans must be observed.

Length of the race: The course is about 2.800 km long. The exact number of kilometres will be published in the Race Manual July 2020 and sent to the registered participants by e-mail. The course was originally explored as a mountain bike tour. The route has been optimized

especially for the TransOst Challenge route. Less difficult mountain bike trails, but more gravel, forest and woodland trails and small roads. Until the start on July 12, each section will be ridden again.

About 56,000 meters of altitude difference have to be climbed

Period

The live tracking will be online from the start on Sunday, July 12 until Sunday, August 9.

Every participant who wants to enter the public Challenger classification must complete the track within the four weeks. So far - the two fastest have needed 14 days.

Start / Finish

Registration

Each participant must register in Bayreuth on 11 July between 18 and 22 hrs or on 12 July between 7 and 8 hrs. The exact location will be announced later.

Opening Ceremony/ Briefing

At 7 pm there will be a reception for all participants and the public. There the participants have the opportunity to get to know each other. The date serves as the last briefing of the participants. We present the course and answer last questions. The location will be announced.

Participant and Categories

- Anyone aged 18 or over may participate.
- The race is open for gravel and mountain bikes. E-bikes are not allowed.
- There are two categories. Men and women over 18 years.

Registration fees / Bank details

- 99 Euro (with own GPS tracker - see more under Live-Tracking)
- 149 Euro (without own GPS tracker)

The participation fee must be transferred to our company account within five working days after registration:

usp management UG (haftungsbeschränkt)

Volksbank Dresden-Bautzen eG

IBAN: DE55 8509 0000 3244 3110 07

BIC: GENODEF1DRS

Media

During the challenge we will be taking film and photo shoots, on which you can also be seen. With your registration you agree that these recordings may be published (also commercially) by us and our partners.

Route

The route leads from Bayreuth over the Fichtel, Elster and Ore mountains on the German and Czech Republic side to the Saxony Switzerland. From there it goes back to the Czech Republic via the Ještěd, the Bohemian low mountain range, the Giant Mountains towards Adrsbach, through the Polish Kudowa-Zdroj, the Snow Mountains, over the Praděd, to Bruntal. The route continues via Ostrava, into the wild Beskydy Mountains, the Slovakian Oravska Magura to Zakopane in Poland. We circumnavigate the High Tatras to the north and dive into the Beskydy Mountains again, taking turns passing through Slovak-Polish border regions to the Forest Carpathians of the Poloniny primeval forest in the eastern tip of Slovakia. We cross the border with Ukraine in the Slovakian Ubl'a and dive deeply into the Ukrainian Carpathians. Driving past the highest mountain in the Ukraine, the 2,061-metre-high Howerla, to reach Romania at the Siret border crossing. Through the wild Carpathians we continue to Focsani. There we leave the Carpathians and reach the Danube over flatter terrain and roll out to the finish in Constanta.

The exact course of the race will be sent to the participants via GPS by e-mail at least one week before the start.

A preliminary version for 2020, prepared for the Challenge, will be available until the beginning of April. The route is based on the 2018 and 2019 edition, but with some changes.

Checkpoints

Three checkpoints must be approached on the way. Each participant sends a photo of himself with the checkpoint to the TransOst Challenge Crew via WhatsApp or mail.

Borders

Each participant must have valid identification documents (please check that these are valid for at least another six months during the entire travel period). Each participant has to check the entry requirements for Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine (non-EU) and Romania, according to his/her country of origin. The usp-management UG (limited liability) does not assume any travel services.

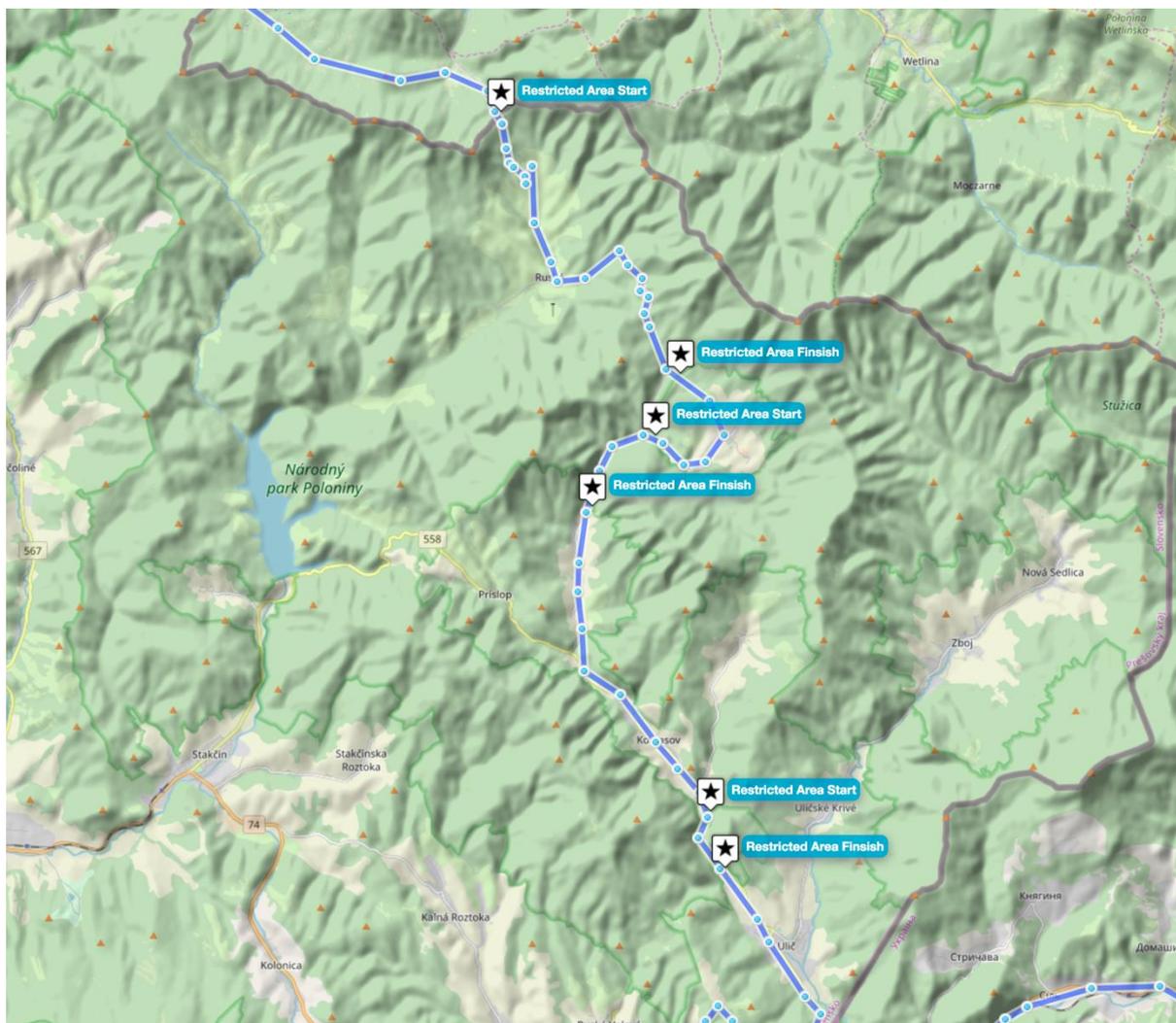
Race Rules

Mode

- The route can only be covered with the help of muscle power (e-bikes are not permitted).
- Every rider has to navigate the whole distance by himself. For this purpose, we send GPS tracks by e-mail to the registered participants.
- The road traffic regulations and local regulations or bans must be observed at all times and in every state.
- During the whole period of the race, the participant himself decides when and how long he will drive, when and where he will rest or sleep, when and where he will fill up with food or water and provide other necessary things. (However, local prohibitions and rules must be observed)

- In Slovak national parks and nature reserves, participants are not allowed to stay or move from 22:00 in the evening to 06:00 in the morning. We will inform you about the exact parts of the route where this rule applies. Participants must divide the route in such a way that this local regulation is respected).

- E.g. Poloniny National Park - Restricted Area



Leaving the track

- Each rider must follow the given route from the start to the finish in accordance with the original route. Shortcuts or route changes of any kind are not allowed.
- Every participant may leave the track but must return at the point of departure and re-enter the track.
- In the event of short-term, unforeseen closures, track changes, we will inform you via SMS, call, WhatsApp or e-mail. Participants are required to notify the organizer of any current suspensions during the race.

Support

- During the whole race the participants are not allowed to have an accompanying vehicle or accompanying team.
- Preplanned assistance on and off the track is not allowed.
- In case of defects, food requirements, overnight stays etc. the participant must help himself or herself or may accept accidental help. (Random help is such help that has not been arranged in advance).
- It is expressly permitted to use public facilities and services accessible to all riders, such as bike shops, fountains, restaurants, snack bars, hotels, motels, B&B, kiosks, shops, bakeries.
- Throughout the entire race, the participant decides when and how long he/she will ride, when and where he/she will rest or sleep, when and where he/she will replenish food and provide other necessary items. As far as the mode of driving is concerned, this is not prescribed.
- In case of accidents it is compulsory to give first aid! This help is not a violation of the race rules. Companionly help among the participants is explicitly allowed

Accommodation/ Catering

- Please take care of your safety. The further east we come, the wilder animals there are. From the Giant Mountains to the Carpathians, there are bears, wolves, etc. Attacks are rare and the animals are usually more afraid of you than we are of them. However, we strongly recommend that you keep your food separate from your camp for the night, e.g. hanging it from a tree or something similar.
- No accommodation, rest or refreshment places are provided or organized. Only three checkpoints have to be approached.
- Time and place for sleeping and resting places are determined by the participants. This can be at all accessible places on or off the track. Each participant decides for himself how he will spend the night - from sleeping "under the open sky" to staying in hotels.
- Regional bans on overnight stays must be observed! (e.g. Slovakian national parks)
- No catering will be provided. The participant decides himself when, where and how he will eat.
- Every night and rest area is to be left as it was found. It is not allowed to leave litter behind.
- For overnight stay and catering, it is to be noted that the participant will return to the point where he left the track.

Exclusion / Disqualification

Whoever violates the regulations of the Race Manual can be excluded from the event. The following will lead to immediate exclusion: riding without helmet, pollution of the environment, and failure to provide assistance.

Live-Tracking

Tracker

- The organizer provides trackers from "Racemap". SPOT trackers are not possible.
- www.racemap.com
- If you bring your own tracker, you get a discount of 50 Euro on the normal registration fee of 149 Euro.

Control/ GPS

- During the entire Challenge, all participants must carry an activated and switched on satellite tracker for safety reasons.
- Each participant is obliged to record his entire driving route and to present it at the finish and to provide it as a GPS file.
- In the period from July 1st to August 5th a live tracking system will be installed on www.transost-challenge.de, where the race progress of the participants can be viewed at any time.
- All participants will also be published online on the Challenger List.

Message / Exit

- Every driver must send a SMS/ WhatsApp to +49 (0) 172 3520648 with his start number and location every day until 22:00.
- - Every driver who leaves or gives up the race must immediately inform the race organizers by SMS/ WhatsApp to +49(0) 172 3520648

Emergencies / Emergency

- The participant is obliged to provide first aid in case of emergency.
- A list of emergency numbers (police, rescue services, mountain rescue) will be sent to each participant in advance by e-mail and in printed form at registration on 30 June.
- Our emergency number: +49(0) 172 3520648
- The race takes place as an unsupported bikepacking race on your own responsibility. An accompanying vehicle or medical assistance will not be provided by the organizer. For emergencies, the local emergency numbers must be dialled.
- Please also inform us in case of emergencies.

Equipment

→ The equipment listed here must be carried by all participants:

- Identity document(s)
- mobile phone
- Light (clip-on light front, rear)
- helmet
- First aid kit (incl. rescue foil)
- Whistle for emergencies
- GPS tracker

Prices

- Since the "Unsupported Bikepacking Race" of the "TransOst Challenge" is not an official race in the classical sense (see point Unsupported Bikepacking Race), no official prizes will be awarded. However, the fastest will receive a recognition from bike24. (shopping voucher worth 250 Euro).

Contact

- Emergency number (only during the race) +49(0) 172 3520648
- Before and during the race:
Email: info@transost.de- Subject: TransOst Challenge
phone: +49(0)172 3520648
Address: usp management UG (haftungsbeschränkt), Schillerstr. 1, 01326 Dresden

Every driver is at all times on the road at his own risk and responsibility. The respective national road traffic regulations must ALWAYS be observed.

This is an advance manual: Subject to change without notice.