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## Australian Rogaining Championships

13-14<sup>th</sup> May 2006

The 27<sup>th</sup> Australian Rogaining Championships are being organized by the Victorian Rogaining Association in an area 220km inland from Melbourne. See <http://vra.rogaine.asn.au/>

## 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships

13-14<sup>th</sup> October 2006, Sydney, Australia

Alan Mansfield expects entries to reach the limit well before 7WRC in October 2006. Members and Observers are asked to pass on 7WRC information to all their countrymen, and urge them to register quickly.

## 2006 North American Rogaining Championships

June 10-11, 2006, Allegany State Park, NY, USA about 60 miles south of Buffalo near the town of Salamanca.

This is one of our four major international rogaining championships, and the 9<sup>th</sup> NARC. This event was first held in 1994 in Kamloops, BC following the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere Rogaining Championships in Washington in 1993. 9NARC is organized by the Rochester Orienteering Club, and sanctioned by the International Rogaining Federation. It follows the rules of rogaining at [www.rogaining.com](http://www.rogaining.com).

The event starts at 1100 on Saturday, June 10th. The registration desk opens at 0730 and maps will be distributed at 0900. There is a mandatory meeting at 1045 at the start for all teams. The organizers expect to use electronic scoring.

A special-purpose topographic map is being prepared on a large sheet at a 1:30,000 scale and 20 meter contour interval. The map has been created with a mixture of USGS contours, aerial photography, and field checking on the ground. One punch card and a set of control descriptions are provided to each team. Food is available throughout the event beginning at 1400 on Saturday until 1400 on Sunday.

The terrain is very open mature hardwood forest with a moderate trail network and cultural detail. There are significant hills with steep sections. The area is not noted for ticks or poison ivy, but there may be some of either. The weather at this time of year could be 10°C or 35°C, so come prepared for either extreme.

### **Rogaining in Halifax, eastern Canada**

6-7 May 2006.

This is the sixth annual rogaine in Nova Scotia and this year features the Halifax Regional Search and Rescue's Eco-Endurance Challenge. There are three exciting navigational competitions available, offering eight and twenty-four hour options.

From the organizers: "This will be a physically and mentally demanding eco-adventure with an event area of more than 220 sq km of thick forests, extremely wet bogs, fast flowing streams and miles of backwoods trails and cart tracks. Designed by Michael Haynes, it will challenge your navigational abilities as well as endurance in the backcountry of eastern Canada. The challenge is a hybrid of classical orienteering, ultra-distance running and the navigational training practices of Search and Rescue Emergency Responders commonly referred to as a ROGAINE. Good physical conditioning is necessary to push one through the tough terrain, but accurate navigation skills are key to finding the controls and minimizing the distance travelled. The 24 hour challenge is mentally exhausting as team members must always be aware of their surroundings and their place on the map. [www.hrsar.ca/e2c](http://www.hrsar.ca/e2c), Chris Richards, [Chris@breakersfish.com](mailto:Chris@breakersfish.com)

### **7<sup>th</sup> Laurentian Rogaine, Quebec, Canada**

9-10 September 2006

Laurentides area in Sainte-Adele, Quebec

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### **Ukraine rogaining website**

[www.rogaining.org.ua](http://www.rogaining.org.ua)

### **Rogaining in New Zealand**

Taylor's Mistake Rogaine Series

Thursdays: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May; after work 3hr (or 2hr option)

All events are in the Christchurch Port Hills and each focuses on a different part of the area bounded by Godley Head, Lyttleton and Sumner. This is a fascinating area with an interesting diversity of landforms, from native bush to rolling hill tops, rocky coast line and pleasant beaches. The inaugural series last year was a great success with participants reporting a challenging, enjoyable experience. NZRA website [www.rogaine.org.nz](http://www.rogaine.org.nz).

T'Walk 2006, Canterbury

20-21 May 2006

This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> T'walk (twenty-four hour walk) organized by the University of Canterbury Tramping Club, the pioneer of long distance foot navigation events in NZ. This is the longest-running rogaine, and differs from many conventional 24 hour events in that it retains a fixed-route (line) format looping out for 5 to 8 hrs from the hash-house, but it is challenging, and participants are well fed. The organizers report that they have arranged a superb hash house and course located in a unique part of Canterbury where you will encounter numerous lakes, streams, rocks and patches of beech forest. An entry form and more detail are available at <http://www.cutc.org.nz/twalk/>.

Wellington City Safari

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

The City Safari allows you to use public transport, buses and trains instead of your legs to get part way to the checkpoints. This year the event starts at Frank Kitts Park on the Wellington waterfront. For more information see the event website [www.citysafari.org.nz](http://www.citysafari.org.nz).

Marlborough Rogaine

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Heights of Winter rogaine, N Canterbury

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Lactic Turkey Piha Rogaine, Auckland

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June