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Guide to Playing the HAVU Trail Game



HAVU trail game is a free, mobile-based adventure game played outdoors in nature and suitable for all ages. It allows you to explore more closely the environment and services of the nature tourism company that created the route.

This guide explains the technical requirements of the game and provides instructions on how to play.

The game is provided by the HAVU project (Well-being and experiences from private forests through new technologies), implemented by the University of Vaasa.



Technical Requirements

- A standard smartphone or tablet
- An internet connection when starting the game and, if needed, at the end.
 - An internet connection is useful during gameplay, but not required
- GPS/location services must be enabled on your phone while playing
- The web browser has permission to access your location.

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1. STARTING THE GAME

Turn on your phone's location

services. On most devices, you can find this in Settings under "Location" or "Privacy." When opening the game, your browser may ask for permission to access your location. Select "Allow".

Open the website in your web browser using the direct link or QR code provided by the company.

You will be taken to a page where you can log in, create an account, or choose to play anonymously.

Recommended browsers are Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox.

The Settings menu is located in the top-right corner.

From the settings menu you can:

- change the interface language (Finnish, English, or Swedish)
- choose to display the route line (if applicable)
- see distance to the next point
- send feedback (only registered users)

You can choose the map or satellite view from the top menu on the left.

The image below illustrates the differences in features when playing without logging in versus playing while logged in.

Benefits of Creating an Account

Feature	Without account	With account
Play routes	✓	✓
Earn acorns during play	✓	✓
Progress saved between sessions	X	✓
Resume an interrupted route	X	✓
View completed routes with dates	X	✓
See in-progress routes on route list	X	✓
Personal profile dashboard	X	✓
Send feedback	X	✓

2. PLAYING THE GAME



1. In the beginning of the game, the map will load on the screen:

- The blue numbered circles indicate the checkpoint locations. The numbers show the order in which the route progresses.
- The blue-and-white dot shows your location.

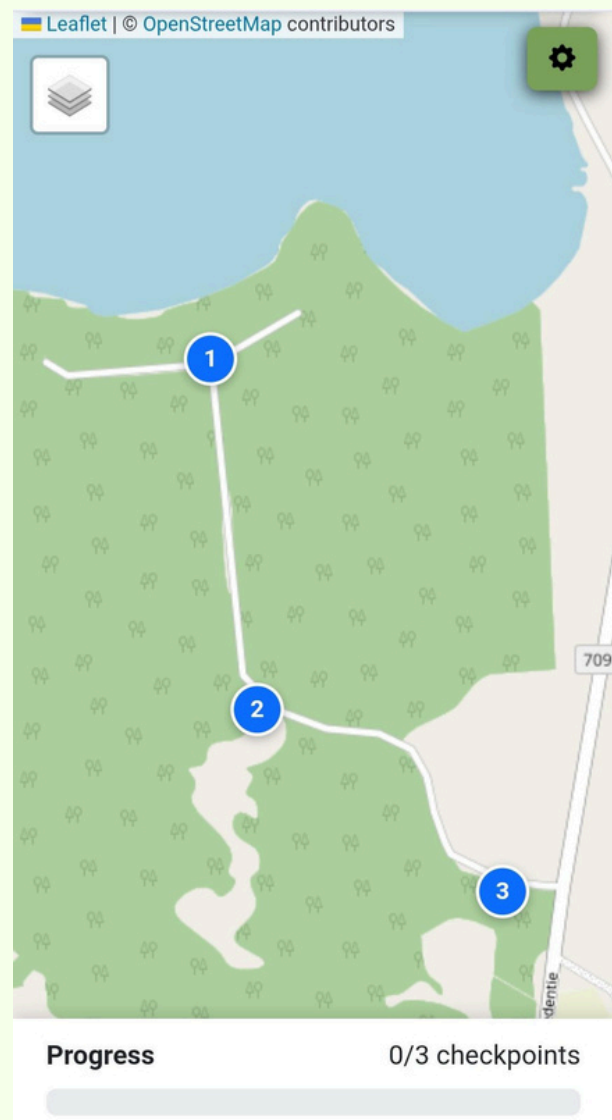
2. Walk toward the checkpoint. When you are within a certain distance of it, a pop-up window will open automatically, displaying the checkpoint content.

3. Complete the task (if there is one) or click “Mark as visited ✓” to collect the checkpoint and earn an acorn.

4. The progress bar at the bottom of the screen tracks the number of completed checkpoints.

5. When all checkpoints are visited, a congratulations screen appears showing your acorn count and completion date.

Tip: If the popup doesn't open automatically, make sure location services are enabled and you're close enough. You can also tap the marker on the map to open it manually.



3. USER ACCOUNT FEATURES

A Account creation

1. Open the link in your web browser, or scan the QR code.
2. Click “Create account”
3. Fill in the details:
 - Full name — at least 2 characters
 - Email address — will serve as your username
 - Password — at least 8 characters
 - Confirm password — must match
4. Click “Create account.” You will be redirected to the login page with a confirmation message.

C Route management

When logged in, your progress is saved automatically, and you can continue a game you did not finish.

You can also view:

- Ongoing routes and their progress status
- Completed routes
- For the route creator: Route statistics and feedback

B Logging in and logging out

Logging in

1. Open the link in your web browser, or scan the QR code.
2. Click “Log in” on the home screen
3. Enter your email address and your HAVU game password and click “Log in”
4. You will be directed to the game.

Logging Out

1. Click the Settings menu.
2. Select “My Profile” and then “Log Out.”

D Other functions

The profile page includes:

- Account settings (changing your password, deleting your user account)
- Route creation and management
- Instructions for playing the HAVU Trail Game
- Feedback menu
- Privacy policy and terms of use
- Language menu (FI, EN, SV)