

**Open online precision orienteering training on rocks  
«The Rock Labyrinth (online) - 2020» (June 7th, 2020)**

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**Summary**

More than 170 people all over the world took part in the online precision orienteering training on rocks «The Rock Labyrinth (online) - 2020» (June 7th, 2020).

Participants were suggested 50 tasks of different level. The traditional stages of the competition «The Rock Labyrinth» - stage «Rocks» and stage «Stones» - were included in the training distance. Nonetheless, unlike competition, there was no need to perform techniques at online training.

In this form «The Rock Labyrinth» was held first. In fact, it was an experiment that appeared under various restrictions imposed this year. Nonetheless, based on previous experience and cartographic materials and photos prepared over the past years, we have managed to hold an unique event.

This start has allowed those, who had never previously participated in precision orienteering competitions (trail orienteering), to get into the principles of this kind of sport. Meanwhile, experienced participants, experts in orienteering, came out on an unusual terrain - on rocks - with maps in a projection, different from the accepted one. Finally, foreign participants all over the world took advantage of the opportunity to visit our rocks.

The tasks were inspected by an expert in trail orienteering - Sergey Rusakov (Russia, Saint Petersburg). I would like to thank Sergey for his time and attention to this start.

Many thanks also to Tatyana Karmanova and Anton Kurbatov - my colleagues - the team of «The Rock Labyrinth» - based on their efforts a new concept of the event has been carried out within a short time.

I would like to express my recognition to my wife Olga Khokhlova for her support and patience while preparing «The Rock Labyrinth», that took me a lot time, despite the online mode.

During the event some technical problems came up, that were managed to cope with finally. I apologize and hope for your understanding. In particular, for technical reasons the work on the time control was not taken into account when evaluating the results.

The online training form has been left open. Therefore, everyone can take a try in this test. Link to the online training form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jf4pcQuwv4knuoEFU6FprqroUjrrxNzWfUGuoNqjR8/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jf4pcQuwv4knuoEFU6FprqroUjrrxNzWfUGuoNqjR8/viewform?edit_requested=true).

The results of the online training, as well as solutions (correct answers and positions description) are published here: <http://carabin.ru/calendar/events/570.html>. Many thanks to Sergey Kuznetsov (Russia, Saint Petersburg) for informational support of the start.

Friends, thank you all for your participation, support and feedback.

Head of the race

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