



BTCC Race Meeting

Visitors Guide

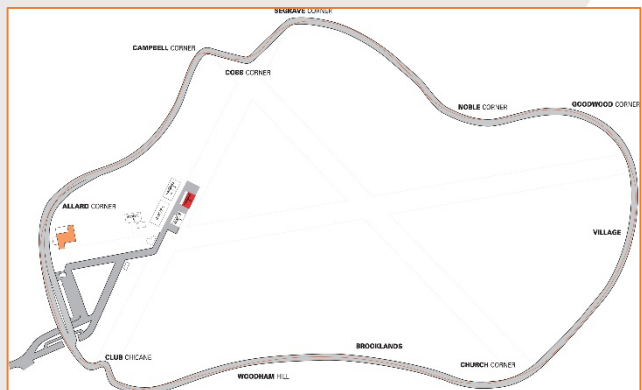
About Thruxton Circuit

Like many race circuits Thruxton was originally a wartime airfield. Commissioned in 1941 the airfield was host to both the RAF and USAF and played a major part in the D-Day landings as a base for troop carrying aircraft and gliders. Declared surplus to requirements in 1946, motorsport started in 1950 with motor bikes on a track comprising both the runways and perimeter roads. Cars joined the bikes in 1952 for only one year as the deteriorating wartime tarmac was breaking up badly. Amazingly, bikes continued racing until 1965, but by then plans were under way to redevelop the site and motor racing returned on a new track in 1968.

The new layout ignored the old runways and followed the lines of the perimeter road with the inclusion of the chicane and further round the track three tight corners in succession: Campbell, Cobb and Segrave, commonly referred to as the Complex. Even with these tight corners, Thruxton became the fastest race circuit in the UK. Thruxton soon gained a reputation as a real drivers circuit with its seemingly never ending high speed corners around the back of the track where success required total commitment.

Thruxton's fame grew from the Easter Monday Formula 2 meetings where Formula 1 drivers of the day battled with up and coming talent.

Household names like Graham Hill, Jackie Stewart and Jochen Rindt all thrilled the crowds in the early races.

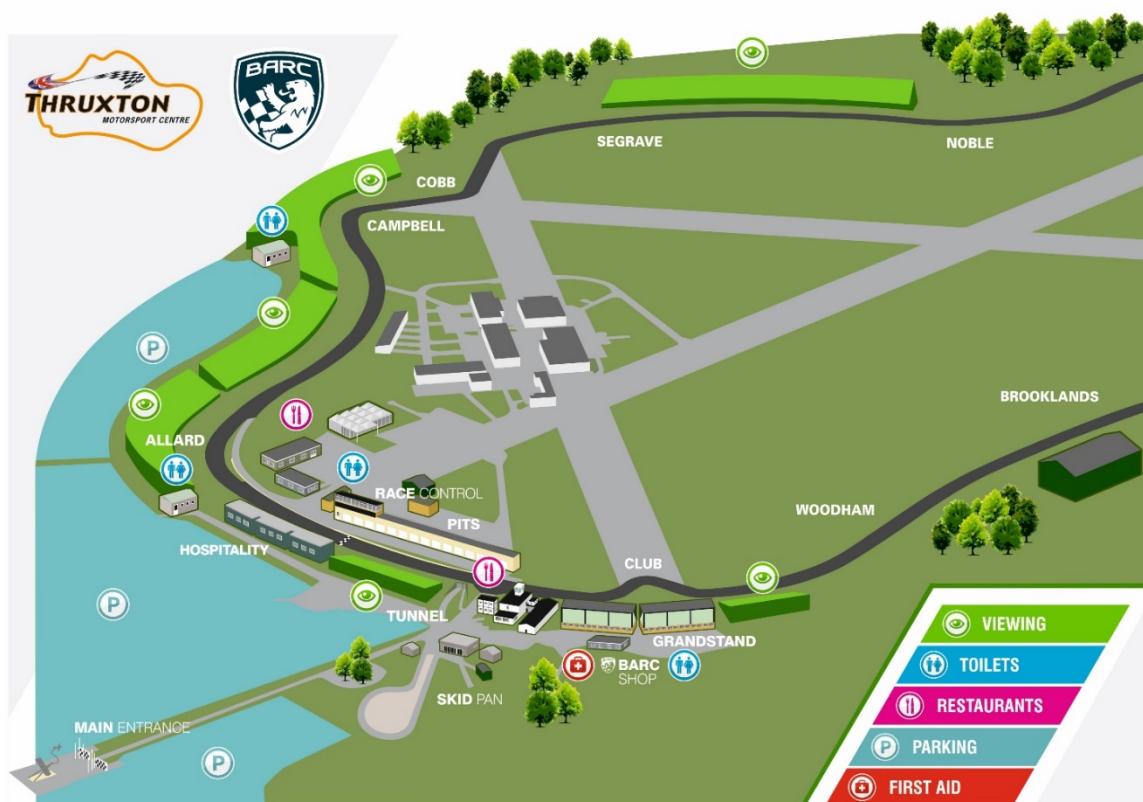


Since then Thruxton has seen all our recent Formula 1 drivers race regularly at the track at some time in their career.

In 1993 Damon Hill, Formula 1 World Champion, drove a demonstration run in the Williams FW15C, recording an incredible 57.6 second lap of the 2.4 mile circuit, an average speed of 147.25mph.

Spectator Map

The map below shows the areas spectators are able to see the circuit and watch the racing. Access to the paddock can be purchased at the entrance to the tunnel.



Directions

DRIVING TO THRUXTON CIRCUIT

(SAT NAV USERS - USE POSTCODE SP11 8PN)

Thruxton is readily accessible from both the M3 and M4.

- 1.5 hours from London
- 2.5 hours from Birmingham

Once on the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit ONLY, ignore signs for Thruxton village.

Upon leaving the A303 follow signs for Thruxton Circuit.

TRAINS AND PLANES TO THRUXTON CIRCUIT

There is a main line train station in Andover (10 minutes away).

Southampton Airport is the closest mainstream airport (45 minutes away).

Provisional Timetable

Saturday, May 7

Time	Activity	Championship	Laps
10.00 – 10.40	Free Practice	Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship	
11.00 – 11.20	Qualifying	Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge	
11.35 – 11.55	Qualifying	MSA Formula Championship	
12.10 – 12.25	Free Practice	Simpson Race Products Ginetta Junior Championship	
12.40 – 13.20	Free Practice	Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship	
13.20 – 14.20	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14.20 – 14.50	Qualifying	Renault UK Clio Cup	
15.05	Race	MSA Formula Championship	20 mins
15.40 – 15.55	Qualifying	Simpson Race Products Ginetta Junior Championship	
16.10 – 16.40	Qualifying	Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship	
16.55	Race	Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge	

Sunday, May 8

Time	Activity	Laps
09.50 – 10.20	<i>Pit Lane Walkabout / Autograph Session</i>	
10.45	Renault UK Clio Cup	12
11.25	Simpson Race Products Ginetta Junior Championship	9
12.00	<i>BTCC Pit Lane Opens</i>	
12.12	Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship	16
12.55	MSA Formula Championship	20 mins
13.25 – 13.45	<i>Marshals' / Lunch Break</i>	
13.45	Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge	12
14.20	<i>BTCC Pit Lane Opens</i>	
14.32	Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship	16
15.15	Renault UK Clio Cup	12
15.55	Simpson Race Products Ginetta Junior Championship	9
16.30	MSA Formula Championship	20 mins
17.05	<i>BTCC Pit Lane Opens</i>	
17.17	Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship	16

The programme may be brought forward or the programme order may be amended and competitors should listen carefully to the instructions given to them by their Championship Co-ordinator and/or Paddock announcements. It may not be possible to accommodate competitors arriving after the Assembly Area has been cleared.

Pitlane Walkabout/Autograph session

There is a pitlane walkabout and BTCC driver autograph session on Sunday morning from 09:50 – 10:20. Grab the chance to meet your favourite drivers, get an autograph and maybe even a selfie! Get there early as the pitlane walkabout is very popular.



Giant TV Screens

There will be two giant TV screens showing the racing action on Sunday 8 May. One will be positioned at the Complex (Campbell, Cobb, Seagrave corners) the other at the Chicane. Spectators will be kept up to date with all the racing action.



Trade Stands

Located behind the spectator bank next to the start straight. A huge array of trade stands for all things British Touring Car and Motorsport related, plus food and drink outlets. Grab yourself this year's team clothing!



Helicopter Display

The Army Air Corp and The British Army Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) will be attending all weekend with a static display which includes a Lynx Helicopter attached to a selfie booth and potentially an Apache Helicopter TBC.



Skid Pan Demonstrations

Throughout the weekend the new Skid Pan facility (located at the top of the main driveway, before the tunnel) will be open for passenger rides.

Jump on-board the Toyota GT86 with our ARDS race instructor who will take you on to the Skid Pan for a sideways ride for just £5.



Supercar Display

On display at the Skid Pan will be a selection of our driving experience cars including the new Lamborghini Huracan, Ferrari 458 Spider, Jaguar F-TYPE, Porsche Cayman, BMW M4, One of our Land Rover Defenders used for the 4x4 experiences and one of our fleet of Formula Renault Racing Cars plus a kart from the kart centre.



Come and find out about our driving experiences – the perfect present for any petrolhead

Thruxton Radio

On Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May, radio commentary is provided by 'Radio Thruxton' available on the 1602 Medium Wave band.

Grandstands

Grandstand seats for Sunday 8 May have now sold out. Seats are still available for Saturday 7 May

Children 5 and under will be permitted to sit on a parent/guardians lap and therefore admitted free of charge. Where pre allocated seats are issued then all seats taken must be paid for, irrespective of age.

Camping

For the BTCC racing meeting, camping is charged at £5 per adult per night (we don't charge for the Sunday night). Camping fees are payable on arrival – we don't pre-book spaces.

You must have tickets for the event to be allowed to camp – if tickets are with a family member or team then please make arrangements to collect the tickets before entering the camp site

Showers and toilet facilities are available for this race meeting. There is no electric hook up. No dogs or pets allowed (except for blind/assistance dogs who are allowed providing they are kept on a lead at all times and are easily identifiable as blind/assistance dogs. Animals must not under any circumstances be left in cars).

We have a separate camping information sheet which is available on our website in the event info section of the BTCC race meeting page.

Car Parking

Parking is free of charge. At peak times, access in and out of the car parks can be very busy, please bear with us at these times.

Catering

There are catering facilities around the circuit offering a range of food and drink. The Goodwood Bar in the paddock will also be open in the daytime and evenings for food and drink.

Opening times as follows:

Friday – Food from 09.00hrs to 20.00hrs. Bar from 18.00hrs to late.

Saturday – Food from 07.00 to 20.30hrs. Bar from 10.30hrs to 01.00hrs (Sunday).

Sunday – Food from 07.00hrs to 15.00hrs. Bar from 10.30hrs to 15.30hrs.

After the Race Meeting

Leaving the circuit and car parks at the end of the race meeting can get very busy, please bear with us. Once the last race has finished, access to the paddock areas are free of charge. It's a great opportunity to see the BTCC teams and cars up close.

Most are happy to chat about the cars and you might even bump in to a driver and get an autograph.

FAQ's

Q: What time do the gates open?

A: The circuit is open from 7am.

Q: Is there a disabled viewing area?

A: We have a designated banking area for Blue Badge holders, which is accessible via Gate 4. This is a raised bank for you to park your car, providing a view over the 'Complex' section of the circuit. All passengers/driver must have relevant admission tickets.

Please note - The paddock is not easily accessible from Gate 4, we would recommend that if you would like to have access to the paddock please ask a member of security to park you in our disabled parking area at the top of car park A, from here the paddock is more accessible.

Q: Is there a cash machine on site?

A: No, but we do offer a cash-back facility in the Goodwood restaurant (minimum spend of £5.00).

Q: What should I do if I lose something or someone?

A: If you have lost any of your property please report it as soon as you can to the BARC office which is located under the Members grandstand (01264 882200 option 6), this is where any lost property is handed in.

In the event that a child is found to be lost within the circuit, they will be taken to the BARC Office where CRB checked staff will care for them until they are reunited with their parent/guardian.

Q: Where is the first aid centre?

A: We have MSS on site who will be based near the Air Traffic Control building/Tunnel we also have a manned medical centre in the paddock, any member of staff or security will be able to assist you.

Q: Do you have baby changing facilities?

A: There are baby changing facilities in the paddock toilets, the Goodwood Restaurant, the toilets at Allard and Chicane corners.

Q: Am I allowed to bring my dog/pet to Thruxton?

A: Thruxton is an active airfield and race circuit. As such we operate a strict no pet policy for the whole site including the car parks and campsite with the exception of blind/assistance dogs who are allowed providing they are kept on a lead at all times and are easily identifiable as blind/assistance dogs. Animals must not under any circumstances be left in cars.