

PRESS INFORMATION

VASALOPPET WINTER WEEK 2016



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Vasaloppet Winter Week 2016

It is time for another Winter Week and the 92nd Vasaloppet! The event begins with Kortvasan on February 26 and concludes with the 92nd Vasaloppet on March 6. Welcome!

For the sixth consecutive year, over 60,000 athletes will take on the challenge of crossing the finish line in Mora. Since 2016 has no championships, the way is open for many exciting names in the start lists. In the middle of January 64,000 participants were registered for the event.

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Vasaloppet Winter Week 2016:

Friday February 26: **Kortvasan**. 30 km. Start Oxberg.

Saturday February 27: **Tjejvasan**. 30 km. Start Oxberg.

Sunday February 28: **Ungdomsvasan**. 3, 5, 7 or 9 km. Start Mora Ski Stadium.

Sunday February 28: **Öppet Spår Sunday**. 90 km. Start Sälen. (10,000 ent., full 26/9/2015)

Monday February 29: **Öppet Spår Monday**. 90 km. Start Sälen.

Tuesday March 1: **Halvvasan**. 45 km. Start Oxberg.

Friday March 4: **Stafettvasan**. 9–24 km. Start Sälen. (10,000 entries, full 25/11/2015)

Saturday March 5: **Öppet Spår 9 km**. 9 km. Start Eldris.

Sunday March 6: **Vasaloppet**. 90 km. Start Sälen. (15,800 entries, full 22/3/2015.)

P.S. Have you seen Vasaloppet's comprehensive facts guide that supplements this press information? You can find it at www.vasaloppet.se/faktaguide or at the press centre in Mora. (Only available in Swedish.)

Practical information for media

Press centre

The press centre is on the bottom floor of Vasaloppet's House, near the finish in Mora. There will be no specific press services or premises in Sälen. In the press centre we provide service in the form of phones, printers, WiFi and opportunities for short-term reservation of a limited number of private work rooms.

For press inquiries please refer to press service: **+46 (0)250-174 76**

Opening hours:

Wednesday February 24:	Closed	Wednesday March 2:	12:00–15:00
Thursday February 25:	12:00–15:00	Thursday March 3:	12:00–15:00
Friday February 26:	10:00–19:00	Friday March 4:	10:00–19:00
Saturday February 27:	09:00–15:00	Saturday March 5:	09:00–20:00
Sunday February 28:	09:00–15:00	Sunday March 6:	07:30–21:00
Monday February 29:	12:00–15:00	Monday March 7:	Closed
Tuesday March 1:	12:00–15:00		

Press conferences

Friday February 26	16:00	Number bib ceremony before Tjejvasan in the restaurant, Vasaloppet Trade Fair, Mora.
Saturday February 27	11:30	Press conference Tjejvasan, the Gustav Vasa room, Vasaloppet's House, Mora.
Saturday March 5	16:00	Press conference with Visma Ski Classics before Vasaloppet. The start in Berga by, Sälen.
Sunday March 6	12:45*	Press conference Vasaloppet men, the Gustav Vasa room, Vasaloppet's House, Mora.
	13:15*	Press conference Vasaloppet women, the Gustav Vasa room, Vasaloppet's House, Mora.

*Earliest 30 minutes after the finish.

Press cards and press parking

Press cards are distributed in the press centre to all accredited members of the media. Note that a special permit is needed for work in the finish line area. Permits are applied for in the press centre.

A limited number of parking spaces for members of the media are available at the start, the checkpoints and the press centre. A special car sign is needed and can be collected along with accreditation by those who have applied for permits.

Food

In the press centre we offer light refreshments every day. Meal vouchers for lunch in the Vasaloppet Trade Fair restaurant can be acquired in the press centre.

Follow Vasaloppet

Bus to the Vasaloppet start on Sunday March 6

MEDIA There is a limited number of bus seats set aside for members of the media going to the Vasaloppet start. The bus sets off, with a guide, from the bus stop on Strandgatan below Mora Hotell at 04:25 on March 6.

The bus leaves the start at 08:10 and arrives in Mora in good time before the first person crossing the finish line. It is estimated that the bus will be back in Mora by about 11:00.

Advance booking is required, and can be made at the press centre no later than Saturday March 5 at 12:00.

PHOTOGRAPHERS Vasaloppet has a bus, with a very limited number of seats, set aside for photographers. It departs from Mora and follows the elite from the start along the track back to Mora, including the finish.

Advance booking is required, and can be made at the press centre no later than Saturday March 5 at 15:00.

If you take your own car to the start

A rather troublesome journey awaits those who plan to follow the elite in their own car, and we recommend setting out in good time.

You must have passed Fiskarheden before 07:00 – after that the Vasaloppet road is subject to one-way traffic. And then you may count on the final five kilometres to the press parking by the start taking about an hour!

On the road back to Mora you will follow the track and with some luck you should be able to see the elite pass Mångsbodarna, Risberg and Evertsberg. With even more luck, and keeping a cool head, you can also make it to photogenic Hökberg. There is, however, no chance of getting both to Eldris and the elite's finish. Another good photo tip is the Evertsberg lakes; or why not go for the entry to the Oxberg checkpoint, where the track snakes its way in over snow-covered fields.

NOTE! Stopping or parking is not allowed at Smågan or Eldris without special accreditation.

Photograph the start

It is difficult to capture the whole start field from the front, though we are working on finding a good solution. There is a special photo-platform by the start field, about 300 metres after of the start to the left of the track.



Travel tips for photographers: The start – Mångsbodarna – Evertsberg (mountain prize and good parking) – Oxberg – the finish in Mora. With your press sign in plain view you can park on the press parkings by the checkpoints. There is a limited number of parking spaces.

NOTE! Stopping or parking is not allowed at Smågan or Eldris without special accreditation. Contact Vasaloppet's PR Manager if you wish to apply.

Finish line photography in Vasaloppet

A limited number of still photographers (15-20) will have access to photo steps at the finish in connection with the elite finish in Vasaloppet. A special photo-vest is required to set foot on the photo steps, and applying for such a vest can be done in the press centre no later than Saturday March 5 at 12:00.

Media broadcasting live from the finish has access to a mixed zone for interviews. We refer other media to the stands or to a special area behind the studio building and finish line portal. Accredited members of the media must follow directions from functionaries!

Interviews after the finish in Vasaloppet

Interviews with the elite are primarily made by live broadcasting media in a special mixed zone. Text journalists and photographers without finish line accreditation are referred to an area behind the studio building and the finish line portal.

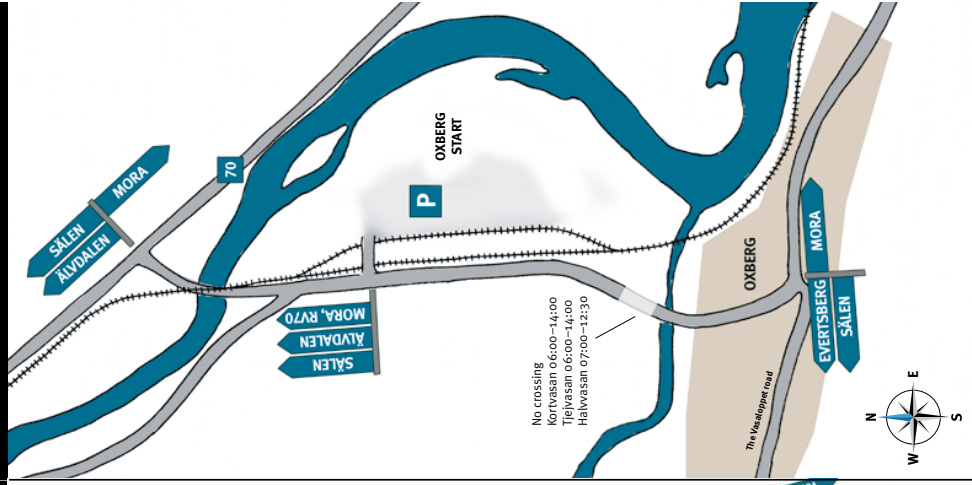
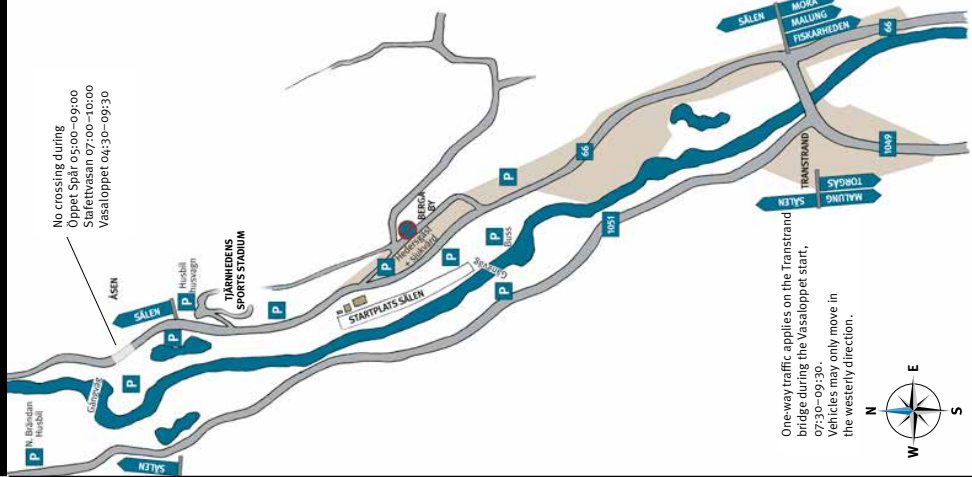
Press conferences will take place in the press centre earliest 30 minutes after the gents' and ladies' finish. After the press conferences there is time for additional interviews and photography. These may not take place in the finish line area.

Sälen-Mora



Sälen Start (Berga by)

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Online media centre

vasaloppet.se

At www.vasaloppet.se/faktaguide you will find our facts guide with all our information on Vasaloppet – from both past and present. (Only available in Swedish.)

Results lists

At media.vasaloppet.se you can collect start and results lists from all races and follow skiers in the track.

Login is required. Username: *vasa*. Password: *media*.

Press releases and photographs

You can find Vasaloppet's press releases and free high resolution photos at our press room on Mynewsdesk: www.mynewsdesk.com/se/vasaloppet.

Photos are published continuously during the Winter Week after each completed race.

Email press releases

Do you want our press releases sent directly to your inbox?

Contact Ola Granfeldt, ola.granfeldt@vasaloppet.se.

Blåbärsloppet Saturday March 5

Blåbärsloppet is a race for business representatives, guests of honour and members of the media. The race is 9 kilometres long and goes from Eldris to the finish in Mora.

Busses leave at 10:00 from Högfjällshotellet in Sälen and at 11:00 from the car park behind Mora Hotell, in the direction of Korsnäsgråden. The joint start will be in Eldris at 12:30. Showers and changing rooms are at Mora Parken.

Register for Blåbärsloppet, and the bus, in the press centre no later than Friday March 4 at 09:00.

Vasaloppet Summer Week 2016

Friday August 12: **Cykelvasan 30.** 32 km. Start Oxberg.

Friday August 12: **Ungdomscykelvasan.** 32 km. Start Oxberg.

Friday August 12: **Cykelvasan 45.** 45 km. Start Oxberg.

Friday August 12: **Cykelvasan Öppet Spår.** 94 km. Start Sälen.

Saturday August 13: **Cykelvasan 90.** 94 km. Start Sälen. (13,000 entries, full 15/12/2015)

Saturday August 20: **Ultravasan 45.** 45 km. Start Oxberg.

Saturday August 20: **Ultravasan 90.** 90 km. Start Sälen.

Saturday August 20: **Vasastafetten.** 4.5–15 km. Running relay race. Start Sälen.

Participation statistics

Vasaloppet's Winter Week 2016

Stockholm is the county with the most registered participants in Vasaloppet's Winter Week. Öppet Spår Sunday, Stafettvasan and Vasaloppet are fully booked, which gives a total of about 64,000 registered participants so far.

For Stafettvasan we have not required all the team members' names yet, which is why the county and nation statistics do not include this race.

About 6,000 participants come from outside Sweden, hailing from a total of 53 different countries. About 3,500 of the foreign participants are registered for Vasaloppet.

Number of participants in each race (4/2/2016)

Race	Total	Men	Women	Average age	Previous races
Kortvasan	7 359	4 141	3 218	42	1,5
Tjejvasan	9 635		9 635	41	1,6
Ungdomsvasan	260	134	126	11,3	1,1
Öppet Spår Sunday	10 000	7 567	2 433	40,8	1,4
Öppet Spår Monday	6 372	4 863	1 509	44,3	1,9
Halvvasan	4 456	2 333	2 123	45	0,8
Stafettvasan	2 000 teams				
Vasaloppet	15 800	13 690	2 110	42,2	3,9
Total	63 882	32 728	21 154	42	1,7

Number of participants by county (4/2/2016)

County	KV	TV	UV	ÖSS	ÖSM	HV	SV	VL	Total
Stockholm	1 210	2 230	33	2 386	1 500	1 050		2 435	10 844
Västra Götaland	1 198	1 590	33	1 856	880	531		2 340	8 428
Dalarna	1 020	635	80	334	349	514		686	3 618
Skåne	180	402	5	887	473	185		724	2 856
Uppsala	312	488	15	564	323	267		586	2 555
Östergötland	309	440	18	541	236	187		582	2 313
Gävleborg	564	389	9	200	185	184		449	1 980
Värmland	498	386	3	256	236	164		387	1 930
Jönköping	182	358	6	291	183	167		622	1 809
Örebro	231	328	0	323	182	162		372	1 598
Halland	204	323	9	276	169	123		393	1 497
Södermanland	258	267	14	255	204	180		230	1 408
Västmanland	281	206	10	245	211	158		290	1 401
Västernorrland	139	239	2	213	99	70		343	1 105
Västerbotten	61	202	0	168	98	32		516	1 077
Jämtland	147	241	2	135	82	63		297	967

County	KV	TV	UV	ÖSS	ÖSM	HV	SV	VL	Total
Norrbotten	44	131	2	55	68	14		399	713
Kalmar	68	87	0	104	85	26		274	644
Kronoberg	46	112	0	91	84	37		240	610
Blekinge	44	39	6	66	44	19		133	351
Gotland	22	14	1	24	26	10		63	160
Total	7 018	9 107	248	9 270	5 717	4 143		12 361	47 864

Number of participants by country (4/2/2016)

Country	KV	TV	UV	ÖSS	ÖSM	HV	SV	VL	Total
Norway	107	222	9	125	191	77		1 118	1 849
Denmark	25	43		188	288	34		629	1 207
Finland	25	46		36	97	32		495	731
Germany	18	21	1	69	38	41		251	439
Czech Republic	4			12		8		183	207
Estonia		3		2	1	3		181	190
Switzerland	3	6		8	10	2		145	174
Austria	2	4		17	6	3		101	133
France	8	3		32	19	6		45	113
Netherlands	6	3		14	8	11		71	113
United Kingdom	9	13		16	27	18		22	105
Italy	1			1	1	4		95	102
Russia		2		2	7			63	74
USA	5	7		12	13	4		30	71
Iceland		8		1	8	4		51	72
Canada	3	4	2	7	6	4		22	48
Poland	1	4		4	1	1		19	30
Spain	2	3		7	4	4		8	28
Australia		1	1	3	5	1		7	18
Latvia				3	3	2		7	15
Belgium	4		1		1	1		7	14
Japan					12			1	13
Slovakia				1	3	1		6	11
Slovenia								6	6
Swaziland	1			3					4
Ireland		1			3			2	6
Hungary		1		1		3		1	6
Iran				1				1	2
Mexico					1	2			3
New Zealand				1	1			1	3
Pakistan				1	1			1	3

Country	KV	TV	UV	ÕSS	ÕSM	HV	SV	VL	Total
South Africa	1				1			1	3
Ukraine		1						2	3
Venezuela				1	1			1	3
Belarus						2		1	3
Brazil						1		1	2
Chile								2	2
Greece				1				1	2
Lithuania						1		1	2
Malaysia		1		1					2
Romania		1			1				2
Bulgaria				1					1
Guatemala						1			1
India								1	1
Israel								1	1
Kazakhstan						1			1
China								1	1
Cuba								1	1
Luxembourg								1	1
Macedonia					1				1
Peru		1							1
Portugal								1	1
Serbia		1							1
Total	225	400	14	571	759	272		3 585	5 826

Participant age distribution by race (4/2/2016)

Age	KV ♀	KV ♂	TV ♀	UV ♀	UV ♂	ÕSS ♀	ÕSS ♂	ÕSM ♀	ÕSM ♂	HV ♀	HV ♂	VL ♀	VL ♂
8				5	8								
9				18	22								
10				29	22								
11	39	48		24	19								
12	61	100		18	27								
13	66	93		15	16								
14	91	105		10	9								
15	94	107		6	10								
16	60	53	47	1	1	1	10	4	3	2	10		
17	40	40	90			7	28	3	14	18	22		
18	33	34	87			7	41	9	20	11	12	12	27
19	25	27	92			15	32	7	17	7	8	13	57

Age	KV ♀	KV ♂	TV ♀	UV ♀	UV ♂	ØSS ♀	ØSS ♂	ØSM ♀	ØSM ♂	HV ♀	HV ♂	VL ♀	VL ♂
20	36	28	83			10	41	9	26	12	20	18	49
21	42	23	106			32	52	20	32	14	24	23	85
22	35	27	133			28	73	17	33	26	21	33	120
23	41	26	179			46	104	24	36	37	19	40	139
24	47	24	228			66	128	27	72	32	24	60	170
25	49	41	241			97	183	32	67	54	31	71	182
26	42	57	246			89	195	32	77	56	25	82	243
27	45	38	223			109	225	43	100	64	26	83	279
28	47	40	242			98	211	45	98	60	38	90	302
29	48	44	235			107	224	48	99	53	29	86	331
30	53	48	211			95	199	37	98	42	32	66	339
31	39	38	188			57	205	34	97	42	31	53	332
32	33	43	189			55	175	33	73	51	31	50	317
33	39	35	188			61	188	24	98	34	33	44	368
34	50	31	214			71	174	29	121	43	28	59	335
35	45	45	218			63	175	28	82	45	36	48	344
36	45	46	213			58	161	46	106	48	35	54	341
37	49	44	226			61	162	36	94	44	31	49	357
38	52	47	253			48	147	34	125	63	28	56	365
39	59	62	264			79	225	46	117	64	31	54	414
40	54	81	262			73	246	54	120	61	42	70	430
41	91	75	277			66	217	48	139	58	39	66	478
42	80	77	234			65	234	32	146	68	47	81	491
43	92	87	277			64	202	46	118	64	46	57	450
44	91	112	244			74	221	52	116	58	69	73	497
45	97	93	255			69	202	45	142	56	55	47	425
46	81	107	252			69	196	42	129	58	43	44	447
47	90	118	256			67	203	41	127	58	60	58	422
48	104	106	270			58	211	51	140	78	71	60	432
49	98	119	264			68	229	54	147	64	69	62	435
50	96	117	258			56	227	47	135	67	73	46	403
51	97	119	237			49	225	50	125	57	58	43	372
52	61	114	229			46	198	42	150	49	58	48	324
53	70	86	203			42	165	34	127	51	49	37	295
54	69	94	188			39	159	30	83	45	56	26	251
55	52	84	181			33	135	24	85	39	62	24	202
56	62	77	140			35	126	21	95	25	69	21	215
57	62	86	157			19	98	18	86	35	55	18	195
58	46	90	137			25	107	17	81	35	56	21	167

Age	KV ♀	KV ♂	TV ♀	UV ♀	UV ♂	ÖSS ♀	ÖSS ♂	ÖSM ♀	ÖSM ♂	HV ♀	HV ♂	VL ♀	VL ♂
59	39	69	158			21	108	22	80	33	62	15	190
60	34	88	113			19	107	19	97	27	59	12	157
61	22	78	102			10	66	8	62	18	41	12	149
62	28	65	83			11	76	11	53	14	50	11	118
63	28	56	86			5	57	3	53	12	45	4	92
64	35	66	80			8	60	3	40	15	40	5	97
65	16	59	55			3	35	6	61	12	58	2	83
66	18	68	48			3	43	5	50	16	45	6	65
67	20	62	44			2	34	2	53	9	38	2	71
68	18	54	45			3	18	6	53	6	52	3	65
69	15	46	21			1	22		49	2	26	1	61
70	13	39	30				24	2	41	4	31	2	63
71	14	36	9				15	3	33	1	16	2	39
72	7	34	12				11	3	26	2	17		29
73	5	25	8			2	12		28	3	16	1	22
74	2	10	8				4	1	20	1	11		24
75	1	19	2				5		17		7		17
76	1	6	5				1		10		5		7
77	1	7	4				1		10		7		7
78	3	5	3				2		11		1		6
79		3	2				3		7			1	3
80		3							3				1
81		4							3		1		4
82		2					1				1		1
83		1							1		1		
84									2				
87													1

Kortvasan (KV), Tjeivasan (TV), Ungdomsvasan (UV), Öppet Spår Sunday (ÖSS), Öppet Spår Monday (ÖSM), Halvasan (HV), Stafettvasan (SV), Vasaloppet (VL).

Results 2015

Tjejvasan 2015

Rank	Name	Club/Nation	Time	Diff
1	Kveli, Laila	Norway	1:19:11	
2	Lindstedt, Emilia	Sundbybergs IK	1:19:12	+00:01
3	Korsgren, Lina	Falun Borlänge SK	1:19:12	+00:01
4	Johansson Norgren, Britta	Sollefteå Skidor IF	1:19:17	+00:06
5	Braathen, Solfrid	Norway	1:19:20	+00:09
6	Roberto, Kristina	Karlsunds IF SF	1:19:20	+00:09
7	Svan, Julia	Vansbro AIK Skidklubb	1:19:24	+00:13
8	Falk, Hanna	Ulricehamns IF	1:19:31	+00:20
9	Löfström, Annika	Årsunda IF	1:19:39	+00:28
10	Slind, Astrid Øyre	Norway	1:19:50	+00:39

Vasaloppet 2015 - men

Rank	Name	Club/Nation	Time	Diff
1	Eliassen, Petter	Norway	4:01:48	
2	Aukland, Anders	Norway	4:01:53	+00:05
3	Rezac, Stanislav	Czech Republic	4:02:12	+00:24
4	Pettersen, Øystein	Norway	4:04:43	+02:55
5	Dahl, John Kristian	Norway	4:05:01	+03:13
6	Gjerdalen, Tord Asle	Norway	4:07:01	+05:13
7	Østensen, Simen	Norway	4:07:23	+05:35
8	Ahrlin, Jerry	Biathlon Östersund IF	4:07:30	+05:42
9	Höst, Anders Mölmen	Norway	4:09:44	+07:56
10	Berdal, Tore Bjørset	Norway	4:09:57	+08:09

Vasaloppet 2015 - women

Rank	Name	Club/Nation	Time	Diff
1	Kowalczyk, Justyna	Poland	4:41:02	
2	Johansson Norgren, Britta	Sollefteå SK	4:45:18	+04:16
3	Boner, Seraina	Switzerland	4:49:16	+08:14
4	Kveli, Laila	Norway	4:50:11	+09:09
5	Korsgren, Lina	Falun Borlänge SK	4:54:30	+13:28
6	Ishida, Masako	Japan	4:56:21	+15:19
7	Smutna, Katerina	Austria	4:57:25	+16:23
8	Löfström, Annika	Årsunda IF	4:58:06	+17:04
9	Braathen, Solfrid	Norway	5:05:10	+24:08
10	Lintzén, Nina	För. Studentidrott Luleå	5:07:47	+26:45

Vasaloppet 6 March 2016. Start at 08:00

Year/Section	2016	men 2015		women 2015		men 2014		women 2014		men 2013		women 2013	
		time	passing time	time	passing time	time	passing time	time	passing time	time	passing time	time	passing time
Sälen–Smågan		0:32	08:32	0:37	08:37	0:31	08:31	0:34	08:34	0:34	08:34	0:34	08:34
Sälen–Mångsbodarna		1:07	09:07	1:15	09:15	1:06	09:06	1:10	09:10	1:00	09:00	1:08	09:08
Sälen–Risberg		1:34	09:34	1:46	09:46	1:35	09:35	1:40	09:40	1:27	09:27	1:38	09:38
Sälen–Evertsberg		2:09	10:09	2:26	10:26	2:12	10:12	2:20	10:20	2:02	10:02	2:16	10:16
Sälen–Oxberg		2:47	10:47	3:09	11:09	2:50	10:50	2:59	10:59	2:38	10:38	2:57	10:57
Sälen–Hökberg		3:13	11:13	3:41	11:41	3:18	11:18	3:29	11:29	3:02	11:02	3:25	11:25
Sälen–Eldris		3:39	11:39	4:12	12:12	3:50	11:50	4:02	12:02	3:27	11:27	3:54	11:54
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