

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 35–36 (27.8–7.9.2025)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 90

THE MTB TRACKS AT MARKUS KARLSSONS BACKE

In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: "The MTB tracks at Markus Karlssons backe were opened in July 2025. The downhill tracks at the old rubbish dump were planned and built by the company Trail It. In recent years the old rubbish dump has gained a new life as a sports field via investments made by the town of Jakobstad. The construction work has been carried out in an ecologically sustainable way by using the replaced soil from the improvement of Östanpåvägen. The project has also received government grants through the Regional State Administrative Agency.

There has already been an obstacle-race course, which was built in collaboration with the association OCR Jeppis, and two workout stairs in the area. The new MTB tracks consist of four descents of different difficulty levels (track 1 is easiest, track 4 the most difficult). There are no lifts, so the bikers will have to climb up the hill by themselves. The area is open 24/7 and it doesn't cost anything to use the tracks. There is, however, no lights on the hill.

On Saturday 20 September at 13–15 an opening ceremony for the MTB courses is arranged, where the four descents will be named. In this questionnaire we receive name suggestions, of which a selection is presented at the opening ceremony and a final vote is held. The names of the tracks will, for instance, be printed on info signs by the downhill tracks. Take the chance to influence and give your suggestions below!"

A total of 90 people gave suggestions.

NEXT STEP

The sports services of the town of Jakobstad thank everyone for the name suggestions for the MTB tracks at Markus Karlsson's hill! Representatives of the town and the newly formed association for cycling enthusiasts, Jeppis Trail Crew, met on 9.9.2025 and selected the following name suggestions to proceed to the next round. The group agreed on mainly English-language suggestions, as these work well for both Finnish and Swedish speakers.

Track 1: The Beginner, Rocket, Rulla, Like a walk in the park

Track 2: Joy Ride, The Challenger, Flow, Steppin up

Track 3: Vortex, The heat is on, Crazy Town, Tempo

Track 4: Inferno, Turbo, Bumtsibum, Frank's nightmare

An inauguration ceremony will be held at the MTB tracks on Saturday 20.9 from 13:00 to 15:00. During the event, Jeppis Trail Crew will showcase the MTB tracks and OCR Jeppis will demonstrate the obstacle courses in the area. Inauguration speeches will be given by Fredric

Portin and Frank Bäcksholm from the town of Jakobstad and Björn Stenmark from Jeppis Trail Crew. VM-sport will participate and offer sausages. During the inauguration ceremony, a vote will also be held among the selected name suggestions for the tracks, and the contributions that receive the most votes will be printed on signs in the area.

UP-DATE 23.9.2025:

<https://jakobstad.fi/2025/09/de-nya-mtb-banorna-namngavs-vid-invigningen> (In Swedish)

<https://pietarsaari.fi/2025/09/uudet-mtb-radat-nimettiin-avajaisissa> (In Finnish)

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