

BRIEFING: ULTRAMARATHON STEFANIK URBAN TRAIL 2025

1. INTRO

Hello runners, welcome to the STEFANIK URBAN TRAIL.

Remember – the race is not just about time, but especially about a positive experience, fairness and respect for nature, volunteers and each other.

2. SCHEDULE & LOGISTICS

The start of the race is 8.11. at 08:00 (08:10 at the latest). Please stand in the starting corridor at least 10 minutes before the start, i.e. 07:50.

The time limit (cut-off) at the finish in EUROVEA is set at 11 hours, i.e. 19:00 (19:00 at the latest). Time limits at the aid stations:

AID STATION_1 (12. km) – Dúbravská hlavica by 11:00 (11:10 at the latest)

AID STATION_2 (23. km) – Líščie údolie (SNP park) by 13:00 (13:10 at the latest)

AID STATION_3 (38. km) – Lanovka (Kamzík) by 16:00 (16:10 at the latest), cable car top station

After these cut-off times, it will no longer be possible to continue the race.

The presentation and collection of start numbers will take place at the DECATHLON EUROVEA store on November 4-6, 2025, always from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On Friday, November 7, start numbers WILL NOT be issued. The last opportunity to present and collect bib numbers is at the Culture House in the Devín Municipal District on November 8, 2025, from 5:30 AM to 7:30 AM. After 7:30 AM, they will no longer be issued before the start. Volunteers fulfill other important security roles in the Devín after 7:30 AM in cooperation with the City Police. Those who miss the collection of numbers by Saturday, November 8, by 7:30 AM at the start will be served only after the official start and will start with a delay.

Toilets are available at the start.

Parking is ONLY possible in the large parking lot under Devín Castle near the Hradná brána hotel (48.1751161N, 16.9791019E) outside the cone-marked crossing for runners and NW.

Parking at the start: ONLY HERE! 48.1751161N, 16.9791019E

Finish line drop bag: In the start area there will be a designated area for "DROP BAG ULTRAMARATHON" for handing over 1 personal package (bag/small backpack/small sack) marked with TYVEK tape (included in the start pack) on which you will write the same number as your bib number with a marker. At the finish line in EUROVEA you will pick up your finish line drop bag with your start number.

AS_1 Dúbravská hlavica, 12. km: Access of accompanying cars or ultrarunner fans is NOT allowed!

AS_2 Liščie údolie (SNP park), 23. km: Parking of fans is only possible at these locations 48.1691314N, 17.0507481E, in case of crisis 48.1722319N, 17.0499256E, or 48.1728186N, 17.0498719E, or 48.1735467N, 17.0497681E

AS_3 Kamzík (top station cable car): Parking of fans (not recommended) is only possible at permitted adjacent parking lots, NOT at the upper cable car station. Parking there is PROHIBITED, and vehicles will be fined by the city police. Park here 48.1815906N, 17.0977769E, or 48.1835297N, 17.0956011E, or 48.1828833N, 17.0947006E, or 48.1847422N, 17.0948881E, in case of crisis 48.1778781N, 17.0976753E or 48.1762531N, 17.0994989E with significant time lag

Parking destination EUROVEA: in OC EUROVEA, 48.1409142N, 17.1208564E under commercial conditions of OC, 5 hours free on weekends.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE START:

OPTION "OWN CAR": 48.1751161N, 16.9791019E

OPTION "TAXI": BOLT / UBER / HOPIN (mobile applications)

OPTION "PUBLIC TRANSPORT": Public transport planner <https://imhd.sk/ba/planovac-cesty>

Destination station for START: bus stop "Cyril a Metod" (bus no. 29)

Destination station for parking lot for start: bus stop "Hrad Devín" (bus no. 29)

TRANSPORT TO THE FINISH ULTRA/RELAY – EUROVEA:

"OWN CAR" OPTION: 48.1409142N, 17.1208564E

"TAXI" OPTION: BOLT / UBER / HOPIN (mobile applications)

"PUBLIC TRANSPORT" OPTION: Public transport planner <https://imhd.sk/ba/planovac-cesty>

Destination station EUROVEA: bus stop "Malá Scéna" (bus no. 29, approx. 2 min. walk to EUROVEA)

3. THE COURSE

We have a 52 km long route with a total climb of 1540 m.

The most difficult sections are:

1. A short technical approx. 100 m descent to the White Rocks on the section between 10 and 11 km, very wet, slippery, covered with leaves (+ slippery tree roots).
2. A short steep approx. 200 m descent, between 12 and 13 km, can be wet, muddy, covered with slippery leaves.
3. A short steeper approx. 50 m descent on approx. between 16 and 17 km, can be wet with stones and roots, covered with slippery leaves.
4. Road section at the exit and behind the exit to Polianky towards Dúbravská cesta - keep to the right of the bike lane, or later behind the curb on the trail surface off the road. Cross to the other side of the road only at pedestrian crossings and then continue only on the pedestrian sidewalk. Section approximately between the 25th and 27th kilometers. **ATTENTION! This section may be changed with much simpler conditions before the start. Any change will be made not only by markings but also by additional deployment of volunteer coordinators. We will inform you of the current version before the start.**
5. Make all short crossings over the road only at pedestrian crossings! However, the vast majority are led by above-level pedestrian bridges or underpasses.
6. Respect the rules of road traffic wherever the situation requires it. Especially in the final section of the track behind RELAY EXCHANGE_3.

Be extra careful at the mentioned places!

Secret controls: There will be several secret controls on the route with live personnel who will control the passage of selected points of the route and may also check the mandatory equipment of the runner. The organizer will intentionally not report either the number or their location. Some live controls may even move in time. STEFANIK TRAIL is known for its uncompromising approach to non-compliance with the rules, which are intended to bring SAFETY and FAIR-PLAY to the event. Filing a protest and providing evidence (photos of the offenders or more than 2 witness statements) is not a report, but an effort to keep our community at a high level of mutual respect. File a protest in accordance with the rules listed on the event website...

The markings are marked with red and white ribbons (the entire route), critical points for changing direction will also be marked with pink flags, urban sections will also be marked (especially after RELAY EXCHANGE_3) with a combination of the aforementioned red and white ribbons and yellow arrows from 3M glued directly to the ground (asphalt), which are reflective at night. The route runs almost exclusively on sidewalks, not on the road. Forest sections may also have reinforced markings in the form of arrows made of flour, or by spraying pink spray (only on clay, not on asphalt).

If you do not see a sign for longer than [2-3 minutes], go back to the last one you saw and look for its continuation. Be sure to download the route to your phone or other navigation device.

4. AID STATIONS (AS)

There are 3 AS-s waiting for you on the course – at the 12th, 23rd and 38th kilometer.

Throw away your trash only at the refreshment stand or take it with you. The race is without disposable cups; everyone must have their own cup or wide-necked running bottle.

Instructions and orders from volunteers: Volunteers have come to help you and make your big day. Together, we all have a responsibility for the smooth and safe running of the race. Failure to respect the instructions, orders and

warnings of the organizer is punishable by immediate exclusion of the competitor or the entire team. Arrogant behavior towards volunteers is a reason for exclusion.

5. SAFETY

Mandatory equipment: bib number always placed in a visible place on the front of the body, charged mobile phone at all times, always rescue isothermal foil, own cup always, headlamp (checked on the route from 17:30). Checks can take place at the start or during the race.

Recommended equipment: running poles, adequate clothing for the current weather, minimum 0.5 liters of water, 20 EUR in cash - permission to buy refreshments outside the refreshment stations, recorded GPX route in running watch or in the application on mobile phone.

In case of an accident or emergency, call the **emergency rescue service on 0944 936 929**, 112 or contact the nearest runner/volunteer. If you see an injured runner, it is your duty to stop and help.

6. RULES & FAIR PLAY

- No external assistance from another person outside the elementary school stations is allowed.
- Do not use shortcuts, stick to the markings.
- Do not leave any garbage on the course.
- Helping your opponent is mandatory.
- Violation of the rules may lead to a penalty or disqualification.
- Arrogance towards volunteers is punished by immediate exclusion

Read all the rules, penalties and how to submit a protest at <https://sut.stefaniktrail.sk/ultramaratons/> . Ignorance of them does not excuse you. We all need fair and safe races.

7. FINISH LINE SERVICES

The finish line is located on the square in EUROVEA under the statue of M.R. Štefánik. You will be provided with light refreshments, charity tea/non-alcoholic punch/mulled wine, toilets in the EUROVEA shopping center building, a medal, a SUT merch stand, sale of raffle tickets for charity and the announcement of results at 3:00 PM in the large ALITER TECHNOLOGIES tent. The raffle will be announced between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

8. Q&A

Please send us your questions to martin.urbanik@gmail.com no later than 06.11.2025 by 21:00. We will send the answers by e-mail to those who asked by 7.11.2025.

ATTENTION, we will only answer those questions whose answers are not included in this written briefing or the content of the stefaniktrail.sk website. EVERY registered racer confirmed upon registration that they have read the entire website carefully and understand its entire content. Start looking for questions to your answers there.

9. CONCLUSION

Thank you all for trusting us and joining us. Enjoy the course, respect nature and the people around you, and may everyone bring their own personal sense of victory to the finish line.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE START AND THE FINISH LINE!