

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the twelfth 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.

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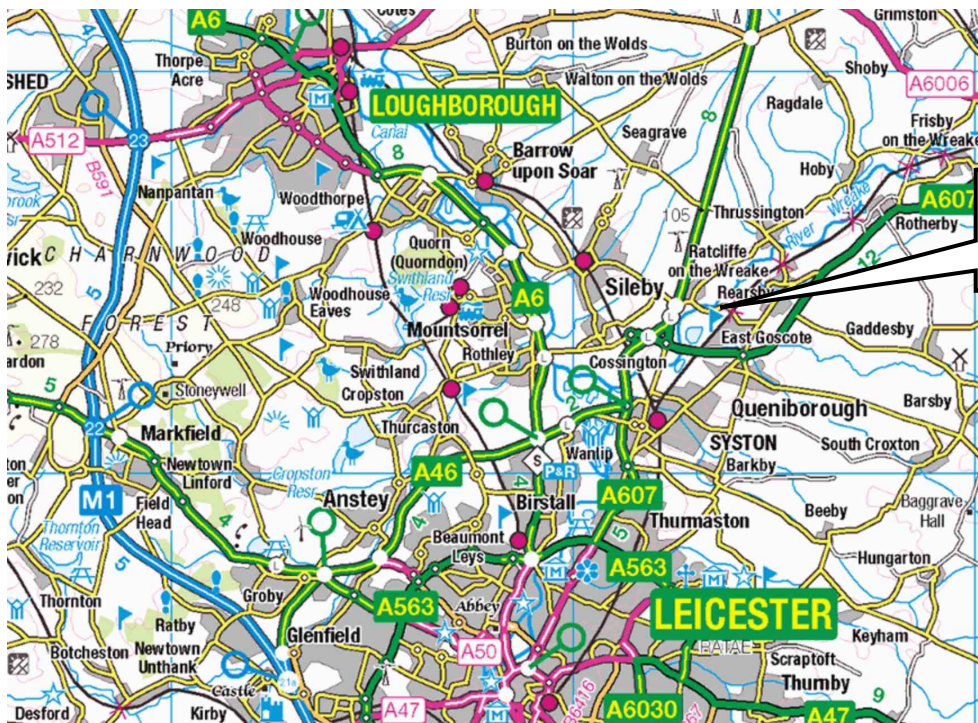
We run to the Motorsport UK rules and regulations for Touring Assemblies (which the Welland Valley Wander is). The roadbook provides directions for a recommended route but this is not compulsory. There will be passage controls on the event but there is no mandatory requirement to visit these points although 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](mailto:vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com) or 07836 318 400.

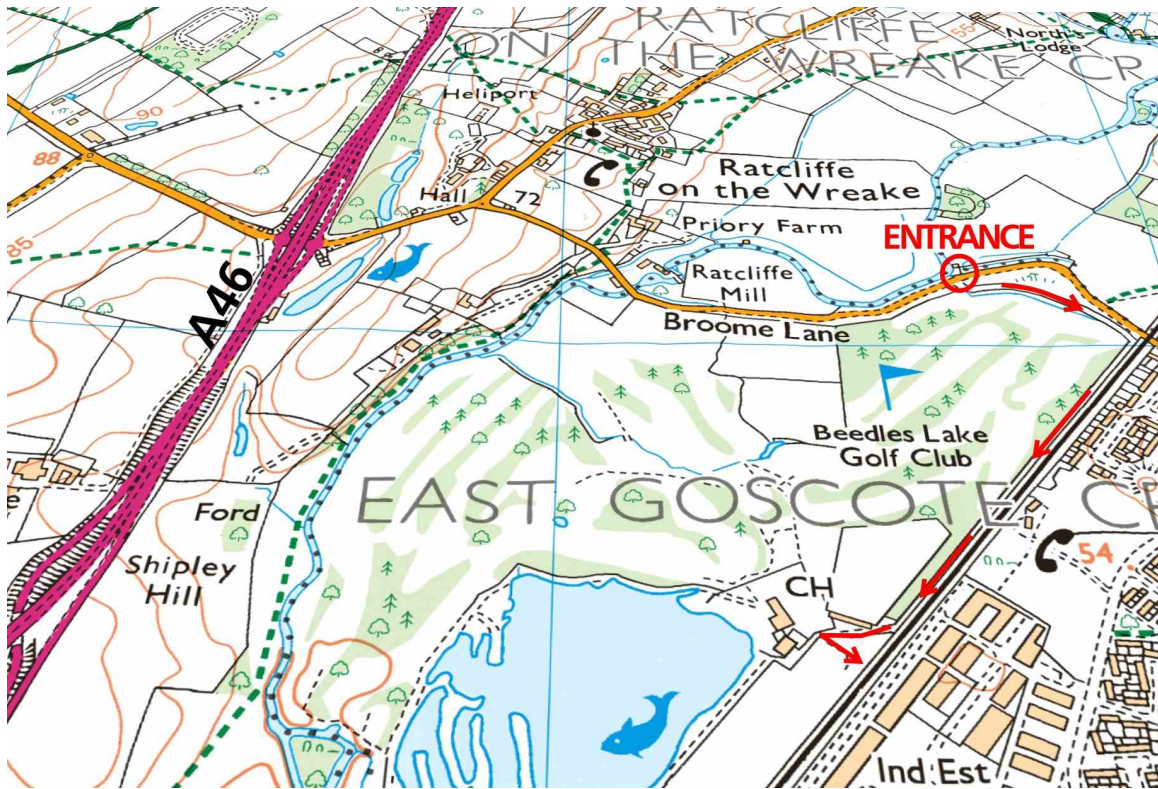
Finally, the organizers are not responsible for your actions on the public highway or private ground.

### START ARRANGEMENTS

Signing-on and breakfast will be at Beedles Lake Golf Course, near Ratcliffe on the Wreake just off the A46. After parking as directed you should walk to the clubhouse where signing-on will take place and your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served. *Please note that the starting times list is different to the entry list that was published on the website.* Signing-on and Breakfast will be available from 08:30 am onwards.



Beedles Lake  
Golf Course



## START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Beedles Lake. 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.

## LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be at Launde Abbey on the Leicestershire/Rutland Border. You are welcome to picnic by the cars on the grass. The gardens and tea room (selling coffee, tea and soft drinks plus snacks) will be open after 1pm but will not be serving meals. There is a limited availability of seating in the restaurant, so if you intend to eat there you should book beforehand.

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

## **FINISH ARRANGEMENTS**

The finish will be at Leicester Airport at Stoughton, just to east of Leicester. Tea will be served at the finish.

## **ITINERY**

**Start** from Beedles Lake at 9:45 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 32 miles around Charnwood Forest*

**Comfort/coffee stop** Cropston Pumping Station

No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets break or continue on directly, but get your route card stamped with the marshal.

*Drive 37 miles to Launde Abbey*

**Lunch stop** Around 1 hour at Launde Abbey

*There is no designated stop in the afternoon section*

**Afternoon section** Launde to Stoughton

Eastwards to the Welland viaduct and then return west to finish at Stoughton

*Drive 36 miles through Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire*

**Finish** at Leicester Airport at Stoughton near Leicester

## **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 use directional instructions on the Welland Valley Wander. A .gpx file of the three sections of the route can be supplied if requested by contacting us at [vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com](mailto:vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com)

## **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 & 141. *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 is a fuel station south east of the start venue on Melton Road at Syston (*what 3 words: race.deeply.chart*). There is also a fuel station, off route during the event, in Uppingham Town Centre.

## AWARDS

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

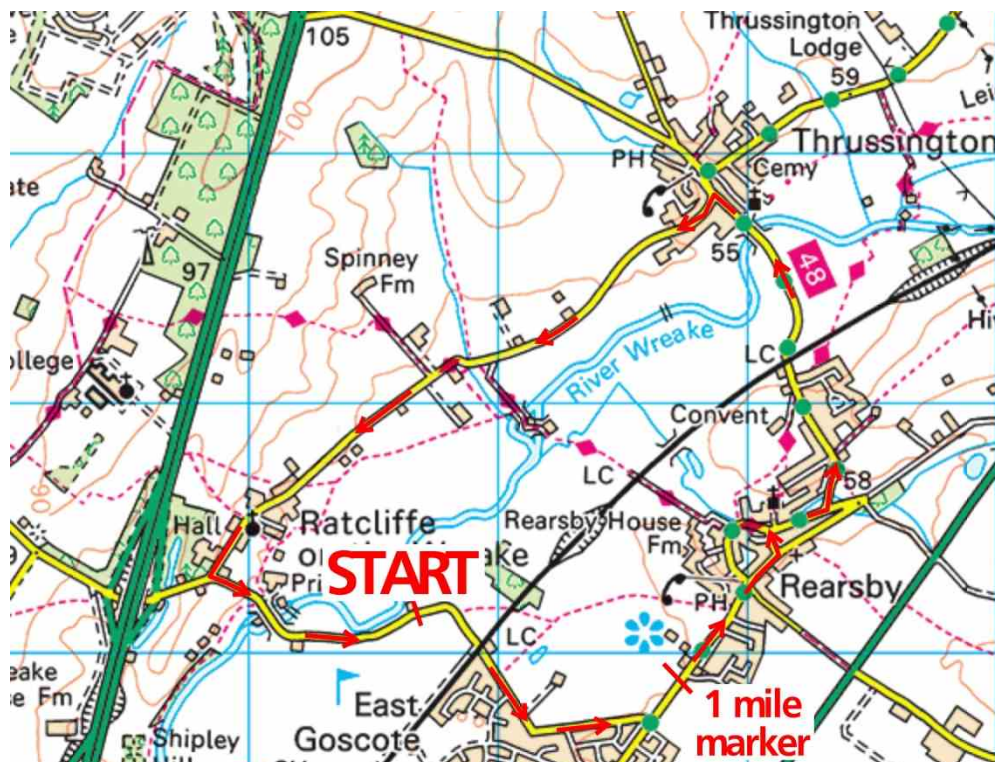
## MEASURED DISTANCE

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. The start is opposite the entrance to the Golf Course. 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:

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

Official distance (1.00)

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



*The complete lap of the calibration route measures 4.54 miles back to the start point.*

## **COORDINATES**

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

### **Beedles Lake entrance**

Nearest Post code: LE7 3WS

Coordinates: N52.72098,W1.05724

Map reference 129/636 141

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### **Cropston Pumping Station**

Nearest Post code: LE7 7GB

Coordinates: N52.69788,W1.18192

Map reference 129/552 114

What 3 words: method.trails.loser

### **Launde Abbey**

Nearest Post code: LE7 9XB

Coordinates: N52.62976,W0.88295

Map reference 141/796 042

What 3 words: carriage.craters.could

### **Leicester Airport entrance**

Nearest Post code: LE2 2FG

Coordinates: N52.60247,W1.04161

Map reference 141/650 009

What 3 words: afford.exist.zest

## **ARROWS**

In some parts of the route, we may use arrows to indicate a direction to take at a junction. This will only be at some directional instructions, not at every instance. The arrows will either be marked with WVW or Loughborough Car Club. Any marked with the words 'Welland Valley' will not be from our event.

## **PRINCIPAL ROAD**

In the route instructions, there are comments such as '*keep on the principal road*'. This means that you should remain on the major road, not crossing solid or dashed lines at junctions.

Andrew Duerden