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You, cyclists who like to climb, discover in these few pages what makes the list of the national challenge in Sweden so rich.

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Geography

Sweden is a country in Northern Europe and Scandinavia. Its capital is Stockholm, and the official and majority language is Swedish. It borders Norway to the west-north-west and Finland to the north-north-east. To the south, Sweden is separated from Denmark by the Øresund, a strait in the Cattegat whose narrowest section is 4km wide. The northern part of Sweden is occupied by Lapland, called Sápmi by its inhabitants, the Sami, who were the first inhabitants of northern Scandinavia.



Size and quality of the road network

Covering an area of 449,964 km², Sweden is the fifth largest country in Europe. More than half the country is covered in coniferous forests, and there are many lakes. Sweden has a road network of 579,564 km, including 1,913 km of expressways. Asphalted roads are very present in the south and give way to slightly gravelled roads in the north.



In the north

In the north, roads link towns and cities over long distances, passing by lakes at altitude or below. It's interesting because it's full of roads, but it's sometimes very long with very gentle gradients. There's no shortage of altitude in the north and it's often undulating. The trouble is the lack of indication and naming of the summit locations, as well as their lack of representativeness on the ground (just a summit between two rows of trees). There is often not a soul to be seen, but suddenly the areas around the lakes are very lively and some summits seem to be bustling with tourist activity, with lots of parked cars, whereas before, it was total boredom and exacerbated solitude.

In the south

In the south, the towns are closer together and there are fewer lakes below Vänern. Towns often have a hill within them, not always very high but often with nice steep streets leading up to it. The tops of these hills offer views of the sea or the lake, which are often landscaped.

Relief and characteristics

This is a long country stretching from Smygehuk (the southernmost point) to Treriksroset (in the north), where Norway, Sweden and Finland meet. The country has a long coastline, with the Baltic Sea to the east-south-east, the Cattegat to the south-south-west and the Skagerrak to the south-west.

While the south is flat and agrarian, strongly reminiscent of Denmark, the further north you go, the more rugged the landscape becomes, and the rarer the inhabitants. There are large coniferous forests dotted with numerous lakes. The Scandinavian Alps form most of the border with Norway to the west-north-west. The Kebnekaise (2,111 metres) is the highest point.



Given its large size, its very rolling but mainly asphalted road network in the southern part and its existing but not intensive cycling scene, we opted for 250 natachas.

Administrative division and distribution of the 250 natchas



Sweden is made up of 25 regions, which are too small to take on their own. We have decided to group them together and divide the country into 8 regions.

SV01-Övre Norrland	30
SV02-Mellersta Norrland	35
SV03-Norra Mellansverige	50
SV04-Östra Mellansverige	35
SV05-Stockholm	10
SV06-Västsverige	45
SV07-Småland och Öarna	30
SV08-Sydsverige	15

Swedish tourism

Nature tourism

Swedish tourism is all about nature. Nature reserves are spread throughout the country.

Our selection also includes gardens, protected Swedish plantations, a protected forest and a plantation school.

SWE-213	Midsommarvägen	gardens
SWE-234	Ardre molen Ekese	protected Swedish plantations
SWE-250	Lyckeåborg	protected forest
SWE-235	Plantskola vägen	Plantation school
SWE-189	Glasberget (incl. Gammal Kråkan)	Nature tourism
SWE-063	Bunkris brandtorn	Nature reserve
SWE-100	Olerud / Gullrosasberg	Nature reserve
SWE-165	Fontins Naturreservat	Nature reserve
SWE-229	Algutsrum	Nature reserve
SWE-107	Svarthavet	Nature reserve+ lake



Swedish gardens



Lyckeåborg in 1902



A planting school



Through the Fontins nature reserve

Panoramas

Every platform, every plateau, every break in the trees is a pretext for a panorama. There are plenty of them on our list.

SWE-199	Eksjöberg	Wide panorama
SWE-041	Terrassvägen Örnsköldvik	Panorama and terraces
SWE-105	Västra Esplanaden Arvika	Panorama esplanade on Arvika stad
SWE-056	Hoverberg	Panorama, TV tower, car park, tourist square
SWE-146	Trollstigen Aby	Panorama, spiral path
SWE-032	Brännklumpen Brattli	Panorama, dome
SWE-127	Norbyberg Uppsala / Stadsskogen	Panorama of Uppsala, cycle path
SWE-239	Italienska vägen (Mölle)	Panorama of port and sea
SWE-240	Lya	Panorama on Sea
SWE-218	Ukna Talläsvägen	Panorama on village
SWE-170	Ängsberget / Bretenvägen	Panorama of an inlet
SWE-115	Sandfallet	Panorama over towns
SWE-173	Ramberget	Panorama of the island of Hisingen
SWE-030	Sörfors	Panoramic view of the village and forest
SWE-013	Galtispuoda	Panorama of town and lakes
SWE-203	Galgberget	Panorama of Halmstadt
SWE-007	Dundret	Panorama of Gällivare
SWE-023	Stalonberget	Panorama over town and valley
SWE-025	Vitberget	Panoramic view of the town
SWE-004	Luossavaara	Panorama
SWE-019	Berggatan / Sarkivaara	Panorama
SWE-129	Vildmarkskogen toppstugan	Panorama
SWE-168	Slätthult / Kviström Kleva	Panorama
SWE-184	Tolleredsbacken	Panorama
SWE-197	Billingekleven	Panorama
SWE-220	Almsåkra (Grönsved)	Panorama
SWE-236	Lotta på Åsen-Backen	Panorama
SWE-238	Tiahagen / Tvehögavägen	Panorama
SWE-245	Hunnestorp	Panorama
SWE-246	Listershuvud	Panorama
SWE-160	Sjöberga	Viewpoint over the sea
SWE-144	Säterholmsvägen	Sea outing with rear panorama
SWE-153	Fåfången	Café-Bar and panorama
SWE-223	Hagadalsgatan	Buccolic panorama
SWE-156	Hakungebacken	Åkersberga panorama



Stalonberget and its invitation to a viewpoint



The Norbyberg cycle path in Uppsala

Our selection of monuments

SWE-194 Mösseberg

SWE-117 Kolarbyn Bruksvägen

SWE-242 Rossjöholmsvägen

Car park, monument and
panorama

Monument

Circular monument



Visit the Kolarbyn Eco-Lodge



The stones of Mösseberg

Stone and metal towers abound

SWE-209 Skarsjö Aneby

SWE-192 Brudaremossen

SWE-103 Valberg

SWE-222 Blackelid

SWE-038 Frösötornet Utsiktstorn

SWE-097 Vattentorn

SWE-128 Älvhöjden utsiktstorn

SWE-104 Tossebergsklätten

SWE-191 Högkullen

SWE-210 Tomtabacken

Tower, waterfall and lake

Tour, panorama

Tower

Tour-TV

Tour, panorama

Tour and cycle path

Tour and panorama

Tour

Tour

Tower, car park and explanatory
panel



The original architecture of Frösötornet



Arrival at the Tosseberg tower

Hotels are ready to welcome you at certain summits

SWE-064	Sälens Högfjällshotellet	Hotel, panorama
SWE-012	Öbergavägen	Hotel
SWE-034	Ullådalen	Hotel
SWE-047	Hallstaberget	Hotel
SWE-002	Riksgränsen	Hotel
SWE-021	Kittelfjäll	Hotel



Hotel Ullådalstugan at the end of the road



The Hallstaberget dominates the area

And waterholes in lakes, dams and waterfalls

SWE-066	Stops vattenfall	Waterfalls
SWE-081	Strömbacka	Original start in the water
SWE-087	Harsa Hotell	Tourist village and lake
SWE-011	Sädvajaure Bjerget	Lakes
SWE-031	Bunksjön	Lakes
SWE-033	Rötviken	Lakes
SWE-035	Storgatan Strömsund	Lakes
SWE-053	Fisksjöhöggerget	Lakes
SWE-055	Lövsjön	Lakes
SWE-005	Tjautas	Lakes
SWE-018	Posjarv	Lakes
SWE-020	Övre Haradsvägen	Lakes
SWE-085	Storsjön	Lakes
SWE-106	Storkasberget	Lakes
SWE-082	Bjornsjön / Holmbokölen	Lake
SWE-093	Södra Lingbovägen	Lake
SWE-108	Dalkarlsjön	Lake
SWE-110	Nordmarksberg	Lake
SWE-122	Västra Sala Ökebrogatan	Lake
SWE-136	Hjälmsättersvägen	Lake
SWE-137	Hallsborg	Lake
SWE-139	Malmabacken (Malmköping)	Lake
SWE-140	Valhalla	Lake
SWE-162	Fågelvägen	Lake
SWE-164	Sikhall-Sörkö	Lake
SWE-195	Gälleberg	Lake
SWE-228	Torsås	Lake
SWE-101	Höljesdamm	Dam



Stops waterfall



Strömbacke and its start with your feet in the water



View of Storkasberget lake



Höljes dam

Churches

SWE-088
SWE-147
SWE-200

Högliden Kyrkan
Krokek kyrka
Stafsinge Kyrka

Church and panorama
Church and panorama
Church and panorama



At the end of the road, the church of Staffsinge



The church of Krokek dominates its surroundings

Castles

SWE-230 Borgholms Slott
SWE-125 Salsta Slott vägen
SWE-174 Skansen Kronan
SWE-150 Bryggartorpet

Castle, church, panorama
Castle
Ancient fortifications
Castle and campsite



Borgholm Castle



The path leading to Salsta Castle



The fortifications at Skansen



Bryggartorpet and nature from the castle

Ski resorts

SWE-196 Ulricehamns Skistadion
SWE-102 Brånäsberget
SWE-130 Gillersklack
SWE-003 Björkliden Hotellet
SWE-049 Berggatan
073 Ryssjöklack / Vintjärns Ryssjön

Ski resort
Ski resort
Ski resort
Ski resort, hotel, lake, circular road
Ski resort SWE-
Ski resort+ lake



Ski jumping at Branäs



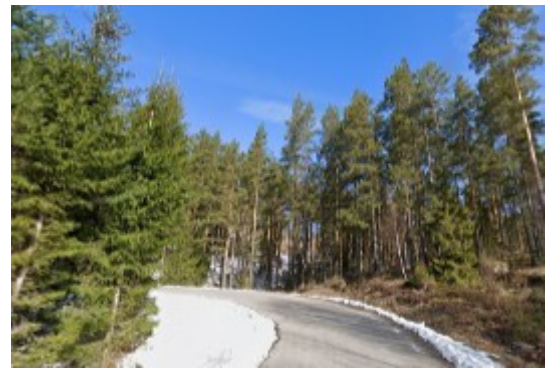
Björkliden and the white paradise

And finally, let's discover the Swedish national originals in our selection

SWE-118	Länets högst	Explanatory panel
SWE-188	Prästeklevs Parkeringen (Hunneberg)	Tourist site
SWE-207	Klevaliden	Tourist site
SWE-022	Stekenjokk	Tourist site
SWE-111	Årjäng Travet	City stadium
SWE-155	Hjalmar	Highest point in the town
SWE-143	Klevberget	Laces
SWE-163	Norra Kyrkovägen	Original panorama in the park
SWE-089	Vasaloppsvägen	Emblematic place of the famous Vasaloppet
SWE-096	Lekplads Banjogatan	Playground
SWE-132	Sännaboda	Conference Lodge
SWE-154	Mariaberget	Old Town
SWE-131	Stråssa industrivägen	Old mines
SWE-148	Gruvstugan	Wildlife park
SWE-187	Taberg	Summit café
SWE-070	Aventyrsgruvan Tuna-Hästberg	Adventure park



The tourist route from the top of Klevaliden



A lace of Klevberget



The pretty park at the top of Norra Kyrkovägen



The evocative name of a race with no competition



The old town of Mariaberget



The old mines of Stråssa

The sporting side of Swedish climbs

Here are the TOP10 longest Swedish climbs

83	NE	Sörberget	45,9
74	S	Ulvsjön-Pers	43,7
8	SW	Naakajärvi	31
22	E	Stekenjokk	28
75	S	Stora Tunturiberget	28
73	NE	Ryssjöklack / Vintjärns Ryssjön	27,6
22	S	Stekenjokk	26,7
36	SW	Flatruet	26,5
92	S	Gruvberget	24,7
74	N	Ulvsjön-Pers	24,5



Lengths of Stora Tunturiberget and Västemyrriiset

The vast summit of Flatruet

The TOP10 most uneven climbs

61	S	Nipstugan Pass	580
75	S	Stora Tunturiberget	452
22	S	Stekenjokk	420
74	S	Ulvsjön-Pers	420
64	E	Sälens Högfjällshotellet	419
102	SE	Brånäsberget	415
36	SW	Flatruet	378
36	N	Flatruet	372
17	SE	Kilberget	355
22	E	Stekenjokk	325



Ulvsjön-Pers, a long way up all the time

Kilberget, typically Scandinavian

Here are the top 25 Swedish cycling climbs by average percentage

28	W	Välvsjövägen / Rosengård	16,0
100	S	Olerud / Gullrosasberg	14,2
50	SW	Tännäsberget	13,9
49	W	Berggatan	13,0
171	SW	Hultabacken	11,4
40	E	Fjällbohög	10,9
4	W	Luossavaara	10,6
33	S	Rötviken	10,1
40	W	Fjällbohög	10,0
49	S	Berggatan	10,0



The steep end of the Rötviken



The steep end of the Luossavaara mule track

And the maximum hectometric percentages are

23	SE	Stalonberget	30
49	S	Berggatan	25
56	E	Hoverberg	21
28	W	Välvsjövägen / Rosengård	20
49	W	Berggatan	20
33	S	Rötviken	19
47	NE	Hallstaberget	19
50	SW	Tännäsberget	19
40	E	Fjällbohög	18
41	S	Terrassvägen Örnköldvik	17



The summit after the 30% Stalon



The Berggatan

In terms of total energy expenditure, what is the TOP10 Estonian europoints?

83	NE	Sörberget	737,2
23	SE	Stalonberget	696,2
74	S	Ulvsjön-Pers	619,0
61	S	Nipstugan Pass	436,0
36	SW	Flatruet	400,0
75	S	Stora Tunturiberget	393,1
4	W	Luossavaara	362,0
4	W2	Luossavaara	357,0
102	SE	Brånäsberget	337,3
36	N	Flatruet	313,0



The end of Brånäsberget



The solid Nipstugan Pass

As for explosiveness, here are the top 10 bombs

23	SE	Stalonberget	43,9
28	W	Välvsjövägen / Rosengård	37,2
49	S	Berggatan	36,9
50	SW	Tännäsberget	35,1
49	W	Berggatan	34,8
33	S	Rötvikén	30,7
56	E	Hoverberg	30,4
100	S	Olerud / Gullrosasberg	30,2
40	E	Fjällbohög	30,1
171	SW	Hultabacken	28,5



Arrival in Tännäs via the main road



Hultabacken and its crazy ramp

Swedish cycling

Races

The **Grand Prix Vätternrundan** is Sweden's classic long-distance cycloportive race, with a separate elite race.

It includes 4 climbs from our selection

SWE-145	Medevi
SWE-149	Ödeshög
SWE-206	Håknarp
SWE-207	Klevaliden



Around Lake Vättern in 315km from Motala to Motala

The Grand Prix cycling craze



20,000 cyclists at the start



Finishing many hours later



Always close to the lake



When you leave the lake, you climb

Let's focus on Klevaliden, also known as Norra Klevaliden, which is a Swedish must.



Klevaliden, the oldest hill in Swedish racing



The 15% sign



Klevaliden, the soup of faces



The stampede of the peloton



The Klevaliden slope: oh yes, after all!



The Klevaliden as a dancer



The finish of a race to the top

GP Velothon Stockholm Road Race - GPM classic

There are 2 climbs on our list in this SWE-156 Grand

Prix Hakungebacken
SWE-157 Sorunda kyrka



A pleasant presentation of the Hakungebacken



The arrival of the Stockholm Velothon

Swedish National Championships - GPM classic

KOM Swedish National Championship 2018

SWE-237 Yderhult (Båstad)

KOM classic of the Swedish
Championships SWE-183

Mellomgårde / Dalenvägen

SWE-189 Glasberget (incl. Gammal Kråkan)



The Yderhult climb



The Gammal Kråkan pass

Secondary races and their pearls

Sävedalen Hillclimb

SWE-172 Sotenäsbacken

Tour of Tabergsdalen classic

SWE-187 Taberg



The Sotenäsbacken slide



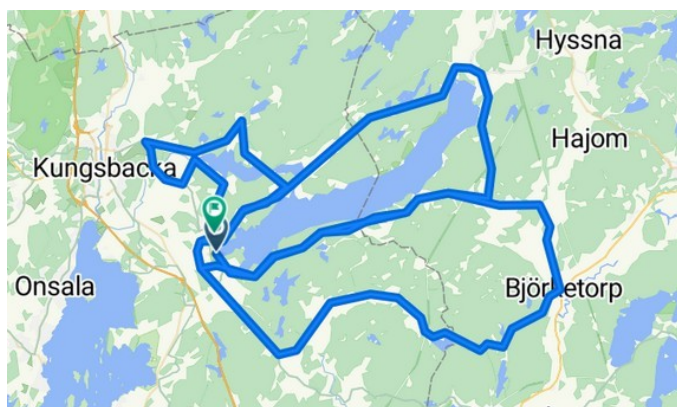
The end of Taberg

Kungsbacka Granfondo

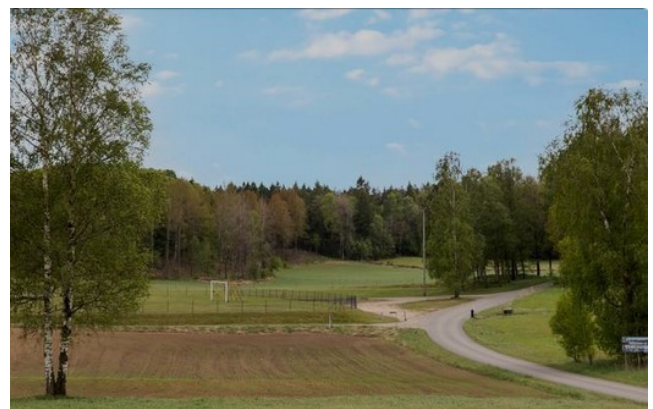
SWE-176 Torråsbacken

Klassiska KOM Regionala cykellopp / Classic KOM Regional cycling races

SWE-199 Eksjöberg



Map of the Granfondo at Kungsbacka



The rising curves of Eksjöberg

Granfondo Eslöv

SWE-236 Lotta på Åsen-Backen

Granfondo Dalslandsrundan

SWE-161 Brudfjället



The start of the Eslöv race in 2013



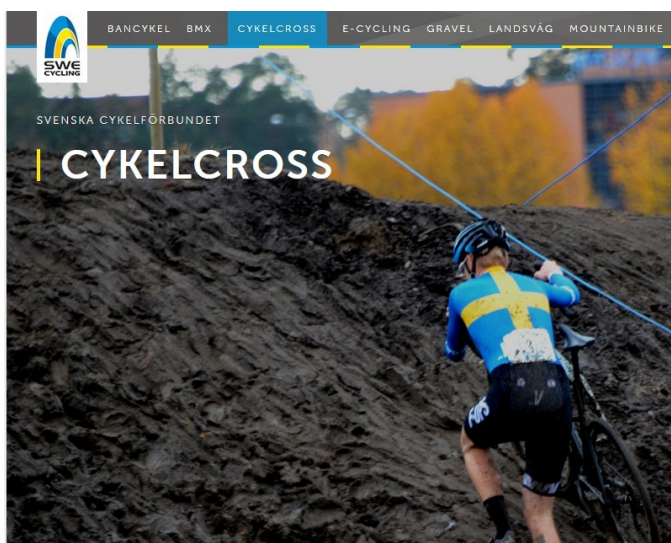
Granfondo routes in Dalsland

Cyklo-cross / Cycle-cross

SWE-102 Brånäsberget

Avslutning på Vasaloppet / Arrival of Vasaloppet

SWE-089 Vasaloppsvägen



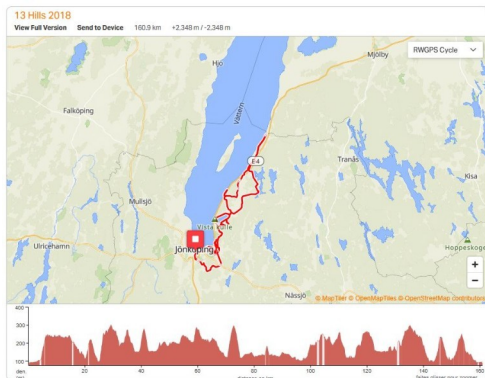
Cyclo-cross lives in Sweden



Mountain biking too with the cycling Vasaloppet

13 hills i Jönköping

SWE-207 Norra Kleveliden
SWE-208 Rudu Alp
SWE-226 Öxnehaga



The jagged profile of the 13 hills



Cyclosporriors in Öxnehaga



Climbing a hill



... up to 13 hills

And **cycle tourism** is alive and well in Sweden

Cycle tourism in Sweden is a pleasant activity, especially during the months of May to September, when the climate is favourable and the days are long. Sweden offers many well-marked cycle routes through varied landscapes, from coasts to lakes and forests.



The Uppsala Cycling Club



Cykel magazine and its special issue on Norway

Some racing cyclists

In glorious times, the importance of the Olympic Games was obvious.

Georg Johnsson was a Swedish road cyclist in the 1920s and 1930s. At the 1928 Olympics, he finished 17th in the road race, which enabled him to win the bronze medal in the team classification. During his career, he won six national titles: four individual and two team. He also took part in two world road championships, finishing 10th in 1932.

Arne Berg took part in the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games. In 1932, he came twentieth in the road race, winning the bronze medal with the Swedish team. In 1936, he was the only Swede to finish the road race in sixteenth place. He was Swedish champion in 1931 and won Porvoon Ajot in 1936 and 1938.



Georg Johnsson, the inner tube on his shoulder



Arne Berg greets another competitor

The 70s brought Swedes into the limelight with the Petersson brothers and Berndt Johansson.

Gösta Pettersson was several times world champion in the 100km team time trial. He dominated the amateur category in the 1960s, particularly in the team time trial, where he was teamed up with his three brothers Sture, Erik and Tomas. He won numerous stage races, including the Milk Race in 1968, where he remained in the lead from the first to the last day of the fourteen stages. A professional rider from 1970 to 1974, he was the first, and to date only, Swedish winner of a grand tour, the Giro in 1971, as well as the only rider to finish on the podium of the Tour de France in 1970.

Berndt Johansson finished 2nd in the Swedish road championships in 1972 and Swedish road champion in 1974. He was Olympic road race champion in 1976. As a professional, he won the Tour of Levant and the Baracchi Trophy in 1977, the GP de l'Industrie et du Commerce in Prato and the Giro d'Emilia in 1978, 2 stages of the Giro in 1979 and the Giro del Lazio in 1980. He also won stages in the Tour of Morocco, the Milk Race and the Tour of Andalusia. In 1974 he won the Östgötaloppet, Sweden's oldest cycling race.



The unique pink jersey of a Swede



Berndt Johansson, Olympic champion

Sven-Åke Nilsson first shone in the amateur ranks. He was national road champion in 1972. In 1974, he was crowned world champion in the amateur team time trial with the Swedish national team. Two years later, he won the Tour de l'Avenir. As a professional, he won the Étoile des Espoirs, the Tour of Corsica and finished on the podium in Paris-Nice, the Critérium International and the Amstel Gold Race. He then finished in the top ten in the 1980 and 1981 Tours de France, where he wore the polka dot jersey. In 1982, he came third in the Tour of Spain after winning a stage.

Lars Wahlqvist has been national solo and team time trial champion on numerous occasions. He won a stage in the Milk Race in 1984 and became Swedish road champion in 1986. He came third in a stage at the 1987 Giro d'Italia. In 1988 he won a stage in the Tour of Sweden, the Giro del Belvedere in 1989, two stages in the Tour of Sweden and the Trofeo Banca Popolare in 1991.



Sven-Åke Nilsson and his polka dot jersey



Lars Wahlqvist breaks away

Let's move on to the 21st century.

Jonas Holmkvist won the Svanesunds 2-dagars in Sweden in 2001, the Scandinavian Open Road Race in 2002 and became Swedish road champion in 2003. He won the overall classification and 2 stages of the Ringerike Grand Prix in 2003 and the same result at the Cykeltouren in 2003 and the Grand Prix Veckan in 2004.

Magnus Bäckstedt won the 2004 Paris-Roubaix, becoming the first Swede to win a cycling monument, and a stage in the 1998 Tour de France. His tall stature (1.93m, 90kg) earned him the nickname "Big Magnus" throughout his career. In 1994 he won a stage in the Tour of Croatia, in 1995 a stage in the Ronde l'Isard, in 1996 the Boland Bank Tour and in 1997 he won the GP d'Isbergues. He became Swedish time trial champion in 2004. He is the father of cyclist Zoe Bäckstedt.



Jonas Holmkvist's motivation



A Swede called Bäckstedt wins Paris-Roubaix

Jonas Ljungblad won two stages in the Tour of Bulgaria in 2000 and a stage in the Tour of Slovakia and the Tour of Brandenburg in 2001. He won a stage in the Tour of Slovenia and the general classification of the Herald Sun Tour as well as the Tour of Queensland in 2004. In 2005, he won the Tour de Vendée, the Tour du Lac Léman and the Melbourne Classic, and became Swedish road champion that year, a title he repeated in 2008. He also won stages in the Tour of Luxembourg in 2008, the Agostinho Trophy and the Tour of Leon in 2011. At the end of his career, he won the Grand Prix Ost Fenster.

Johan Lindgren was Swedish junior road champion in 2004. He won the Östgötaloppet and the Kinnekulleloppet. He won a stage of the Kreiz Breizh espoirs in 2005, 3 stages of the Fryksdalens 3-dagars, a stage of the Tour des Deux-Sèvres in 2005, the Olympia's Tour in 2010 and the Tour of Norway in 2011. His last victory was the Skandis GP in 2013.



Jonas Ljungblad in the Swedish national jersey



Johan Lindgren in the same colours

Marcus Ljungqvist has 19 victories in his professional career. He became Swedish road champion in 1996 and won a stage in the Tour of Japan in 1998 and the Tour of Langkawi in 1999. He repeated his title, winning a stage at the Tour of Rhodes, the Tour of Normandy and the Tour of Rhineland-Palatinate in 2001. In 2002 he won Paris-Camembert, the Route Adélie and the overall classification of the Tour of Luxembourg. Winner of the Scandinavian Open Road Race in 2004, he won a stage in the Vuelta in 2006 and the Tour of Poland in 2008 before becoming Swedish road champion again in 2009.

Thomas Lövkvist is a multiple national youth time trial champion. He won the overall classification of the Circuit des Ardennes and also the Västmanlands 4-dagars in 2003, a year in which he also won the Soldvarvi GP and the Solleröloppet. He had a fantastic Tour de l'Avenir in 2003, finishing 6th in the event. He won the Circuit de la Sarthe in 2004, was Swedish road champion in 2006, won the Monte Paschi Eroica and a stage of the Giro in 2009. Finally, he won the overall classification of the Tour Méditerranéen in 2013.



Marcus Ljungqvist's determination



Thomas Lövkist leads the way

Alexander Wetterhall won the FBD Insurance Rás in 2010 and the Tour of Drenthe in 2013. Overall winner of the U6 Cycle Tour in 2014 and 2016, he won the Grand Prix of Värnamo in the first year and became Swedish time trial champion in the second. In 2017, he won the Kringeltempot.

Jakob Söderqvist is one of Sweden's rising stars. Swedish U19 road champion in 2019, he won a stage of the Tour du Loir-et-Cher and the Flanders Tomorrow Tour in 2023. In 2024, he won the overall classification of the Tour de Bretagne, two stages of the Flèche du Sud and a stage of the Giro Espoirs. He was national time trial champion from 2023 to 2025.



Alexander Wetterhall wins for Sweden



Jakob Söderqvist, the winner's fist of rage



The Petersson brothers



Male and female riders from the Swedish team

Glenn Magnusson was a professional cyclist from 1996 to 2001. He won three stages of the Giro d'Italia in 1996, 1997 and 1998. At Farm Frites, he participated in his only Tour de France. He also represented Sweden at the Games Olympics three times (1992, 1996, 2000).

Michael "Roddarn" Andersson was a professional from 1995 to 2001. A time trial specialist, he is the national champion in the discipline. nine times and also holds the record for victories in the Tour of Sweden with three successes.



Glen Magnusson to the US Postal



Michael Andersson in Swedish colors

Gustav Larsson was a professional cyclist from 2003 to 2015. He is a champion of Sweden's seven-time time trial winner, winner of a stage of the Tour of Poland in 2008, the Tour de Poitou-Charentes in 2009, a stage of the Giro d'Italia in 2010 as well as the Tour du Limousin and a stage of Paris-Nice in 2012.

Fredrik Kessiakoff was a professional cyclist from 2008 to 2014. 9th in the Tour de France Romandie 2009, he then won the mountainous Tour of Austria 2011, a stage of the 2012 Tour de Suisse and Vuelta a España of the same year. He wears often wore the best climber's jersey and raced in a total of 7 Grand Tours.



Gustav Larsson in his specialty

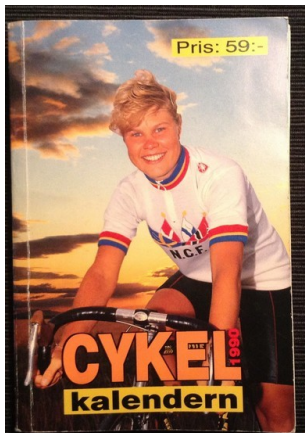


Fredrik Kessiakoff and a jersey he likes

And Swedish women have done their country proud in the sport of cycling

Paula Westher raced in the 1980s. She took part in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic road races. She won the GP Skandinavie in 1984 and 1989, and became Swedish road champion in 1985 and 1986. Her places of honour have a certain reference value. She was 2nd in the Flemish Omloop van't Molenheike race. In the major tours, she achieved a TOP20 in the Giro in 1988 and won the prologue in 1989. In the Tour de France, she achieved two TOP finishes in 1985 and 1986.

Jenny Algelid is a Swedish racing cyclist who won the Tour of Nuremberg in 2001 and 2002. At the Swedish Road Cycling Championships, she won the time trial several times. At the 1997 European Road Cycling Championships, she won the bronze medal in the time trial in the U23 category.



Paula Westher on the cover of Cykel magazine



Jenny presents herself to you

Emma Johansson won the silver medal in the road race at the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008 and Rio in 2016. She has also won the Swedish time trial championship today and the road championship six times. She is a very consistent rider, finishing first in the 2013 UCI rankings and five times on the final World Cup podium.

Susanne Ljungskog, a professional from 1999 to 2010, has numerous successes to her name, including two world road championship titles. In 2008, she won the Tour of Berne solo, followed by two consecutive Tours de l'Aude, winning two stages in the process. Her honours list includes the GP de Suisse and the Primavera Rosa in 2001, the Tour de Tscane Féminin in 2002, 2003 and 2005, the Holland Ladies Tour in 2003, the Gran premio Castilla-y-Leonj in 2005, the Tour de l'Aude in 2007 and 2008 and the Tour de Berne in 2008. She has been Swedish road and time trial champion on numerous occasions.



Emma Johansson in her Swedish jersey



Susanne Ljungskog raises her arms to the sky

Emilia Fahlin is a Swedish racing cyclist who has been a professional since 2007. Swedish road champion in 2008, she also won the Svanesunds 3-Dagars and a stage in the women's Tour of Tuscany that year. She won a whopping 4 stages in the Tour de l'Ardèche in 2011 and was again national road champion in 2013, 2018 and 2023 (every 5 years). She won the overall classification and 3 stages of the Gracia Orlová in 2018 and finished 4th in the World Championships in 2018 and 8th in the European Championships in 2022.

Hanna Nilsson is a climber, and that's our subject. Tenth in the Race by Le Tour de France in 2017, she has had a career like many female climbers, always placed, rarely winning. Top 10 finishes abound, as at the Tour of Trentino and the 2017 Tour de l'Ardèche. She won the second stage of the Tour of Uppsala in 2022.



Emilia Fahlin , a Swede in the race



Hanna Nilsson, often a dancer

Nathalie Eklund ,on the podium of the Swedish road championship in 2019, she won it in 2020 and the same championship in 2021 in the time trial event. She won the general classification and a stage of the Tour of Uppsala in 2022, as well as the general classification of the Tour of Portugal in the same year.

Caroline Andersson began cycling at the age of 7, before joining an Italian club, where she grew up at the age of 15. In 2017, she represented Sweden at the European Youth Olympic Festival. In the summer of 2024, she represented Sweden in the Paris 2024 Olympic road race, where she came 14th.



Nathalie Eklund defends the Swedish colours



Caroline Andersson has just crossed the finish line

Marianne Berglund, from Skellefteå, was one of Sweden's best road cyclists in the 1980s, winning nine national titles. She became world road champion in 1983. She then competed in the Olympic Games with less success, finishing 25th in 1984 and 44th in 1988. She won the Tour of Texas in 1983, the Swedish championship in 1987 and 1991, the Tour of Somerville in 1993, the Bisbee Tour, the Stage Race and the Liberty Classic in 1994.



Marianne Berglund in rainbow colours



... and focused in the heat of the race

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