

Škoda Velotour breaks next record

The record was even better celebrated in glorious weather. With 10,000 registered amateur athletes, the Škoda Velotour 2024 was once again fully booked. Among the many participants were Hesse's Minister President Boris Rhein and TV news presenter Thorsten Schröder.

It took more than an hour before all the starters had started the race in Eschborn. The first participants in the 40-kilometre Skyline loop had already crossed the finish line by this time. Nico Gremm finished with the fastest time in 52:10 minutes, while none of the women were faster than Janine Gürsch (54:52 minutes). Christian Lenz won the 92-kilometre Taunus Express route, which led over the Feldberg but not the Mammolshainer Stich, in 2:14:52 hours. The fastest woman over this distance was Pia Opitz, who took 2:35:08 hours.

The Škoda Velotour Taunus Classic, which included both the Feldberg and Mammolshain on its 103 kilometres and thus around 1700 metres in altitude, was not only the longest, but also the most popular route. Three quarters of all participants spent their race day there. Laura Tibitanzl extended her winning streak, which has lasted since 2021. The former Olympic rower took 2:44:37 hours, around four minutes faster than last year. The fastest man through the Taunus was Florian Sauer in 2:30:20 hours. The decision was made at the Mammolshainer Stich. There, the winner countered an attack from a leading group of twelve riders and then rode solo to victory.

The TISSOT Mountain King had already been crowned earlier on the Feldberg. Jakob Breinlinger was the fastest up the mountain in 23:01 minutes, earning himself the mountain jersey and a high-quality watch, as did Marie Tertsch in the women's race, who took 28:13 minutes.