

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the fourth Welland Valley Wander. We have record bumper entry this year. Thank you for supporting us. We hope that you have a good day.

The OFFICIAL bit

The Motor Sports Association has tightened up their requirements for Touring Assemblies (which the Welland Valley Wander is). The roadbook provides directions for a recommended route but this is not compulsory. There will be passage controls on the event but there is no mandatory requirement to visit these points although the route we have set is what we believe to be the best for your overall experience on the day. There is no specific vehicle timing on the event. However, participants should be aware of the times that marshals will be at specific locations.

There will be no driver's briefing on the day. This document takes the form of the briefing. Any queries should be addressed to Andrew Duerden, either by email at vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com or 07836 318 400.

Finally, the organizers are not responsible for your actions on the public highway or private ground.

START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located by stairwell 5 of the main grandstand building at Rockingham Motor Speedway. Approach the circuit via the main entrance and follow the VWW arrows to the parking area. (see separate map). After parking you should walk to the Diner where signing-on will take place and your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served. *Please note that the starting times list may be different to the entry list that was published on the website.*

START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Rockingham. 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 spaces for signatures and stamps to be recorded along the way to show that you have visited points along the route. Full details of where the marshals will be located and the times that they will be there 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 around

30mph average speed which should be easily attainable without having to rush along.

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be on The Meadows at Stamford. Appropriately, this grassy area is on the banks of the Welland in the centre of town. There is plenty of room for a picnic or you can walk to one of the hostelrys close by for refreshment and/or explore the fascinating old part of town.

A period of around 1 hour has been allowed for the lunch break. The entry and exit to The Meadows is by a small single width roadbridge so we will marshal this to ensure easy access and egress from the parking area.

FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

At Drayton Park, as you enter the long driveway, we will peel off to the right and park in a special parking area, in the walled garden, in amongst the hornbeam trees. Due to family commitments we will not be able to visit the house precincts but we will serve tea and cakes in the walled garden.

ITINERY

Start from Rockingham	09:30 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car
<i>Drive 32 miles across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire</i>	
Coffee stop	The Wheel and Compass at Weston by Welland
	No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets or continue on directly, but no more than 15-20 minutes max
<i>Drive 36 miles from Leicestershire into Rutland.</i>	
Lunch stop	Around one hour on The Meadows at Stamford
<i>Drive 46 miles through Lincolnshire and Leicestershire into Northants to Drayton Park</i>	
<i>(Note: there is no afternoon stop)</i>	
Finish	Drayton House, in the walled garden.

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! Don't take everything that Keith says as gospel.....

DIRECTIONS

We have elected to use tulip diagrams as on the last three Welland Valley Wanders. Example 'tulip' diagrams can be seen within the 2014 Archive section of the website under the Directions 2014 sub-section.

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 numbers 129, 140 and 141 and 142. You don't not really need to have these maps but if you use the ones in the roadbook, and you're anything like me, a map magnifier may be a boon.

DOGS

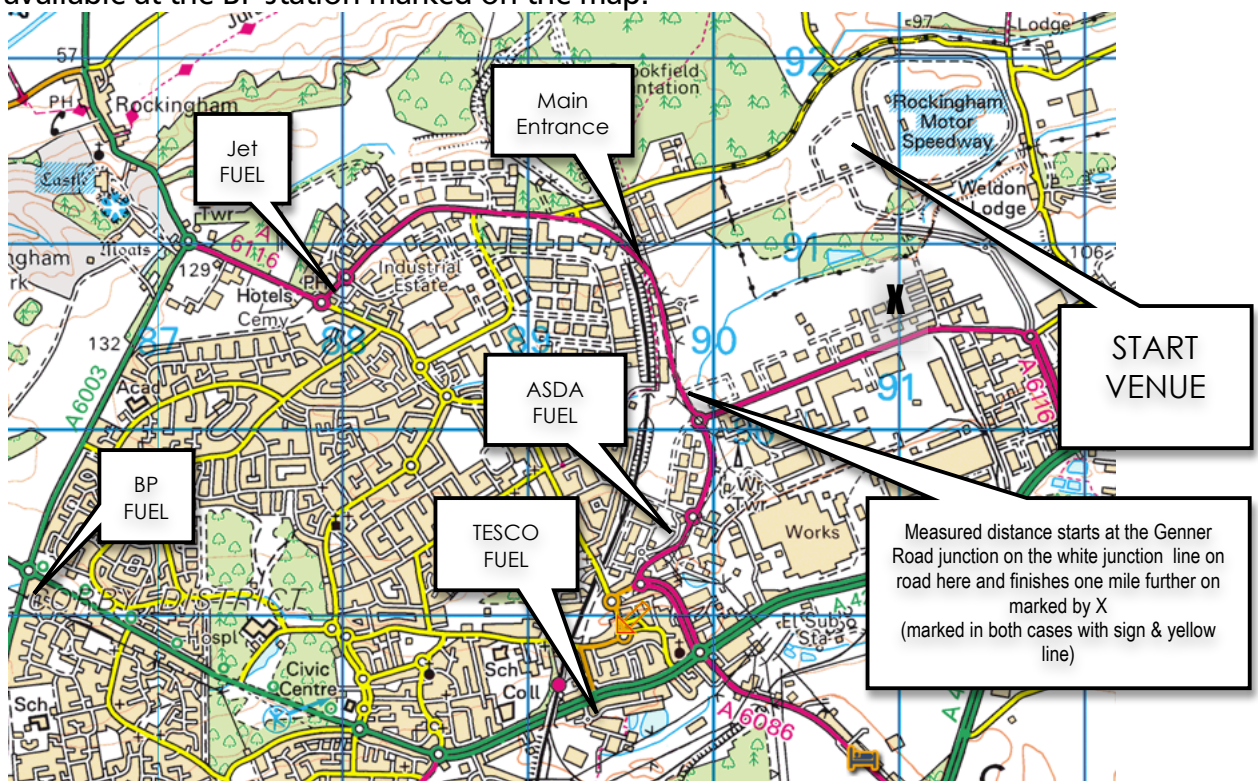
Our four legged friends are allowed at the start and finish venues, and the lunchtime location but must be under control.

MEASURED DISTANCE

For those of you with a rally-type tripmeter installed in your car, there is a measured distance for calibration purposes. It will be marked with a yellow line on the road at the start and also at the finish. They are located on the map below: *(note – this is not scaled!)*

FUEL

There are plenty of fuel stations in Corby. The cheapest is usually at Asda, close to the circuit or Tesco a little further away. Higher octane rating fuel is also available at the BP station marked on the map.



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