



# ROAD BOOK

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# CHALLENGER

**WELCOME TO THE RUNNERS OF LE TRAIL PACIFIC ENERGY - SAAMA 2023**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CHALLENGE YOU ARE EMBARKING ON !**

**THIS YEAR, WE ALL FACED 2 CYCLONES A FEW MONTHS AGO. THESE 2 EVENTS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED THE STATE OF OUR COURSES, REQUIRING MUCH MORE CLEANING WORK THAN WE EXPECTED AND AFFECTING OUR ABILITY TO MAKE THE COURSE MORE ACCESSIBLE. DESPITE THIS, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THIS NEW EDITION TO LIVE UP TO THE STATE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO COUNT YOU AMONG US FOR THIS NEW EDITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE STARTING LINE !**

**HERE YOU WILL FIND ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE YOU ARE ABOUT TO TAKE.**

**12KM / 700M D+  
ESTIMATE RACE TIME: 4 HOURS**



**START  
&  
FINISH**



### «The Hill» 0 to 3 km

The start is given on the "The Rock" car park in Saama. 500 meters uphill on a large path that allows you to take your place. After crossing the road, enter the forest on a narrow single track where overtaking will be almost impossible.

Do not force the pace here, there is still a long way to go! 100 meters after the nabanga, follow the markings to the left.

You then leave the forest and progress uncovered for 1 km. The last part before the viewpoint is very steep, but what a sight! Attention, limited place at the top, do not linger.

**Nabanga**

### «Garden 2» 8,5 km to the end (11km)

#### **GARDEN 2**

After this PC, there are 3.5 km of well-cleaned downhill track.

When Arrived at the road, you will follow the markings on the ground to the right for 200m along the road (left side) then enter again under vegetation cover for the last 750 meters before the finish mark.

**PC 3**

**Lookout**

**Gold 1 PC 1**

#### **THE GOLD**

### «The Gold» 3 to 4,7 km

This section owes its name to the drilling carried out to find the precious metal in the 80s. The descent from the viewpoint is as steep as the ascent.

You will enter the forest to find PC1. The course continues lightly descent, half in the forest and half in the open.

#### **AMERICAN HILL**

**PC 2 River**

#### **THE MUD**

**Gold 2**

### «American Hill» 5,7 to 8,5 km

From PC2, you will take the right fork to follow the "Social" track. Alternating passages in the forest and cleared. The view is splendid!

After about 1 km, you will rejoin the Elite course and its competitors, which you will all be on the same path until the finish.

A very steep climb will bring you to the top of a rocky peak which housed an American cannon during the 2nd World War (only a cavity remains).

You will leave this summit by a descent at the start and then progressively less steep, towards PC 3/5. Watch out for the creepers that catch your feet on the descent!

### «The Mud» 4,7 to 5,7 km

In this fairly short section, you alternate clearings and plant cover, always on a downward false flat. In contrast, you will cross creeks (refueling of water possible) and the path is particularly muddy, in every season!

Caution! You will find PC2 in a clearing. This is where the Social and Elite races separate.

**FOLLOW THE ORANGE MARKINGS  
THROUGHOUT THE RACE**