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GPS Location 57,82449 / 14,30979

Norra Klevaliden, the Swedish legend

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Sweden isn't necessarily the country where cycling sport is the king. But there is a legendary place near Jönköping.

Klevaliden is the lower icon on this map

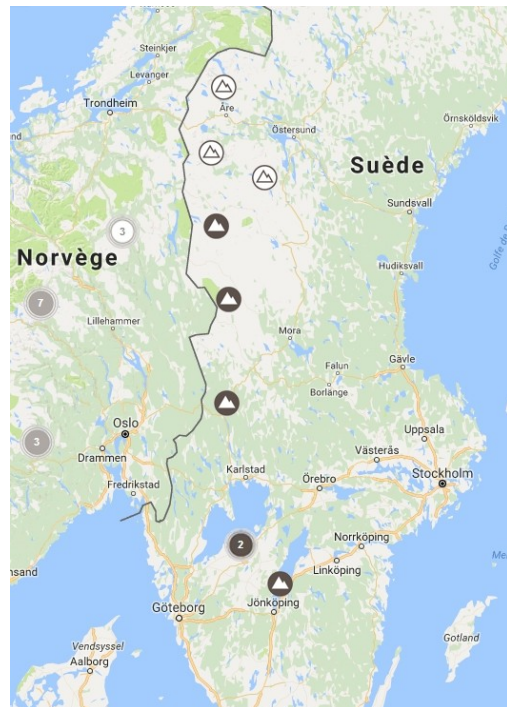
Legend, do you write ?

Isn't it too much ?

Not in that case anyway !

Why ?

Just a few reasons to believe it



A significant name ?

att kleva = to walk with long steps

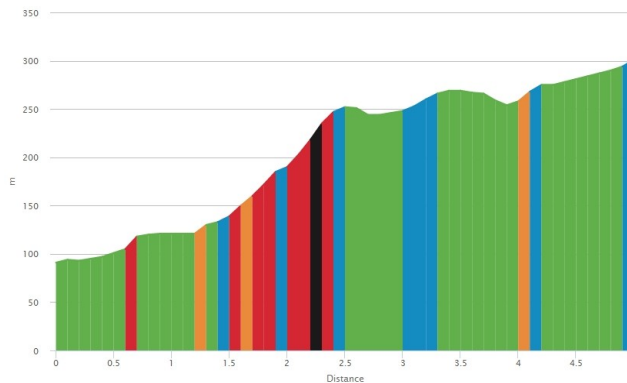
att lida = to suffer

A sport value ?



Klevaliden cuts the level lines

Enough to be understood !



The central part in black and red

5km from 91m to 301m, then 210m D+ in 5km , that means 4,2% average.

From 0 to 500 m	3/-1/2/2/4/
from 0,5 to 1km	4/13/2/1/0/
from 1 to 1,5 km	0/0/9/3/6
from 1,5 to 2 km	11/10/12/13/5
from 2 to 2,5 km	13/15/17/12/5/
from 2,5 to 3 km	-1/-7/0/2/2/
from 3 to 3,5 km	5/7/6/3/0/
from 3,5 to 4 km	-2/-1/-7/-5/4/
from 4 to 4,5 km	10/7/0/3/3/
from 4,5 to 5 km	3/3/3/4/7

An historic value ?

Norra Kleväliden, is a well-know name in the sewing machine city of Husqvarna. It leads to the top of the Huskvarnaberget, and follows the road to Smedstorp.

Used from 1933 to 1950 for the race Klevälidsloppet, race for motorcycles and cars ! Later, it will be included in a cycling stage race, called Postgirot Open.

The Klevälidsloppet started in 1924 with the Södra Kleväliden – called afterwards Hakarpsvägen, but changed into the side Smedstorpsvägen, later, with this name of Norra Kleväliden.

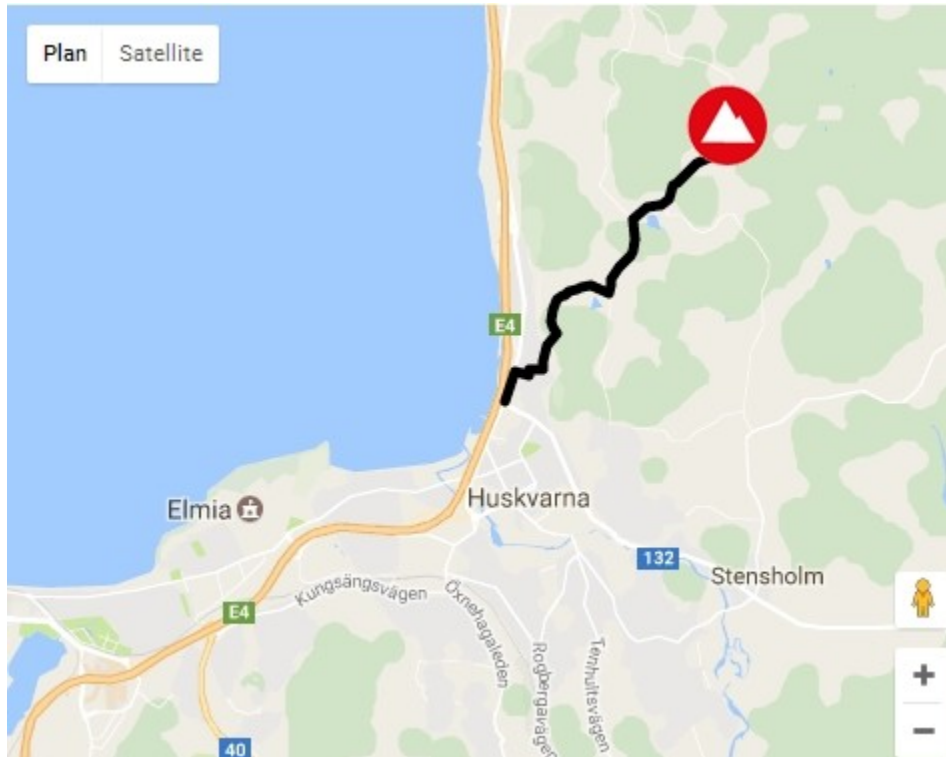
The Swedish Cycling Federation wished to promote this cycling race and set the Norra Kleväliden as one of the 100 places to promote the whole Swedish country.

The orienteering national club Hakarpspojarna has its business local in the middle of the climb.

A living hill about which people talked already in 1909



Car race in 1947



A main cycling past ?



Tomas Gustavsson fångad av VD-fotografen Sven Siljemar under ett avsnitt av tävlingarna i den berömda Kleväliden i Huskvarna. På bilden spårar Tomas för Leif "Lill-Vinco" Hansson, som liksom många andra kändisar fick se Tomas före sig i pristafan.

When Swedish cyclists like Tomas Gustavsson lead the bunch



Hellemans alone in the lead, passed the line 1 tour before the end, in 1960



The bunch after the 15% section, in 1984



Inside the steep 15% section in 2001

A mediatic one ?

Postgirot Open

The stage race Postgirot took place from 1982 to 2003. And Postgirot became Posten AB. This new bank wanted to stop the Postgirot. The 18th of March 2005 transferred to Plusgirot, it disappears as a sponsor of this race and the race stopped.

The professional cycling sport only began in Sweden in the 60's. From 1924 until 1975 the federation managed races only for amateurs. Since 1980, some races like Kävlingetrampen, Ringsjön runt, Vätternrundan, Tjejtrampet, Mälaren runt, Skanisloppet and the Tour du Jämtland are managed.

Winners of the Postgirot

- 1982 : Tommy Prim (SWE)
- 1983 : Tommy Prim (2) (SWE)
- 1984 : Allan Peiper (AUS)
- 1985 : Marc Gomez (FRA)
- 1986 : Gilbert Duclos-Lassalle (FRA)
- 1987 : Gerrie Knetemann (NED)
- 1988 : Jesper Worre (DEN)
- 1989 : Atle Kvålsvoll (NOR)
- 1990 : Dmitry Ivanov (RUS)
- 1991 : Michael Andersson (SWE)
- 1992 : Michael Andersson (2) (SWE)
- 1993 : Phil Anderson (AUS)
- 1994 : Erik Dekker (NED)
- 1995 : Erik Dekker (2) (NED)
- 1996 : Michael Blaudzun (DEN)
- 1997 : Giampaolo Mondini (ITA)
- 1998 : Steven de Jongh (NED)
- 1999 : Jakob Piil (DEN)
- 2000 : Michael Andersson (3) (SWE)
- 2001 : Thor Hushovd (NOR)
- 2002 : Kurt Asle Arvesen (NOR)



Tommy Prim attacked in Klevaliden in 1984

Rapha 12 hills

The 12 hills of this classic for cyclesport guys offer a warrant, with stamps in control points as proofs that the whole team passed those 12 hills before 6 PM.

Checkpoints

- 1 Col Sandseryd 2,4 km, Avg 4,4%, Max 19,1%
- 2 Mont Taberg 1,3 km, Avg 7,5%, Max 28,4%
- 3 Col D'Åsa Gård 0,7 km, Avg 8,8% , Max 26,7%
- 4 Muur De Georgslid 0,7 km, Avg 9,9%, Max 26,2%
- 5 Col De Odensjölid 1,7 km, Avg 5,1%, Max 14,1%
- 6 Alp de Södra Klevaliden 0,7 km, Avg 15,8% , Max 19%
- 7 Alp de Norra Klevaliden 1 km, Avg 11,4%, Max 25,9%
- 8 Col d'Hillinge 1 km, Avg 6,8%, Max 14%
- 9 Muur De Botarp 0,8 km, Avg 10,4%, Max 30,8%
- 10 Alp De Skarpabacken 1,1 km, Avg 10,5%, Max 30,8%
- 11 Muur De Röttle 1,1 km, Avg 5,8%, Max 17,5 %
- 12 Col De Kaxholmen 0,9 km, Avg 4,7% , Max 9,3%

Ultra-Marathon

The **UltraTri Sweden – Coast to Coast** is the first Swedish Ultra triathlon. In 2017, this one will happen between the 21st and the 23rd of July, reason why we show this climb in the review « ailleurs-higher » at the end of the month of June. The first edition happened in 2013.

The first day, the participants swim during 9 km and bike during 190 km. The 9 km swimming start at Nidingen before biking through an hilly tour ended by the terrible Klevaliden.

The 2nd day, they only bike but on an epic 320 km long way from Husqvarna to Trosa on the other side of the country.

The 3rd and last day is a trilogy without bike, built on a 23 km running like a trail, followed by a 3 km swimming on and back to an isle and the final terrible 70km running section until the finish line at Rålbshovsparken.

And then, a legend ?



One jersey talks better than a long speech



There are not only clothes

The Postgirot has an official musical hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2PzAadPL1s>

(I'm a winner)

The Postgirot has a social game

http://www.cyclingboardgames.net/g_sverigeloppet.htm

One of the squares in the game is called Klevaliden

A short description is worthy o being known, no ?

We leave Husqvarna by many different narrow streets not very steep



And we see that in front of us !



A swedish that seems not so easy ...



A swedish that likes hairpins



A Swedish that stands always up



A car-park to be quiet in the middle



And the Swedish stands up another time



The professional arrival. Afterwards, in the tour, they turn right to Södra Klevaliden
Norra = northern side – Södra = southern side



but for cycletourists, we'll take a few meters difference of level more
to reach the highest regional point and a viewpoint on the city.

Links Klevaliden

<http://www.fotosidan.se/blogs/bob-bovin-photography/279-faglun-i-ovralidsbacken-svenska-cyklisters.htm>

<http://autobus.cyclingnews.com/results/2001/jun01/tourofsweden014.shtml>

<http://www.ssi.nu/kalender1a.htm>

<http://www.jmini.se/nyheter/46795/de-trotsar-klevaliden-under-tre-dagar-langt-triathlon>

<https://happyride.se/forum/read.php/1/1078519/1078862>

<http://www.cyclingplus.se/randobloggen/de-tolv-backarnas-traningspass/>

<http://www.laleprestanca.se/gazzetta/rapha-12-hills-2016-preview/>

<http://www.bicycling.se/blogs/ingridkjellstrom/rr-rapha12hills-backar-sportgrus-och-vinst.htm>

<http://www.ultratri.se/>

Two videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOAroeIYj_o

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvVafcoUgD4>

