

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the eighth 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.

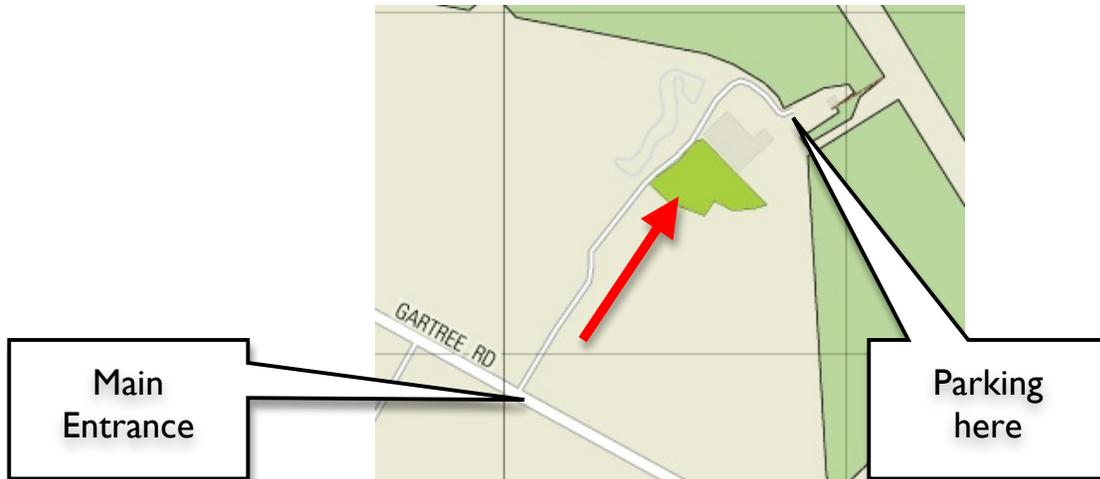
There will be no driver's briefing on the day. This document takes the form of the briefing. Any queries should be addressed to Andrew Duerden, either by email at vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com or 07836 318 400.

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

START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located at Leicester Airport near Stoughton. (See map). The driveway leads through a karting area and then to the Aerodrome apron. You will be handed your pack including the roadbook at a control before being directed to park. Your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served outside the control tower. Breakfast will be available from 08:30 am onwards.





START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Leicester Airport. Initially, cars will start at one minute intervals to avoid baulking for the older cars but later, the cars will leave at 30 second intervals. Please affix your start number sticker from your pack 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 at Burghley House near Stamford. The cars will be parked along the coach park avenue. You are welcome to picnic by the cars on on the grass lawns nearby. The toilets and refreshment kiosk (selling coffee, tea and soft drinks plus snacks) will be open but the Orangery restaurant will be closed. The house may be open for visits, but this is not yet confirmed

A period of around 1 hour has been allowed for the lunch break.

FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

The finish will be at Sywell Aerodrome in the viewing car park. It is hoped that the Aviator Hotel and bar will be open and the Air Museum adjacent to the parking area should also be open.

ITINERY

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

Drive 33 miles across Leicestershire

Coffee stop Launde Abbey

No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets break or continue on directly, but no more than 15-20 minutes max. (if you do use the facilities, please also visit the cafeteria).

Drive 35 miles from High Leicestershire into South Lincolnshire.

Lunch stop Around one hour at Burghley House

Drive 48 miles through Northamptonshire.

(Note: there is an opportunity for a 'refreshment' stop in this section by driving half a mile off route)

Finish Sywell Aerodrome

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 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 and 141. There are also tiny sections of the route on maps 142 and 152. ***You don't really need to have any of 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 at Houghton on the Hill (24 hour) on the A47 and Sainsbury's in Oadby on the A6 (Opens at 8am). There is no fuel en route but there are filling stations off route in Uppingham and near Stamford.

COORDINATES

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

Leicester Airport, Stoughton

Nearest Post code: LE2 2FG
Coordinates: N52.606067,W1.0355110
Map reference 141/654 013½

Launde Abbey

Nearest Post code: LE7 9XB
Coordinates: N52.630194,W0.8246049
Map reference 141/796½ 042½

Burghley House, Near Stamford

Nearest Post code: PE9 3JU
Coordinates: N52.643548,W0.4484626
Map reference 142/051 062

Sywell Aerodrome

Nearest Post code: NN6 0BG
Coordinates: N52.301771,W0.78756977
Map reference 152/827¾ 677½

DOGS

Our four legged friends must remain in the car 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.

