

In the area around the flying field there is a large population of deer and hence an ideal conditions for the insect named ticks. These small nasty creatures may occasionally be very dangerous to humans, as they may transfer the borealis bacteria.

The borealis bacteria may cause encephalitis and neuritis, which may lead to paralysis – and worse.

The beast will lurk on an adequate victim – you - for it's next meal. The bite is painless and for that matter harmless in its own, but within the next 24 hours after the bite, the borealis bacteria may migrate into your body, hence causing the disease. Only, one wouldn't recognize any symptoms for many weeks.

But there are some indicative warning signals. It's normal that there will be a circular red area around the bite. But in case of a borealis infection the red area will grow in size and having a distinct white spot in the middle. In that case you must immediately seek medical assistance. But this will happen weeks after the bite. When recognized and treated in due time, almost everybody will be successfully cured by antibiotics.



But preventive measures are number one. After a day in the flying field, examine your body for these little black devils. Unfortunately they will seek moist parties of your body like armpits and in the groin area, where they may be hard to see.



Their size may range from hardly visible to 8 mm. But be careful when removing them. Squeezing them may cause them to empty their stomach content into your body and you may become infected.



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The only safe way to remove the ticks is by using a sharp tweezers and grab the beast as close to your skin as possible. Twist forward and back a couple of times and calmly pull out the beast. Don't yank.

Better though is to use a specialized tool for pulling out the ticks. The tool may be acquired at any drug-store. The event management has provided a number of these tools, which may be borrowed from the board office.

Don't panic, but be well aware of the risc.

Read more details on: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tick>