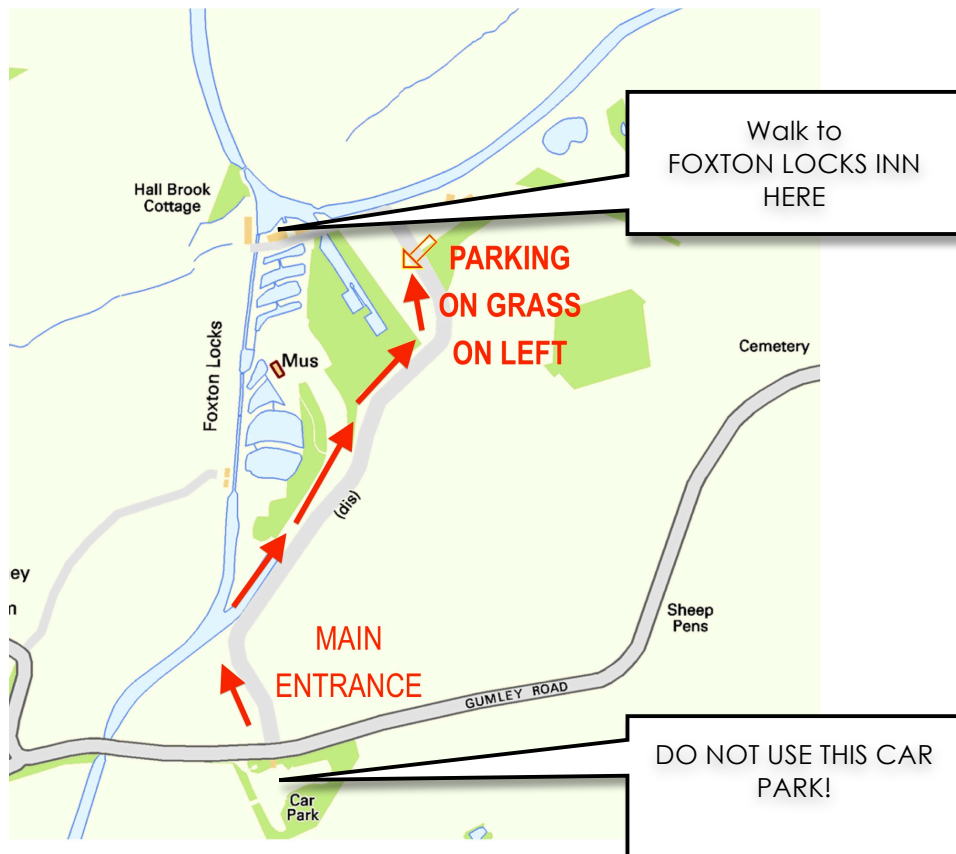


FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the second Welland Valley Wander. It's great that we have another good entry for the event. Thank you for supporting us. We hope that you have a good day.

START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located at the 'bottom' car park at Foxton Locks. As you approach the venue, take the driveway down towards the Locks, rather than parking in the 'top' car park, which is adjacent to the public highway. We have an area on the grass section of the car park for all participants, so please follow directions to park. There is no need to pay for the parking. We have already covered this in your entry fee.



Once parked, proceed by foot to the Foxton Locks Inn to sign on and collect your bag containing the route instructions, rally plate and other goodies. We will be open for business from 08:30 hrs. You will also receive breakfast tokens which can be used in the Inn to receive a breakfast bap and a drink of coffee or tea for two people. There should be an opportunity to see the Foxton Locks before you start.

START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Foxton Locks. Cars will start at one minute intervals. Please affix the start number sticker given to you at signing-on to the top nearside of your windscreen.

CARNET DE ROUTE (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ROUTECARD)

This rather splendid name is just a posh title for your route card. This has the appearance of the old Monte Carlo Rally route cards. This will have your start time shown on it and spaces for signatures and stamps to be recorded along the way to show that you have completed the route. Full details of where the marshals will be located will be shown on the card.

TIMING

This is not a rally and there are no competitive sections. You will not be penalized if you don't start or restart on the allocated time, but it will mean that we may have gone home by the time that you reach the finish!

The times that the controls will be open is shown on the routecard. There is also an advisory time to show how long the sections should take at just under 30mph average speed which should be easily attainable without having to rush along.

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be at Oundle. This year you will have the choice of either stopping in the town and walking to one of the cafes/pubs/hotel in the town centre, or going to the Barnwell Country Park where we will have a reserved parking area, which is suitable for picnics. At the park there is also a nice café area with decking, overlooking one of the lakes, serving a selection of food and drinks.

As you pass through the west side of the town, you can elect to go direct to the country park or continue around the town to the parking that we arranged within Oundle school grounds. However, if you go direct to the country park, you will have to traverse Oundle's ancient South Bridge which has a weight restriction, and to enforce this there are a couple of pairs of substantial bollards, 7 foot apart. If you do not feel confident about knowing your car's width, and are worried about your ability to hit the gap between the bollards, you may wish to continue through the town and take the longer, less direct route to reach the park.

A period of around 1 hour has been allowed for the lunch break. All participants will restart from the country park, even if they have elected to visit and park in the town.

FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

At Kilworth House Hotel, as you enter the long driveway, we will peel off to the right and park in a special parking area, near to the Open Air Theatre and afternoon tea will be served in the Staging Post, an enormous log-cabin, adjacent to the theatre and a short walk from the parking.

ITINERY

Start from Foxton Locks	09:31 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car
<i>Drive 25 miles across Leicestershire and Rutland</i>	
Coffee stop	No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets or continue on after getting the routecard stamped.
<i>Drive 28 miles from Rutland into Northamptonshire</i>	
Lunch stop	At least one hour from entering Oundle until leaving Barnwell Country Park
<i>Drive 56 miles through Northants and Leicestershire to Kilworth House</i> (Note: there is no afternoon stop, although public toilets are available after 26 miles)	
Finish	Kilworth House Hotel, on the theatre parking area with afternoon tea in the Staging Post.

ENTRY LIST

If there is a gap in the entry list published on the website – www.wellandvalleywander.co.uk - by your passenger's name or the type of car, can you please email the missing details to Vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com.

NARRATIVE

Keith Baud's excellent route narrative is attached as a pdf file. This will also be supplied in the roadbook for the event together with all the tulip instructions and maps, so don't worry, you will not need to navigate from this narrative. I thought that everyone would prefer to have the opportunity to digest all the fascinating detail that Keith has unearthed before we get to the big day. If we had given it to you on Sunday, it would probably be the afternoon before you finished reading and set off on the run!

MAPS

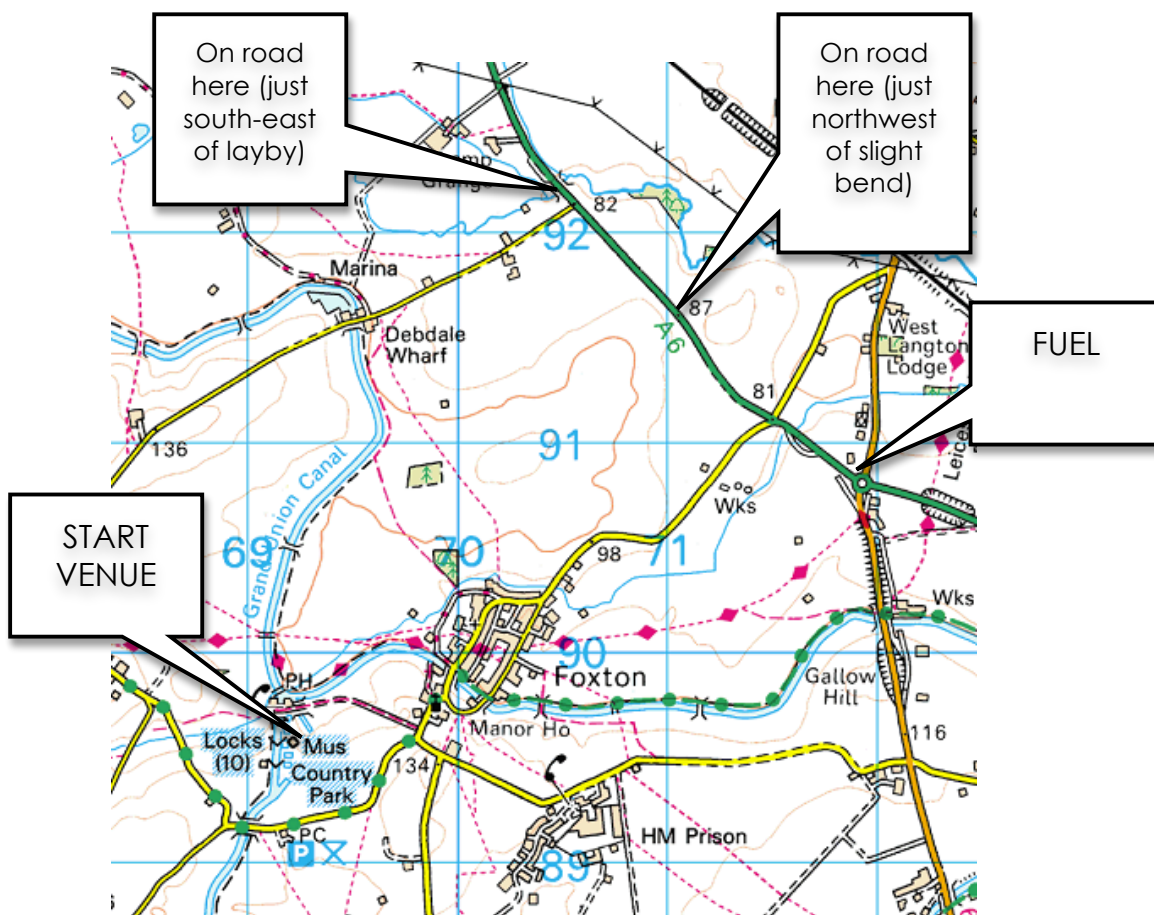
The roadbook contains maps based on the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger series at a slightly reduced size. If you want to transfer the route onto your own map, you need to bring with you map number 141 and 140.

DOGS

Our four legged friends are allowed at the start and finish venues, and both the lunchtime locations.

MEASURED DISTANCE

For those of you with a rally-type tripmeter installed in your car, there is a measured distance for calibration purposes. Albeit very short (only 0.5 miles), it was and is used by the Police Force to calibrate their installed devices. It is depicted on the road surface by two (faint) white squares on both carriageways at the start and finish of the distance. They are located here:



FUEL

There is a 24 hour fuel station at the roundabout north of Market Harborough where the B6047 crosses the A6 (see map above). There is also fuel near Oundle and close to the finish in Lutterworth.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We will endeavour to post a selection to the Welland Valley website.

AWARDS

There will be three awards given on the event and you can help to judge one by completing the form in your goodie bag and handing it in at the finish. This is 'The car I would most like to take home' award which is self explanatory. There are also two other awards for the furthest travelled and the most original car.

Andrew Duerden