

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

The OFFICIAL bit

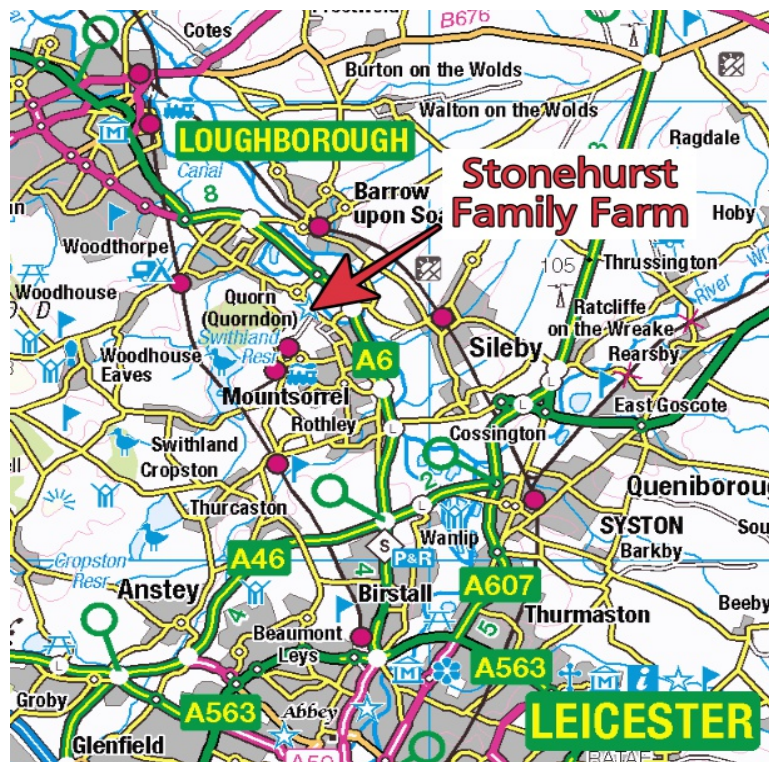
We run to the Motor Sports Association rules and regulations for Touring Assemblies (which the Welland Valley Wander is). The roadbook provides directions for a recommended route but this is not compulsory. There will be passage controls on the event but there is no mandatory requirement to visit these 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 at the Stonehurst Family Farm at Mountsorrel. (see map). Enter the car park via Bond Lane. ***The entrance to the venue and parking at the start will be tight*** so please park as directed by the officials. After parking, go to the farm buildings, collecting your pack on the way. Your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served in the café area. Breakfast will be available from 08:30 am onwards. The museum buildings will be open after your breakfast.





START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Mountsorrel. Initially, cars will start at one minute intervals to avoid baulking for the older cars but after the first 15 or so, the cars will leave at 30 second intervals. Please affix the start number sticker given to you at signing-on to the top nearside of your windscreen. Please note that the starting times list may be different to the entry list that was published on the website.

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. Due to the nature of the route this year, there is a long section after the lunch break.

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be on The Meadows at Stamford. The cars will be parked on the grass by the River Welland. You are welcome to picnic by the cars. There is also a selection of hosteries and cafes close by.

A period of around 1¼ hours has been allowed for the lunch break.

FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

We will serve tea and cakes at Deene Park. The gardens are open to you as visitors but if you wish to go into the house, there is a charge. The house will be open for entry between 2 and 4 pm.

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 on 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. The card also contains a box where you should write your choice for 'The car you would most like to take home'. *Please note that this should NOT be your own car!*

AWARDS

There will be three awards given on the event and you can help to judge one by completing the section on the Carnet de Route 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.

ITINERY

Start from Mountsorrel at 9:30 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car for the first fifteen and then 30 seconds for the rest of the participants.

Drive 35 miles across Leicestershire

Coffee stop The Carington Arms at Barrowden

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.

Drive 24 miles from High Leicestershire into South Lincolnshire.

Lunch stop Around one and a quarter hours at Stamford

Drive 40 miles through Northamptonshire.

(Note: there is no afternoon stop)

Finish Deene Park

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 directional 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! This year, Keith assures me that there are no tall stories.....

DIRECTIONS

We have elected to use directional instructions for the first time on the Welland Valley Wander. Example directional instructions can be seen within the Directions section of the website.

MAPS

The roadbook contains maps based on the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger series at a slightly reduced size of around 1:60,000. If you want to transfer the route onto your own map, you need to bring with you map numbers 129, 130 and 141. *You don't 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, if not a must!

FUEL

There are fuel stations nearby to the start in Loughborough. There is also a large fuel station on the way into the lunch halt at Stamford.

COORDINATES

If you wish to use a sat-nav device to find the main locations, the details are as follows:

Stonehurst Family Farm, Mountsorrel

Nearest Post code: LE12 7AA
Coordinates: N52.731905,W1.146443
Map reference 129/577½152½

The Carington Arms, Ashby Folville

Nearest Post code: LE14 2TP
Coordinates: N52.702071,W0.955789
Map reference 129/706½121

The Meadows, Stamford

Nearest Post code: PE9 2QT
Coordinates: N52.650267,W0.482973
Map reference 141/027 069

Deene Park, near Corby

Nearest Post code: NN17 3EP
Coordinates: N52.516293,W0.596177
Map reference 141/953½ 918½

DOGS

Our four legged friends are not allowed at the farm at the start but they are welcome at the lunch and finish venues.

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 the finish. This is exactly one mile. Here's a tip for easy calibration of Brantz, Terratrip and Monit machines. Zero the trip at the start and drive the route, ensuring not to cut corners and keep a regular distance

from the kerb's edge. At the finish, make a note of the mileage shown on your tripmeter. Then use this calculation:

$\frac{\text{Mileage shown on your tripmeter}}{\text{Official distance (1.00)}} \times \text{the calibration figure on your machine} = \text{New calibration figure}$

This will give you the new figure to set your calibration.



Please be aware of other traffic if you stop on this busy highway.