

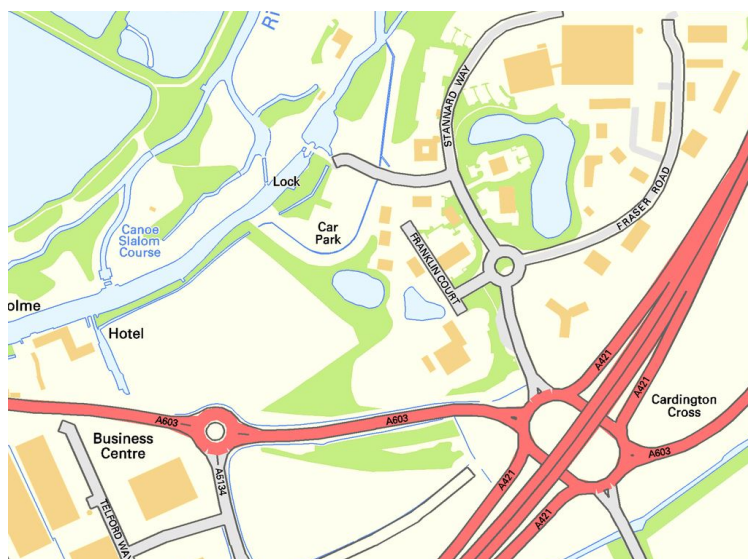
Canoe Slalom Interclubs 2024

7th – 8th September 2024

Location

Interclubs 2024 will be held at Cardington Artificial Slalom Course at Cardington Mill 1½ miles east of Bedford adjacent to the A603 Bedford to Sandy Road; O.S. Map 153 Reference TL 076487. Approach via Stannard Way, signposted Priory Park and Priory Business Park. Nearest postcode to the course is: MK44 3JZ. What3Words <https://w3w.co/hits.giant.speeds>.

From the A421 Bedford Southern Bypass the exit is clearly marked Cardington, Priory Business Park and Priory Park. Once in the Business Park, go straight across the first roundabout then 1st left into the car park. (Slalom signs will be posted at these junctions)



Vehicle Access & Movement

The event is held in a country park. Vehicular access to the park is normally prohibited, the local council have granted special permission to allow campers to bring their cars onto the site in order to drop off and pick-up camping equipment before and after the event, providing cars are not on site while the competition is in progress. To maintain this hard-fought concession, it is essential that all competitors, their families and supporters comply with the vehicle access and movement requirements set out in the table below.

The organisers are keen to make the event accessible to as many people as possible and will always try to facilitate this within the constraints of the site but are very limited in what they can do to support special requirements with regards to vehicular access. If you feel there is anything the organisers can do to help you, please feel free to contact them in advance of the event but be aware that the likely response is that there is nothing more that can be done over and above the concessions that have already been granted for everyone. In the past, where people have wanted to move camping equipment offsite during the event, some have found it useful to bring a trolley, you may want to consider this.

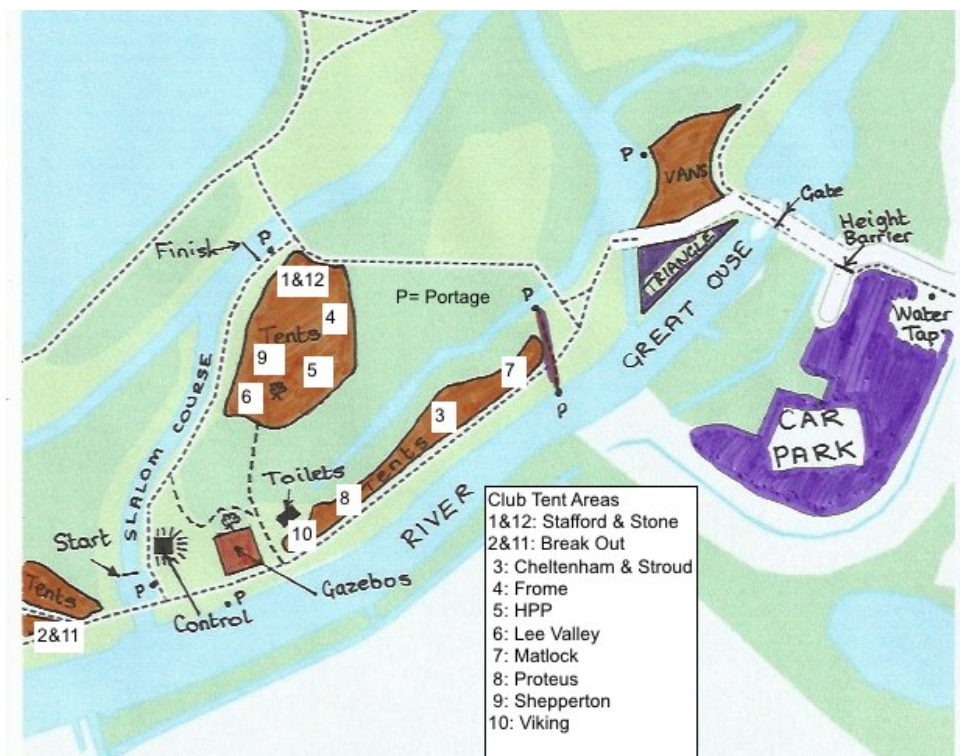
- All cars parked on-site must display a name and contact number
- Cars may not come on-site to drop off boats and paddling gear
- The car park has a height barrier: it will be open from 8am - 9am and from when the competition finishes (approx. 5:00pm) for an hour.
- All vehicles must be parked in the Car Park. Lock your vehicle and put valuables out of sight.

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	Friday		Saturday				Sunday			
	13:00-23:00	23:00 – 8:00	8:00 – 9:00	9:00 – 17:00	17:00 – 18:00	18:00 – 22:00	22:00 – 8:00	8:00 – 9:00	9:00 – 17:00	17:00 – 18:00
Gate	Key from Control		Open	Key from Control	Open	Key from Control		Open	Key from Control	Open
Not Camping	No vehicular access, please park in car park									
Camping (Tent)	Drop off Park on triangle	No vehicular access	Drop off All cars moved to car park	No vehicular access	No vehicular access	No vehicular access	No vehicular access	All cars moved to car park	No vehicular access	Pick-up
Campervan / Caravan	Access for arrivals		Access for arrivals	Access for departures (Key from Control)						

Camping

- Riverside Camping is available adjacent to the course.
- **Tents:** to the right of the track between the lock & the course. Please see the site plan for your club's allocated area.
- **Caravans & campervans:** We do not have access to the farmer's field this year, so space for vans is very limited (approx. 20 vans – no awnings). This is in the area to the right of the track between the sluice bridge & the lock. Please let your squad manager know if you want to bring a van to ensure there is space available.
- **Portaloos:** between the course & tent area. Permanent flush toilets 10 mins walk, open 8am to 5pm
- **Showers:** there are no showers
- **Water:** tap in the car park (entrance end)
- **Chemical toilet emptying point:** No longer serviceable, do not use
- **Barbeques are not permitted** in the park. Gas cookers are ok providing they are off the ground
- **Noise** must be kept to a minimum after 11pm
- **Dogs** must be kept under control. Please clear up after your dog.
- **Rubbish:** Please take your own rubbish home as there are very few bins in the park
- **Food waste** all needs to be removed and must not be thrown in the bushes.



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Marquee

We have not got the big marquee this year but if your club is able to bring a gazebo / event shelter we can but them together to make a gazebo city, as a place to congregate in the evening.

Catering

There is no catering provision at this event – sincere apologies.

Viking Kayak Club has kindly agreed to provide hot and cold drinks. Card payment only.

Please bring your own cup.

Start Lists

The start list will be published on www.canoeslalomentries.co.uk and on the event notice board.

Programme

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Free Practice (if enough water)	17:00-20:00	none	none
Official Practice		8:30	none
First Runs		10:30	8:45
Second Runs		14:00	12:30
Dismantle the course			15:15
Prize Giving			16:30

Results

The event will run card less, no results (cards or lists) will be posted on the event notice boards. Individual results, including penalties, will be available at <https://results.canoeslalom.co.uk/>.

One point will be awarded for a win, 2 points for second place etc. The squad with the lowest points wins.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. There will also be prizes for fastest K1M & K1W (M, S, U23, J18, J16, J14, J12, J10) and a C1 junior prize.

Trophies

Perpetual trophies will also be awarded. Please can I remind all winners of last years trophies to return them to control.

Interclubs Perpetual Trophy Winners	
Trophy	Awarded to
Nomad Cup	Winning Squad
Wave Sports Shield	Sportsman Award
Slalom Sports Shield	Highest Placed Squad with no Prem, Div1 or Vet
Tom Wells Shield	Highest Incomplete Squad
Cardington Shield	Highest Placed Combined Squad
Peter Hanover Trophy	Highest Placed J14 K1M
Hydra sports Trophy	Highest Placed J14 K1W
Peter Denton Trophy	Highest Placed J14 C1M
Cool Blue Canoes Trophy	Highest Placed J14 C1W

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Anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking

Drinking amongst younger participants without parents present, has been a problem, at this event, in the past. To reduce the possibility of this occurring no alcohol will be sold on site. The Organiser or Welfare Officer should be notified should any problems concerning alcohol be observed. Please ensure that all young people are appropriately supervised, and that they don't have access to alcohol. We also request that adults drink responsibly.

Shops

There is a Tesco about 2 miles from the course (MK42 0BG). Follow the A603 towards Bedford.

Restaurants & Pubs

- "The Priory Marina" (Beefeater), located on Barker's lane at the other end of Priory Lake. 20-minute walk through the Priory country park, advance booking recommended (01234 352883).
- "The Kingfisher", located on Cardington Road, 2 minutes paddle from the course. Advance booking recommended (01234 270044)
- "Pizzeria Santaniello" (the official pizza provider to Viking Kayak Club), located in Bedford town centre, 10-minutes drive from Cardington. Advance booking recommended (01234 353742) <http://www.pizzeriasantaniello.com>.

Takeaways

Bedford has almost everything, some will deliver to the sluice bridge gate

Swimming Pool

www.oasisbeachpool.com pool, waves, flumes, showers

Next to Tesco: 2 miles from the course. Follow the A603 towards Bedford.

Small Print

- *Sleeping in cars is expressly forbidden by the local council*
- *All persons camping & caravanning on the site do so at their own risk. Use of the site for camping & caravanning is by permission of the Bedford Borough Council. However, no liability of any sort is accepted either by Bedford Borough Council, Viking Kayak Club or the Slalom Committee before, during, or after the event.*
- *Please do not obstruct any public right of way or the portage routes.*
- *No BBQ or fires permitted in the park.*
- *"Canoeing and Kayaking are "Assumed risk" – "Water contact sports" that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own action and involvement"*
- *No canoeing on or near the sluice adjacent to the lock, you could jeopardise the site and be liable to prosecution by the Environment Agency. There are dangerous under water obstacles.*
- *The organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage to vehicles, cycles, equipment, or personal effects left or used at the event.*

Contacts during the event

Organiser:	Donna Hawkins	07972 724563
First Aider:	Horst Mayer	07703 826903
Welfare Officers:	Alison Longhurst	07789 624552
	Michael Stegeman	07971 117795
Safety Officer:	John Stoner	07802 490865