Kanyon Orienteering
SPORTS CLUB · ANKARA

Train in Ankara.

Planning a spring or autumn camp, or a few extra days around the Antalya events? Kanyon Orienteering, the local club in Türkiye's capital, provides maps, permitted areas, ready-set courses, English-speaking guides and programmes that combine with the international races in Antalya.

Why Ankara?

938 m altitude

Türkiye's capital sits about 938 m above sea level on the Central Anatolian plateau — a mild altitude stimulus before races on the coast.

Varied terrain

Reforested campus forests, open steppe and lakeside terrain, a historic old town and large modern campuses: forest, middle distance and sprint in the same week.

Long seasons

Continental climate: spring (March–May) and autumn (September–November) are ideal; summer suits early-morning and evening sessions, winter suits sprint and urban training.

Easy to reach

Esenboğa International Airport; high-speed trains (YHT) to Istanbul, Eskişehir and Konya. Antalya is about one hour by air.

Combine with Antalya

Add a few days in Ankara before or after the international Antalya events in January and October: different terrain, different maps.

Local club support

Maps, course setting, flags and SI or MapRun controls, guided sessions and route analysis. The Turkish Orienteering Federation (TOF) is also based in Ankara.

Training terrain

Campus forest

Former steppe turned into forest: the Middle East Technical University (METU) reforestation programme covers about 4,500 hectares and received the Aga Khan Award for Architecture. The METU Open race is held here.

Middle and long distance, pine forest, ridges and valleys

Steppe and lakeside

Open, gently rolling terrain and lake basins south of the city — wide views for route choice and contour reading.

Contour technique, compass, long legs

Historic old town

Narrow streets, stairways and steep urban terrain around Ulus, Hamamönü and Ankara Castle.

Sprint, fast decisions, urban route choice

Modern campuses and parks

Large university campuses and city parks: building blocks, passages and green areas.

Sprint, relay practice, warm-up sessions

We confirm current maps and permissions for every area in your camp plan, and follow IOF sustainability principles in protected areas.

Sample programmes

Ankara stopover · 3 days

Before or after an Antalya event

Day 1	Arrival · evening sprint intro in the old town
Day 2	Morning middle distance in the campus forest · afternoon route choice and analysis
Day 3	Morning contour/compass session on the steppe · flight to Antalya or home

Spring camp · 5 days

For clubs and university teams

Day 1	Arrival · warm-up and map introduction in a campus park
Day 2	Forest: corridor + contour-only · evening analysis
Day 3	Old-town sprint (Ulus–Hamamönü) · rest and cultural programme
Day 4	Steppe: long legs and route choice · night-O
Day 5	Relay training with forking · departure

When to come

Month	Avg. high	Avg. low	Recommendation
January	4.7	−2.2	Sprint and urban training; cold and short days, sessions around midday
April	17.5	6.0	Best period: forest and steppe, long sessions
July	31.0	17.2	Early-morning and evening sessions; night-O
October	20.3	8.4	Best period: autumn camp, combine with the Antalya festival

Long-term average temperatures in Ankara (°C). Annual precipitation is about 414 mm; most days are dry.

What we provide

- **Maps and areas:** Choosing suitable areas, map files or printed maps, and following up permissions.
- **Course setting:** Courses built around your training goals (corridor, contour-only, route choice, relay forking); flags, SI stations or MapRun virtual controls.
- **Guided sessions:** Sessions with a local coach; briefings in English or Turkish, safety and closing checks.
- **Analysis:** GPS route analysis (Livelox or similar) and post-session route choice discussions.
- **Logistics advice:** A shortlist of accommodation and transport options; bookings are made by the visiting team.
- **Train with the club:** Join Kanyon Orienteering's weekly training and club events as guests.

Every service is packaged around your camp goals. Prices on request.

Camp enquiry

Send your dates, group size, level and goals; we reply with a written proposal including areas, maps and a draft daily programme.

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