



**July 2**  
**Stage Two**

→ **Race Week Guide**



# Stage Two

July 25, Hótel Laugarhóll to Vogur Country Lodge

**243km [151 mi] 2,340 m [7,677 ft]. 47% unpaved**

Stage 2 starts at Hotel Laugarhóll and ends at Vogur Country Lodge in Fellsströnd. The gravel and the elevation gain both pick up with this long tour of the eastern coast of the Westfjords. You will enjoy some of the best roads in the Westfjords as the route seamlessly switches between gravel and tarmac while traveling in and out of the fjords.

## Cultural Connections

Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft

Sheep Farming Museum

Borðeyri Village

The Leif Eiríksson Center

Hólar Farm



# Stage Two

## Hótel Laugarhóll to Vogur Country Lodge

- Stage 2 begins with breakfast at Hótel Laugarhóll.
  - Breakfast will be available from 6 am to 7:30 am and will include oatmeal, a selection of meat, cheeses, and bread, Ölgerðin drinks and Arna lactose-free and vegan products.
  - **Please note that anyone not registered as a racer or volunteer will need to purchase their meal at the hotel.**
- The Reiðhjólaverzlunin Berlin bag transport van will be parked near the start. Drop off your bag and sleep system here.
- Timing for Stage 2 begins as you turn onto the main road from the Hotel Laugarhóll driveway. **Group roll out is at 7:30 am following a short group debrief. You will be disqualified if you do not leave by 8 am.**
- Both museums listed in the Cultural Connections below offer coffee and café food. You can also fill up at the café in Borðeyri. There is also a grocery store in Búðardalur but is not included as a CC.
- If you plan to visit the donation based hot pots, please plan on carrying cash to donate. There is no suggested donation amount but anything between 100 and 1.000 isk is reasonable.







# Westfjords Way Challenge



## Stage Two Cultural Connections



# CC Museum of Sorcery and Witchcraft

## Kilometer 52.0 [Mile 32.3]

The Museum of Sorcery and Witchcraft depicts the history of sorcery, which was very active here on the Strandir coast in the 17th century. The exhibition is not for the faint-hearted, as it details witchcraft cases throughout Iceland's history along with disturbing images and replicas of different witchcraft like the famous 'necropants.'

After a short tour of the museum, you can look through a small library of books on the topic, and stop in the café for a bite to eat before heading back out to the race! Note that there is a grocery store in Hólmavík that may be used for resupply if needed at this CC (hours 9 AM to 7 PM).

### Type

Museum/Café

### Hours

9:30-18:00. Selection includes coffee and various soups



### Price

1,400 ISK

### Directions

Take a left at the CC flag and follow the main road all the way to the harbor (approx. 1.6 km off course)



# CC Sheep Farming Museum

## Kilometer 62.3 [Mile 38.7]

The Sheep Farming Museum is an interesting exhibition about the Icelandic sheep and sheep farming. At the museum, you will get to know all about the Icelandic sheep and how they were vital to Icelanders' survival here through the centuries. Walk through a short exhibit and enjoy the cozy coffee bar with local baked bread and pastries.

### Type

Museum/Café

### Price

1,100 ISK museum fee  
Price varies for coffee and food

### Hours

9:00-18:00. Selection of coffee, sandwiches, soups and cakes.



### Directions

Right off the road to your left!



# CC Borðeyri

## Kilometer 152.4 [Mile 94.7]

Borðeyri is one of Iceland's smallest villages and is found on the western side of Hrútafjörður fjord. The village is mentioned in historical texts and was for a long time an important trading center for the surrounding communities. Today the village comprises of an elementary school, garage and the guesthouse Tangahús. One of the oldest buildings in the region is found in Borðeyri, Riis Hús, which was built in 1862. The building itself has been renovated to its original glory and plays an important role in the character of the village. You may want to stop by the café for some fuel before climbing the next mountain pass!

### Type

Village/Café

### Hours

13:00-17:00. Selection of waffles, cakes and coffee. May stay open later



### Price

Varies

### Directions

Go straight at the CC flag (instead of turning right on the race route) and you will see the village on your left (approx. 2.5 kilometers off course)





## CC Vínlandssetur – The Leif Eiriksson Center Kilometer 189.9 [Mile 118]

The Leif Eiriksson center is an exciting destination for all ages, where stories of the voyages of Eric the Red and his son Leif the Lucky (also called Leifur Eiríksson) discovering parts of Greenland, Canada and the US are presented in a new exhibition, consisting of works from ten renowned Icelandic visual artists. An audio guide will lead you through the history as you view the magical world of the exhibition. Afterwards you can enjoy a quick bite to eat or some good coffee on the ground floor.

**Note that you cannot use this CC to visit the grocery store in Búðardalur. You may still visit the grocery store but it will be included in your race time. Dalakot Restaurant is within the CC.**

### Type

Museum/Café

### Price

Free museum entrance for racers.  
Price varies for coffee and snacks.

### Hours

10:00-20:00 (kitchen open 12-20).  
[Here is a link](#) to their menu.

### Directions

Turn into town at the CC flag and follow Miðbraut street down towards the water.





# CC Hólar Farm

## Kilometer 207.6 [Mile 129]

Hólar farm is a small family operated animal-rescue, and a fan-favorite of Cycling Westfjords and all the riders who have visited so far. Here, you can explore the farm and meet a variety of animals including horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, ducks, sheep, chickens, turkeys, goats, a pig and even a talking raven, who is world famous for being in the Netflix series "KATLA." You don't want to miss this one!

### Type

Farm/Petting Zoo  
+ coffee and cakes (donations strongly encouraged)

### Price

Donations strongly encouraged, cash or card accepted. All payments go directly to helping the animals!

### Hours

Open until the last person passes.  
A selection of cake and coffee available.

### Directions

Just off the route to the right!



# Stage Two Finish

## Vogur Country Lodge [Km 243 /Mile 151]

Timing for Stage 2 ends as you enter the driveway of Vogur Country Lodge.

Dinner will be served starting at 7pm and will be available until everyone is full. Riders can relax at the end of the day in the hot tub, sauna, and dining hall.

**Camping Note:** There is only one shower and toilet near the campground/hot tub/sauna area for campers, but the doors to the main lobby and bathroom near the hot tub/sauna will remain open overnight to use the restrooms. Bikes can be stored under the main deck with the entrance near the hot tub area. Please do not take them into your hotel room!

## Dinner Menu

The dinner menu (free with rider registration) is subject to change, but is currently set to be: vegan one-pot red lentil and sweet potato curry with kale, served with whipped coconut lime cream, naan bread and salad.

**Please note that anyone not registered as a racer or volunteer will need to purchase their meal at the hotel.** The cost for each person is 5.900 isk.





# In Case of Disqualification

If you disqualify or decide not to continue on to the next stage, you are responsible for your own transport on- or off-course and back to Ísafjörður. Note that transport can be difficult as buses do not run every day, and not all buses carry bikes. We also welcome and encourage you to continue on at your own pace – you will still have access to what is included in the race entry if you are able to keep up with the race whether that is through the official race course or an alternative route.

**It is most important to note that once you are off the race schedule, you will be entirely responsible for:**

1. Researching and booking transport if you choose not to continue riding.
2. Knowing and respecting the opening hours of restaurants and other resupply points.

**Public bus availability from the end of each stage are listed below.**

They do not run every day, and their schedules are not released until summer. The most up-to-date information can be found [here](#). Strætó, the bus operator, can be reached at +354 540 2700.

If a bus cannot be arranged, race staff can help arrange a private pick up at the expense of the rider. Ultimately, nothing is guaranteed and riders should be prepared to be flexible in the case they need to arrange any kind of transport.

- **Stage One:** Ride to Hólmavík and take a bus back to Ísafjörður.
- Note that you must contact Strætó to confirm there is space for your bike.
- **Stage Two:** Ride to Hólmavík and take a bus back to Ísafjörður.
- Note that you must contact Strætó to confirm there is space for your bike .
- **Stage Three:** Bus from Patreksfjörður to Ísafjörður.
- Note that you must contact Westfjords Adventures (+354 456 5006) to confirm there is space for your bike.

