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The idea

We have created a shoe brand with strong association to nature and Nordic, Scan-dinavian tradition. The whole point of a BARKU shoe is to protect and take care of the sensitive feet of yours, so that you can enjoy wherever you go and whatever you do, right here, right now. BARKU will solve the challenge and give you amplified, positive experiences.

Nature

Our origin is nature. In the Nordics, we still have a strong connection to nature. BARKU should move in nature. We who have made BARKU are natural people - we are outdoors men. We know the whims of the forest and mountains. We can also make a fire - when it rains and snows, in the forest and on the mountain. We know what joys in life nature can provide, how vulnerable it is. Just therefore we must take care of it.

Nordic tradition

It is important for us to represent and be associated with a Nordic value set. We value democracy and each individual co-determination over one's own life. Equality and freedom to love whoever you want has solid roots. We have strong roots in enjoying the simple life and living it close to nature. That is why we want to take care of nature. Our leaders want not to rule over others in the world but seek to live in harmony and peace. We will protect our values and stand up for what we believe in.

Protect

BARKU will protect you from weather and wind, different surfaces with different friction and be just so solid, steady and light that it can give you maximum pleasure. You must be able to concentrate on the experience: the joy, the competition, the training, the technique, or the performance.

The name

In old Norwegian, norrønt, **"bark"** means following:

Bark is the protection of the tree

- Bark is the clothing of the tree.
- Bark keeps sun, rain, cold and fire away from destroying the tree.

Bark gives life

- The sap from the tree gives nutrition and life - if the bark breaks, the tree dies.
- With the bark, you can make fire in all weathers - the art of making fire people warmth and life, and a superiority over other living beings.
- Bark is also food for humans and animals.

Bark is a utility item

- Bark has been used as a building material in unusual times. For clothing, hous-es, shoes, tools, and decorations.

Bark is a renewable resource

- Bark is a well-known and beloved natural material.
- Bark is used in all forms; new, old, and dead.

Epilogue

We who make BARKU shoes have roots going back to the 70s with making shoes for the extreme use. We started by developing orienteering shoes - the shoes that take a tougher beating than any other shoe that should have super grip and be feather-light. We made the first o-shoe with metal studs. We can say that we introduced trail running to the Nordics with shoes and anchorage. We have won world championships. We put our love into being innovative. We can make shoes for extreme use. We will continue with that!

VELOX

Barku Velox Orienteering Shoes – Built for Speed, Control and Precision

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Barku Velox is a true all-round orienteering shoe designed for athletes who demand confidence on every terrain. Lightweight, aggressive and precise, Velox delivers excellent grip, secure fit and durability for both training and competition.

The **narrow last** ensures a snug, race-ready fit, giving you maximum control on technical courses. With **metal studs and 6 mm cleats**, Velox bites into soft, wet and uneven ground, keeping you stable even at high speed.

The upper is made from **SuprFabric®**, offering outstanding abrasion resistance without sacrificing flexibility or breathability. Combined with a **lightweight EVA midsole** and a **5 mm drop**, the shoe provides a natural, responsive feel and efficient ground contact—ideal for fast direction changes and long runs alike.

At just **245 grams**, Barku Velox keeps your stride light and efficient, helping you stay sharp from the first control to the last.

Key features

- All-round **orienteering shoe with metal studs**
- **Narrow last** for a precise, performance fit
- **6 mm cleats** for excellent grip in demanding terrain
- Durable **SuprFabric® upper**
- **Lightweight EVA midsole** for comfort and responsiveness
- **5 mm drop** for natural running feel
- Weight: **245 g**
- Sizes: **UK 4–12**



NITRIX x STD

Introducing BARKU NITRIX – The Ultimate Racing Orienteering Shoe

Speed. Precision. Unstoppable performance. The **BARKU NITRIX** is built for orienteers who refuse to compromise. At just **220 grams**, this is our lightest and fastest metal-studded racing shoe ever—engineered for pure speed across the toughest terrains.

Superlight. Superstrong. FlightMatrix.

The BARKU NITRIX features our brand-new **FlightMatrix™ upper**—a revolutionary material we developed to deliver **ultra-lightweight durability, breathability, and a locked-in fit**. This cutting-edge weave technology keeps your feet secure without adding unnecessary weight, allowing you to push your limits without distractions.

Precision Grip for Maximum Speed

Equipped with **high-performance metal studs**, the BARKU NITRIX bites into any surface—mud, rocks, roots—giving you total control at full throttle. The aggressive outsole ensures rapid acceleration and sharp cornering, so you can focus on your route, not your running.

Race Faster. Win More.

When every gram counts and every second matters, the BARKU NITRIX is the only choice. Designed for elite orienteers, this shoe is made for **one thing: winning**.

- 220 g (UK8)
- Metal studs
- 6 mm cleats
- Light weight materials and midsole
- Upper in a super strong and light FlightMatrix
- Narrow fit
- UK 4-12 neon yellow
- New soft heal padding



LUNA x STD CARBON

LUNA x STD CARBON is created for the runner who want a maximized swift feeling. With lightweight ceramic reinforced materials and enhanced with a 1,2mm carbon plate, Luna will boost the speed and stability in all conditions. The sole is equipped with 15 carbide steel studs to provide maximum grip on the toughest surfaces. The soft heel construction provides superb comfort and adaptive fit.

- 255 g (Uk8), we made it lighter
- Carbon plate
- Metal studs
- 6 mm cleats
- Light weight EVA Midsole
- Super fabric ® upper
- Narrow fit
- 5 mm drop
- UK 4-12
- New soft heal padding





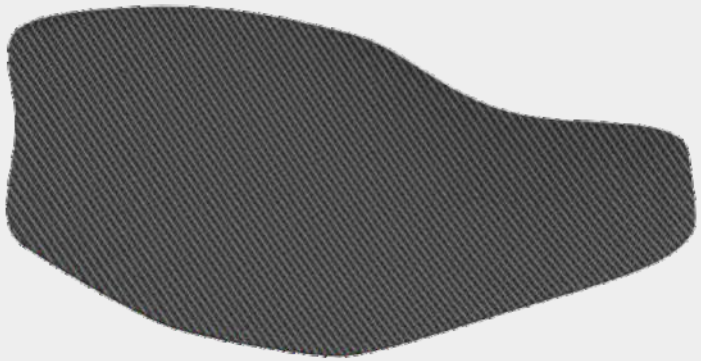


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CARBON TECHNOLOGY

For the runner who wants to get improved speed and experience something revolutionizing, the carbon reinforced Lunas are the choice of shoe! A carbon plate is placed in the front 2/3 of the sole, enhancing the running stride with energy return and improving stability. The strength of the carbon plate goes straigt to the ground, pushing the cleats to grip deep into the ground. The carbon plate also gives 100% protection against rocks and other sharp objects when traversing the unknown.

- » Full energy return
- » Better stability
- » 100% penetration protection
- » Light weight





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MIRA x STD

MIRA x STD is made to enhance the runner who wants a durable and performing shoe which will keep you covered at all times. With ceramic reinforced upper and strategically placed reinforcements, it gives the protection and reliability needed on the go. The sole is equipped with 15 carbide steel studs to provide maximum grip on the toughest surfaces. The soft heel construction provides superb comfort and adaptive fit.

- 250 g (Uk8), we made it lighter
- Metal studs
- 6 mm cleats
- Light weight EVA midsole
- Super fabric ® upper
- Narrow fit
- 5 mm drop
- UK 3,5-12
- New soft heal padding



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MIRA x RBR

MIRA x RBR is made to enhance the runner who wants a durable and performing shoe which will keep you covered at all times. With ceramic reinforced upper and strategically placed reinforcements, it gives the protection and reliability needed on the go. The sole is made with super grippy rubber compound to comfort your run on wet and dry surfaces. The soft heel construction provides superb comfort and adaptive fit.

- 225 g (Uk8), we made it lighter
- Super grippy rubber
- Light weight EVA Midsole
- 6 mm cleats
- Super fabric ® upper
- Narrow fit
- 5 mm drop
- UK 3,5-12
- New soft heal padding



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RAVEN x STD x CARBON

RAVEN x STD x CARBON is the choise for people with wider feet that are in need of an agile and performing shoe. With lightweight ceramic reinforced materials and enhanced with a 1,2 mm carbon plate Raven carbon will boost the speed and protect your feet. The sole is equipped with 15 carbide steel studs to provide maximum grip on the toughest surfaces. The soft heel construction provides a comfortable fit for the runs.

- 265 g (Uk8), we made it lighter
- Metal studs
- Carbon plate
- 6 mm cleats
- Lightweight EVA midsole
- Superfabric® upper
- Wide fit
- 5 mm drop
- UK 4,5-12
- New soft heal padding





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RAVEN x STD

RAVEN x STD is the choice of shoe for the people with wider feet that are in need of an agile and performing shoe. The sole is equipped with 15 carbide steel studs to provide maximum grip on the toughest surfaces and the soft heel construction provides a comfortable fit for the runs and the upper is ceramic reinforced.

- 255 g (Uk8), we made it lighter
- Metal studs
- 6 mm cleats
- Light weight EVA midsole
- Super fabric ® upper
- Wide fit
- 5 mm drop
- UK 4,5-12
- New soft heal padding







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FOX x RBR KIDS

FOX x RBR is the perfect choice for the kids who need a durable and reliable shoe for the adventures in the forest. With a roomy fit, soft heel construction and quality materials, FOX x RBR will give a comfortable ride. The sole is made of super grippy rubber in an aggressive pattern.

- 140 g (UK1)
- Super grippy rubber
- 5,5 mm cleats
- Light weight EVA midsole
- Super fabric ® upper
- Medium fit
- 5 mm drop
- UK 1-6





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FIT & FOOTSHAPE

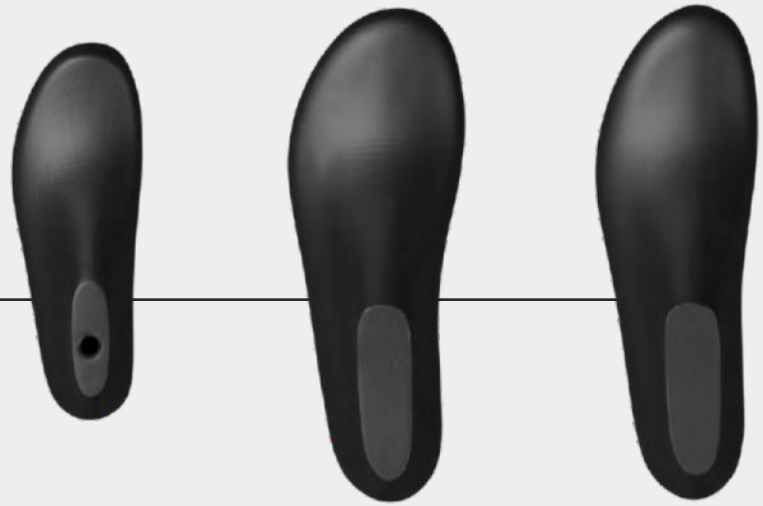
Barku shoes have different fit:

» Narrow: Luna, Mira, Race
» Wide: Raven
» Kids: Fox

The narrow fit is usually found on traditional shoes for orienteering and is slimmed over the complete length of the foot, but still with a straight toe line to accommodate the toes in a natural position.

The wide last is spacious to accommodate wider feet. Compared to the narrow fit, the wide fit is ~1cm wider in to fore foot area in UK8.

The kids fit is adapted to the anatomy of children, where the ratio between length and width of the foot is smaller than for adult feet. This is resulting in a fit with space to grow.





Barku, or bark, is the protection of the tree.
The armour of the core.
A utility since the dawn of time.
Its versatility is undeniable.
Just like *barku*.

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