

Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race

Support Team Driving instructions

These notes are offered as a guide to people supporting teams competing in the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race. Every effort has been made to ensure that this information is correct; however, changes may be made to road layouts without our knowledge and so these should be treated as a guide only.

Please note:

Locations of locks and bridges etc are marked **IN BOLD BLOCK CAPITALS AND UNDERLINED**

Some items are marked IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND UNDERLINED These include additional instructions and should be followed. (They normally relate to access restrictions).

Calculation of crews position, against time.

If you are not sure of your crew's speed, use graph paper. Plot time vertically with 1 minute per 1 small square and distance across with 1/10 mile per 1 small square. Mark all the points where you intend to see your crew as vertical lines at the right distance and as you see them, mark the time on the relevant vertical line. Once you have two or more points, you can extrapolate to the next vertical line and be accurate to within a minute or two. Crews tend to paddle at a constant speed for many miles even if that speed varies from day to day.

If You Lose your Crew

First, give your crew a little more time to reach the relevant location. Ask other support crews if they have any news of your team. Then, if you are still not sure where they may have got to, move on to the next point where you can guarantee to be ahead of them. If they do not appear with the other boats that they have previously been paddling with and whose numbers you recognise, then call the DW Information Centre on 020-7620-0298.

Please remember, lots of support parties lose their crews.

If you have news of other crews that may be in trouble then please also report this back to the DW Information Centre on 020-7620-0298 don't assume that someone else will do this.

Route Information

Devizes - Newbury

DEVIZES CAR PARK

Toilets in car park. (24 hour)

Toilets, upstairs, in the registration area of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust Centre.

Exit car Park - turn LEFT onto A361

Toilets in car park on right(24 hour)

Follow main road, over roundabouts and pick up signs to Swindon.

Toilets in park on right. (24 hour)

Leave Devizes by London Road - still following Swindon signs

Cross over canal and past Police HQ, on left hand side.

Continue along A316 until you reach a roundabout, signposted for Allington, Horton & All Cannings.

At roundabout, turn RIGHT into Horton Road

Pewsey/Horton/Bishops Cannings

Over canal Bridge, past Bridge Inn Pub

HORTON BRIDGE

Straight through Horton

Over Canal Bridge

Continue on main road - signed to Pewsey

To T-junction (Alton Barnes),

turn RIGHT Woodborough / Hillcott

Follow main road

HONEY STREET BRIDGE

Retrace route to Alton Barnes,

straight on past the turning that you came from.

Immediately past junction turn RIGHT - Wilcot / Pewsey

WILCOT BRIDGE

Follow main road - signed Pewsey into Pewsey,

over railway line - follow main road

To T-junction, turn LEFT - Oare / Marlborough

Under railway bridge

PEWSEY WHARF

Car park on RIGHT

Parking at St Francis School opposite wharf.

Retrace route to Pewsey, A345

Past the turning that you came from, at mini roundabout

take RIGHT fork

At War Memorial turn LEFT- Burbage, B3087

Follow main Burbage Road

Ignore 1st sign to Wootton Rivers/New Mill,

go to Milton Lilbourne

Turn LEFT for Wootton Rivers at cross road

Follow main route, under railway bridge bear RIGHT signed Wootton Rivers

BRIDGE OVER CANAL

To road turns RIGHT to Wootton Rivers
SINGLE track road into Wootton Rivers
T-junction at Royal Oak Pub turn RIGHT-
Towards Eastern Royal

WOOTTON RIVERS

Parking before or after bridge

Over railway bridge bear LEFT -Eastern Royal
Follow main road - VERY NARROW
T-junction turn RIGHT - Eastern Royal
T-junction turn LEFT on to B3087- Burbage
At roundabout, straight over- East Grafton/Hungerford A338
To East Grafton
At cross-roads turn LEFT - Crofton
SINGLE track road
T-junction, turn RIGHT over bridge -

CENTRE OF CROFTON FLIGHT

Follow railway line then over railway bridge
CROFTON - follow main road
Sharp left-hand bend, turn RIGHT.

BOTTOM OF CROFTON FLIGHT

Park here, footpath over railway line. Turn right.

Continue along main road to Gt Bedwyn
At T-junction bear LEFT into Gt Bedwyn
Into village, past Church to T-junction
Turn RIGHT-Shalborne & Oxenwood
over railway to canal

GREAT BEDWYN

Limited parking at wharf

Turn LEFT out of car park, back into centre of Gt Bedwyn.
At '3 Tuns' Pub, turn RIGHT -Little Bedwyn
Follow signs for Little Bedwyn
DO NOT PARK ON BRIDGE OR IN THE VILLAGE, NEAR THE CANAL.
Turn RIGHT over railway and canal - signed to Bagshot
Continue on main road, through Bedwyn, signed Hungerford
Continue along road - canal on left

FROXFIELD FLIGHT (lock 68)

Parking & access to all 3 locks

Bearing round to LEFT over canal
On over railway bridge to A4,
turn RIGHT – Hungerford, A4
(Toilets on right as you enter the town; closed at night).
To mini roundabout, turn RIGHT - signed Town Centre/ Salisbury
Over canal into High St. Parking in High St.

HUNGERFORD LOCK

Access is along towpath, from canal bridge.

From Bridge, continue up High St,
pass under railway bridge
From High St, turn LEFT into Park St, Signed Station
On to Hungerford Common- canal on left - Stay on main rd
Next LEFT – past Pill Box, towards Lower Denford,
Over railway to canal at Dunmill

*Note: In this area, known issues exist with some versions of Microsoft Autoroute.
If you are planning your journey using this program, it may not show the route passing over Hungerford
common and the route will be marked returning via the A4 to Dunnmill Lock.*

DUNNMILL LOCK

Limited parking

Continue along road, out of Portdown Common to A4 turn RIGHT
Along A4 to right turn at crossroads for Kintbury,
Continue along road to level crossing,
park in Station area:
NO PARKING IN DUNDAS ARMS HOTEL CARPARKS EITHER SIDE OF CANAL

KINTBURY LOCK

Public Toilets for supporters and CREW.

Retrace route from Kintbury to A4
Turn RIGHT onto A4 towards Newbury
Turn RIGHT at crossroads, signed to Marsh Benham/Hampstead Marshall
Over next cross roads,
Over level crossing:

HAMPSTEAD LOCK

West of bridge - limited parking

Retrace route from Hampstead Marshall to A4
Turn RIGHT onto A4 and continue to Newbury
1st Roundabout continue on A4 to Newbury, passing over A34
2nd Roundabout continue on A4 to Newbury

INSTRUCTIONS TO NEWBURY CAMPSITE **(FOR STAGED RACE ONLY)** **SENIORS K2's SEE BELOW**

Just after Starting Gate Pub on left, opposite Robert Sandilands School on left
Turn RIGHT into old Bath Road.
At mini-roundabout. turn RIGHT in to Strawberry Hill - Signed 'North Croft Recreation Centre'
Follow road around to right, in front of Lion Public House
At T-Junction turn RIGHT into North Croft Lane. Signed 'North Croft Recreation Centre'
Park in car park at Recreation Centre

NEWBURY CAMPSITE. (End of first day, for staged race).

Retrace route from Recreation Centre back to A4
At T-Junction turn Right in front of Robert Sandilands School

SENIOR K2's CONTINUE HERE

Straight over next roundabout stay on A4
Get in RIGHT hand lane signed A339
Follow signs A339 Basingstoke/Winchester.
At traffic lights follow A34 Winchester, cross over canal, keep in the right hand lane.
At roundabout take 3rd exit, into Bear Lane. Signed 'Town Centre'
At mini roundabout - Turn RIGHT - into Wharf Road and Car parks.

NEWBURY WHARF

Toilets for Supporters and Crew.

Newbury to Marlow

NEWBURY WHARF CAR PARK

Leave car parks,
turn LEFT at mini-roundabout
1st roundabout -
Turn LEFT-back over canal, keep in left hand lane.
At bottom of the flyover filter left signed 'Thatcham' A4.
2nd roundabout -Take 2nd -'Reading A4 & Industrial areas'
Follow road round to right and back under A34
At traffic lights turn LEFT - Signed 'Thatcham'
Follow A4 out of 'Newbury',
Continue on A4 thru 'Thatcham'
Leave town, passing Texaco petrol station on the left hand side.
Straight over at 1st Roundabout
Take 2nd exit off next roundabout - signed 'Station'
To next roundabout 1st exit- 'Crookham'
Go across level crossing and park in the station car park.

OLD MONKEY MARSH (Lock 90)

Park on LEFT in Station Car Park.
Access to lock by foot is across level crossing,
turn right along canal side to lock, heading west.

Return to roundabout
Retrace route to A4
Turn RIGHT signed 'Colthorpe'
Turn right at T junction and then take first exit at roundabout.
cross level crossing, immediately turn LEFT down unmade road.
Turn RIGHT across bridge over canal

COLTHROPE LOCK

Retrace route back to A4
Note: No right turn, at this point.
Turn left towards Newbury and
Use the next roundabout to turn back towards Reading A4
Turn RIGHT at Coach and Horses - signed 'Brimton'

MIDGHAM LOCK.

(Limited parking)

Retrace route back to A4
Follow A4 to Woolhampton
In Woolhampton, turn RIGHT at The Angel Public House, into Station Road
Continue over level crossing and canal to Rowbarge Inn

OLD WOOLHAMPTON LOCK

Retrace route to A4, turn RIGHT
Follow A4
At next roundabout Turn RIGHT - signed 'Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre'
Turn LEFT signed 'Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre'

ALDERMASTON LOCK.

Parking and toilets at Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre.

Retrace path back to A4
Turn RIGHT on to A4
turn RIGHT at end of dual carriageway at Winning Hand Public House, into Ufton Lane.
Cross over level crossing

UFTON NERVET LOCK

(Poor parking)

Retrace back to A4
Turn RIGHT on to A4
Turn RIGHT at The Spring Inn, signed 'Police Training College' Over railway bridge

TYLE MILL LOCK

Over river to Canal at Tyle Mill - good parking

Retrace route back to A4
Turn RIGHT for A4
At roundabout take third exit to A4 and Station
At next roundabout take third exit to Arlington Business Park and Station.
Continue through Business Park and on towards station.
At the end of a long straight road, running parallel to the rail line, pass station car park and turn left at roundabout.
Pass over canal swing bridge

SHEFFIELD LOCK Theale

Parking and access to lock 50 yards on.

Turn LEFT into ARC entry,
bear LEFT and follow track to canal
Retrace route to A4
At roundabout take A4 signposted Reading.
Straight over M4 (Junction 12)

Follow A4 towards Reading
Continue for 2.1 miles and filter right, opposite the George & Dragon, at traffic lights, into Burghfield Road
Follow road over river and railway bridges

BURGHFIELD LOCK

Over canal bridge, park on the left.
Lock is South West of bridge 450 metres

Retrace steps from Burghfield to A4, turn RIGHT
Straight across next 3 mini roundabouts, sign posted A4 /Town Centre
Straight over next set of traffic lights
Down to main roundabout, turn RIGHT onto A329- signed 'All Other Routes'
Down onto the Inner Distribution Road

NO ACCESS TO COUNTY LOCK

Straight over next set of lights
Follow signs All other routes/A4 Maidenhead
Leave Reading on Kings Road, A4, towards Maidenhead

NO ACCESS TO BLAKES LOCK

Pass under railway bridge.
1st roundabout take 1st exit, signposted "The Waterside Centre"
To next roundabout - 1st exit 25m on left,
turn left into car park or on road.

DREADNOUGHT REACH

Note: Compulsory portage at this point.

Leaving car park, turn left along dual carriageway.
At roundabout, take the third exit which will return you the way you came
(Do not attempt to drive over central reservation opposite car park; this area is covered by CCTV.)
Back to roundabout at end of A329M, 1st exit Maidenhead A4
Immediately take slip road to roundabout on A4
At roundabout take 1st exit - A4
Next roundabout - 3rd exit A4
Next roundabout - 1st exit A4
Bear left over railway bridge to small, staggered crossroads
Turn LEFT - B4446 Sonning
Follow road through village to mini-roundabout
Turn LEFT B478 'Thames Street'
Follow road over hump-back bridge over River Thames

NO ACCESS TO SONNING LOCK

To next roundabout- straight over
To next roundabout- 3rd exit (RIGHT) to Henley A4155
Continue on A4155 to outskirts of Henley
Straight over small roundabout (Superstore signposted to right)
Immediately after Jet Garage on right, turn RIGHT into Mill Lane
Forward over railway bridge
Turn LEFT into car park

MARSH LOCK

(from car park, walk ahead down lane to lock)

Note: before leaving this car park you must decide whether to go to Hambledon or Hurley – it is not possible to do both without 2 support vehicles.

Exit car park, turn RIGHT, return to A4155 and turn RIGHT.
Straight through Henley Town Centre, following signs for Marlow A4155.
To a pair of mini-roundabouts, turn RIGHT at second, Marlow A4155
Continue on A4155 to Hambledon
In village MILL END turn LEFT, signposted car park 500yds on left
Continue down road - car park on LEFT hand side. Max height 6'8.
Toilets at car park

HAMBLEDON LOCK

(Access Lock by walking back to A4155, turn RIGHT and cross road. Follow footpath signs and cross gantry over weir to Lock)

Retrace route from car park to A4155 and turn LEFT- signed 'Marlow'
Straight into Marlow to small roundabout at War Memorial, turn RIGHT- signed 'Bisham'
At end of High St, mini-roundabout, turn LEFT into Station Road
Take 3rd RIGHT into Mill Road, immediately before the Prince of Wales pub.
Follow road towards lock. - Parking LIMITED

MARLOW LOCK

(Access Lock via footpath at end of Gardens)

On return, continue past entrance to lock and take first LEFT- Lock Rd
At cross roads turn LEFT (Marlow Donkey Pub on corner)
Return to Marlow High St and at mini-roundabout turn LEFT over Marlow Bridge,
Turn 1st LEFT to Cookham Dean / Longridge Scout Camp
Entrance to Longridge on LEFT after passing under road bridge
(please note cars with trailers should use second entrance)

LONGRIDGE SCOUT CAMP CAMPSITE (End of second day of stages race)

Marlow to Teddington

Exit Longridge, turn LEFT
Follow signs to Cookham
Straight through Cookham,
over level crossing B4447
Straight over two mini-roundabouts
Across village green to T-junction and turn RIGHT, Maidenhead A4094

(If supporting at Cookham Bridge, turn right at T-junction mentioned above and then park in small car park on right hand side after approx 100 metres before walking back along main road to Ferry Pub which has riverside access)

Past car park with toilets on RIGHT
Continue towards Maidenhead.
At point where river runs parallel to road – public car park on RIGHT - Max height 1.9m

BOULTERS WEIR

(Access is by foot, leave car park turn RIGHT, walk 110 yards to bridge over lock, past Hotel and into Park.
Go to far end of Park- Portage by weir.)

Toilets, open 24 hours.

Note: before leaving this car park you must decide whether time permits support at BRAY - only suitable for slower crews or with 2 support vehicles. Please note that Bray involves a very long walk – approximately 10 to 15 minutes as cars must be parked a long distance from the river

Turn right out of car park
Continue along road to roundabout, turn LEFT A4 Slough
Cross bridge over river.
Pass under railway bridge then, at traffic lights, turn RIGHT - signed 'Dorney reach'

(For **BRAY LOCK** turn RIGHT into 'Old Marsh Lane', and park before bridleway sign before continuing on foot or by bike. Continue down lane till you see Amerden Lodge B & B. To right of this is footpath to river. Turn right at river to proceed to lock. Allow 10 to 15 minutes to walk from car to Lock. After return to car, go back to end of Old Marsh Lane and turn right)

Continue over M4 motorway through Dorney Reach to T-junction
Turn RIGHT onto B3026 to 'Eton'

NO ACCESS TO BOVENEY LOCK

Access is available at St Mary Magdalen Chapel, near Boveney Lock.

Continue to Eton, past School
At Traffic Lights, turn LEFT B3022 -Windsor & Slough
Follows signs for Windsor B3022
Go on to second roundabout, take first exit- 'Windsor & Bagshot'
A332 over Thames
Take slip road to LEFT A308 Maidenhead.
Down to roundabout
Take first exit signed 'Town Centre'
Straight over 3 sets of traffic lights to roundabout
Take first exit - Datchet (B470)
Under old railway bridge to river front bear RIGHT
(In high water conditions, COMPULSORY PORTAGE for competitors around bridge into lock cut. Follow instructions)
Continue through town, at mini roundabout immediately after Riverside Railway Station turn first left into car park, behind playing fields.

ROMNEY LOCK

(Access over footbridge at the left corner of the Pay and Display Car Park. Turn RIGHT to end of road, through gate on LEFT, crossing lock by upstream gate at far end, turn LEFT and follow path along to portage, near weir.

Retrace route from ROMNEY Lock to main road,
Turn LEFT over Thames B3021 into Datchet.
Follow signs for 'Staines & Old Windsor'
Cross Thames once more
following signs - 'Staines & Egham' A308
Turn LEFT after Toby Carvery, into Church Road, signed "Parish Church."
Follow Church Road to St George's Farm, on left hand side with ornamental railings.
Turn LEFT into Ham Lane.
Go to End of Ham Lane
Parking before footbridge on RIGHT only.

NO VEHICLES ON TOW PATH

OLD WINDSOR LOCK,

(walk RIGHT along River 300 metres)

Retrace route from Lock to main road
Turn LEFT to mini roundabout
1st exit- 'Staines & Egham' A308 (A30)

RIVERSIDE ACCESS

(By day after 1/2 mile turn LEFT into car park meet crew on bankside.
Toilets at Rear of National Trust Tea Rooms)
(At night, Car Park is shut)

Back onto road through Park, or carry on through Park if not stopping

NO ACCESS RUNNYMEDE HOTEL - USE OF ITS CAR PARK STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

To roundabout, take 2nd exit (straight over), passing under M25.
Continue on to the third roundabout and take first exit to Staines Town centre B376
Cross over Thames
Bear RIGHT into 1-way system, keep right - signed 'Shepperton' B376
Follow signs for Shepperton B376
Continue on B376 towards Laleham,
250 yards past Anglers Retreat Pub on left
turn RIGHT into 'Riverway' opposite "Notcutts" garden centre.
Proceed to end where Riverway meets Ryde Rd.

Access to the river is via Public footpath on LEFT of new builds (Thamesway).
There is no vehicle access to river at this point.

PENTON HOOK LOCK

Access via footpath, through entry to river front, turn RIGHT

(Please be quiet and considerate to residents – we have had many complaints here in the past)

Retrace route from to main road, turn RIGHT
On to next roundabout, turn RIGHT- 'Shepperton' B376
Take third turning on RIGHT, opposite the 'Three Horseshoes' pub, into Ferry Lane
Along river bank past Laleham Caravan Park
Toilets in Council Car Park
Continue under M3

CHERTSEY LOCK

Park along roadside but note this is all double yellow lined so parking is at your own risk

Continue to T-junction, turn LEFT
At roundabout take 2nd exit - Shepperton B375
Take first right, after approximately 500m by post box, into concealed road 'Dockett Eddy Lane' (just after Lee Motors)
Long straight road to river
Follow LEFT bend along one way road

SHEPPERTON LOCK

Parking on roadside as available
Toilets for supporters or crew – (Coin access).

Proceed straight on (downstream direction), turning sharp LEFT and go up Ferry Lane
At B376 turn RIGHT
At roundabout, take 3rd exit- Sunbury B375
Cross over mini-roundabout and at next roundabout, take 3rd exit-'Walton' A244
Cross over Thames, and stay in LEFT-hand lane
Turn LEFT at lights, signed 'Hampton Court' A3050
Straight over next set of lights and continue on to "Grovelands School" on right hand side.

Immediately after this, at roundabout take 1st exit (LEFT) signed to Leisure Centre
Down straight road to mini roundabout
Take 2nd exit (RIGHT)

Park on verge on right approximately 50m after roundabout – do not park in Weir pub car park or obstruct access – we have been threatened with legal action in the past.

SUNBURY LOCK

(Access by following lane which bears left marked Sunbury Lock and walking RIGHT along river bank for approximately 300 metres, cross footbridge and continue 100 metres to Rollers)

Retrace route from SUNBURY Lock turning LEFT back onto A3050
Water Works on both sides of road
River comes into view on left

MOLESEY LOCK

On LEFT, EXTREMELY restricted parking

(Access to Lock back along river bank)

Continue to Hampton Court Bridge, keeping in left hand lane.
Turn LEFT over river
At roundabout, 2nd exit (Straight over).
At next roundabout, 2nd exit over Kingston Bridge for Ham
Follow Kingston one-way system, keeping in left hand lane
Pass under railway bridge and branch LEFT onto A307 (Richmond Road).
After a little over 1 mile turn LEFT at traffic lights by Texaco garage into Dukes Avenue
(becomes Riverside Drive)
Continue to end of housing on the left and park in roadway.

TEDDINGTON LOCK

(5 minutes walk along cycleway signposted Teddington. Walk over foot-bridge to Lock Island.)

Juniors, Singles, Veteran/Junior:

THAMES YOUNG MARINERS (End of third day, for staged race).

Continue past Teddington lock just after road bears to the right, enter THAMES YOUNG MARINERS through gate on LEFT

Teddington (Ham) to Westminster

For the Tideway, please use a London A-Z or other London map. There are plenty of bridges to see your crew. Remember your crew will move quickly on this stage. Boat speeds are MUCH greater (Assume about 3mph greater on average). Don't lose them.

Westminster. (St Thomas's Hospital / County Hall / London Eye).

Parking for vehicles is at St Thomas's Hospital car park. Follow signposts.

Note: A height restriction of 9' 6" exists. Access to trailers may be restricted or excluded.

Crews and boats will be removed at the steps in front of County Hall.

Follow the instructions of DW officials at the County Hall steps. (Although it may appear otherwise, the steps and walkway, in front of County Hall, are private property).

Reception for crews is in the grounds of St Thomas's Hospital.

CREWS ARE NOT PERMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS WEARING RACING CLOTHES.

Remember, we are the guests of St Thomas's Hospital.

TREAT THIS AREA WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT.

Additional notes and information.

Follow the instructions of officials at all times during the event. Failure to do so may render your team liable to time penalties or disqualification.

The emergency contact number during this event is:

020-7620-0298

Only use this number in an emergency.

Information will be posted on the DW web site, giving the position of teams as they proceed, during the event. Follow the link below for further information.

<http://www.dwrace.org.uk/>

If you, or your support, have access to the internet during the event, then you will be able to gain up-to-date information about your team's (or competition's) progress as the race progresses.

Please make sure that checkpoints have correctly noted your crew's number when passing.

Light sticks are to be worn by crews at night. Supply of light sticks is the responsibility of the crews. Please ensure that you have sufficient supplies of these.