

RAATTEEN MARATHON 15 AUGUST 2026 – PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

RACE OFFICE

The Race Office is located in the lobby of the Sports Hall (Urheilukatu 5) and is open on **Saturday, 15 August, from 8:00 to 17:00.**

Race Director: Ismo Juntunen

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Marathon

The marathon starts at the border zone gate on Raatteentie and finishes at Ruukinkangas Sports Field.

- 19 km of gravel roads
- Continues on asphalt roads
- Final 2 km on gravel park trails
- Total of 34 km on public roads
- Final 8 km on pedestrian and cycle paths

Velorun (Run–Bike Relay) – 42.2 km

The Velorun follows the same course as the marathon.

Half Marathon

The half marathon starts at **Majatalo Karhun Pesä** (formerly Portin Majatalo), follows the same course as the marathon, and finishes at Ruukinkangas Sports Field.

10 km

Start and finish are at Ruukinkangas Sports Field. The course follows the marathon route towards Suomussalmi village. The turnaround point is located before the Haukiperä intersection, after which runners return along the same route.

Mini Marathon – 421.95 m

Start and finish are at Ruukinkangas Sports Field.

START TIMES

Distance	Bus Transport	Race Start Categories	
Marathon & Velorun	9:45 (Bike loading at 9:30)	11:00	Men/Women: Open, 40, 50, 60, 70
Half Marathon	11:30	12:30	Men/Women: Open, 40, 50, 60, 70
10 km	–	13:00	Men/Women: Open, Under 16
Mini Marathon	–	11:00	Under 12

BUS TRANSPORT

Bus transportation (two buses) for the Marathon, Velorun and Half Marathon departs from the Sports Hall (Urheilukatu 5).

A tour guide will be on each bus, providing information about the historic Battles of Raatteentie.

Transportation is included in the entry fee.

Bike loading: 9:30

RESULTS

Results will be updated at:

Raatteen Marathon 2026 Results

<https://www.resultservice.fi/2026/raate/>

Live online timing is available at:

https://online4.tulospalvelu.fi/tulokset-new/fi/2026_raate/

VELORUN (RUN-BIKE RELAY) INFORMATION

The Run-Bike Relay consists of two participants. Team members may decide themselves how to divide the running and cycling sections, but the entire course must be completed together.

On public roads, participants must travel in single file.

The course and aid stations are the same as those of the marathon.

Bicycles must be loaded onto the bus at **9:30**, and transportation to the start departs at **9:45**.

Only one timing chip will be issued per team, so both team members must cross the finish line together.

The organiser does not provide bicycle maintenance. Participants are responsible for carrying any necessary repair equipment.

Helmet use is mandatory while cycling.

AWARDS

The top three finishers in each category will receive awards.

The award ceremony begins at **15:00** at the finish area on the sports field.

The **Mini Marathon** (for children under 12), organised in cooperation with Lions Club Suomussalmi, awards every participant with a commemorative prize. No placement prizes are awarded.

All participants will receive a finisher's medal.

REFRESHMENT STATIONS

There are **9 aid stations along the course and 1 at the finish.**

Each aid station provides:

- Water
- Sports drink (Leader Sports Drink, Citrus)
- Raisins
- Sea salt

Pickles are available at aid stations **4, 7, 8 and 9.**

The final aid station before the finish also serves cola.

At the finish area, participants will find:

- Water
- Sports drink
- Pickles
- Cola

Personal drinks must be left at the Race Office **by 9:30**, clearly labelled, and they will be delivered to the participant's chosen aid station.

POST-RACE MEAL & SPA

From **13:00 onwards**, runners and volunteers are invited to a traditional field meal organised by the Border Guard Women's Guild.

The menu includes traditional Finnish pea soup with meat, served from a military field kitchen.

The meal for runners is included in the entry fee.

Entry to **Kiannon Kuohut Spa** (Jalankatu 1 A) is also included in the entry fee.

Present your race bib at the spa ticket desk to receive your admission ticket.

The spa café offers sandwiches, pastries, coffee and refreshments for purchase.

BAGGAGE

Participants may leave their belongings at the Race Office in the Sports Hall lobby or at the start areas, from where they will be transported back to the Race Office.

Please write your race number clearly on your baggage bag using a marker.

Markers and tape are available at the Race Office and on the buses.

TRAFFIC

Traffic control will be in place at intersections and road crossings.

Roads may only be crossed where directed by traffic controllers.

Roads remain open to normal traffic.

Speed limits on Kuhmontie are **60 km/h and 50 km/h**.

Runners must keep to the **right-hand side of the road** in the direction of travel.

FIRST AID

First Aid Vehicle 1

Raatteentie Border Gate – Ruukinkangas Sports Field

Tel. +358 40 962 2348

First Aid Vehicle 2

Raatteen Koulu Guesthouse – Ruukinkangas Sports Field

Tel. +358 40 521 8708

WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE

If you need to withdraw, please notify:

- the nearest aid station,
- a traffic controller, or
- Ismo Juntunen, Tel. +358 44 080 9010.

FINISH TIME LIMIT

The finish line closes at **18:00**.