

# Driver Skills Day



The instructions in this document are essential information for the IAM RoadSmart Skills Day event.

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS**

**SIGN THE DECLARATION AND BRING IT ON THE DAY**

**RAISE QUESTIONS IMMEDIATELY IF ANYTHING IS UNCLEAR 0300 303 1134**

The **COMPULSORY** Safety Briefing will take place at 08:45 (morning group) and 13:15 (afternoon group). You will not be allowed on circuit if you have not attended this briefing,

Allow plenty of time for your journey, with a refueling stop if necessary.

Park in the designated area. Register with your completed disclaimer.

Please be in the Briefing Area at 08:45/13:15

Registration opens at 08:00 and 12:30 respectively, bring your signed Disclaimer.

Immediately after the Safety Briefing you will meet your personal instructor who will issue final instructions ready for the circuit session.

Morning circuit session: 09:30 – 12:30

Afternoon circuit session: 13:45 – 16:45

## Bring a guest

Although they will not be able to participate in the driving, guests are welcome at the event...perhaps they'll want to book for the next Skills Day?

## Catering

There are facilities on the site to purchase food and drink. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch if you prefer. Breakfast available from 08:00.

Take on plenty of fluid during the day. Tea, coffee and water will be available

throughout.

## Fuel

You are advised to arrive with adequate fuel for about 100 miles of driving, please note that you are unlikely to achieve your usual economy.

## Cameras

Any in car cameras need to be properly fitted and not obscuring the driver's or instructor's vision.

## Cancellations

Cancelling your attendance or requests to transfer to an alternative date will not be allowed within 21 days of the event. No refund will be given within this same period. (Exceptional circumstances will be considered) All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to [support@iam.org.uk](mailto:support@iam.org.uk).

If there is a cancellation of the event by circuit owners due to unforeseen circumstances, for example extreme weather conditions, it will be the intention to seek an alternative date.

## How to prepare you and your vehicle

You and your vehicle must be fully road legal to participate in this event. For the avoidance of doubt this means you should possess a current full driving licence for the vehicle and the vehicle should be covered by a current test certificate (MOT) or be maintained to standard that would qualify it for a MOT certificate if it is less than three years old.

In addition, you must ensure that you have done the basic checks on the vehicle on the day and that in particular:

All oil and water levels are correct

All tyres are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressures

You have sufficient fuel for the event, you are likely to use more fuel than usual.

Check that your brake fluid has been changed in accordance with the manufacturer's maintenance requirements.

Do not remove or attempt to cover up registration plates on the vehicle.

## Insurance

Most policies specifically do not cover use on a racing circuit. IAM RoadSmart advise you to check with your insurance company regarding the level of cover you have for this event.

The letter prepared by the IAM RoadSmart CEO can be sent to your insurance company. This contains all the information about the day and can help them decide on extending insurance cover for the event.

Whilst IAM Surety will cover members to take part at IAM approved driver & rider skills days, there is no cover automatically. You must advise IAM Surety who will arrange cover with their selected insurers for a small fee. Surety will issue a letter on behalf of insurers that says the normal track day exclusion is removed for the purpose of the IAM approved Skills Day event.

You cannot purchase Skills Day cover from Surety unless you are an existing policyholder. Please note IAM RoadSmart will **always** guide you to discuss insurance with your provider not with our Support Team.

## Driving on the Circuit

If you have never driven on a circuit before, you may feel a little apprehensive at first. This is understandable but the circuit is a smooth ribbon of tarmac with good grip. The fundamental difference is the complete absence of the public and oncoming traffic.

There are, however, a few basic rules that you must obey. They will be explained to you at the briefing and you will have the opportunity to ask questions at that time. You should also remember that there will be marshals on the circuit and they have various coloured flags which they may use to control the session. These will be explained to you at the briefing but rest assured that your instructor will be fully familiar with them and will explain the significance of any flags that are displayed.

Your allocated, approved IAM RoadSmart instructor will give you guidance. Your instructor will ensure that your driving, and the circuit environment, remains safe for your benefit and that of others. You are required to follow their guidance and should you not do so or should you take any risks, the instructor has the right to refuse you any further time on circuit.

This is a day and a driving experience that IAM RoadSmart want you to enjoy to the full and remember for a long time. If you do have any problems on the day, or think there is something we could do better, please tell us. The days develop and improve through your feedback.

### **Circuit specifics**

## **Thruxton Circuit, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8PW**

**Tel: 01264 774921**

**(Sat Nav users - use postcode SP11 8PN)**

From the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit ONLY; ignore signs for Thruxton village. What3Words [///launched.competing.axed](https://www.what3words.com/launched.competing.axed) will take you direct to the Thruxton Centre.

Main gates open from 07:30. On arrival, proceed through the main entrance, up the hill and through the tunnel. When you exit the tunnel turn left to access area behind pit garages.

### **Noise**

Noise is an issue. Ensure your exhaust is fully road legal. Overly noisy cars may be prevented from entering the circuit by track officials. Noise will be in operation. IAM RoadSmart cannot refund your day if you present a car too noisy for use on the circuit.

### **Fuel**

There is fuel East on the A303 at Andover or West at Solstice Park Services and Countess Roundabout. There is also a garage locally in Weyhill. Fuel may be available at the circuit during the lunch break although it is more expensive than local petrol stations.

### **Accommodation**

There is ample local accommodation with a choice of B&B and hotel chains.

### **Spectators**

Spectators and guests are welcome.

**Mallory Park Circuit, Church Road, Kirkby Mallory,  
Leicestershire, LE9 7QE  
Tel: 01455 502214**

Follow local brown circuit signage.

On arrival, please follow signage to circuit entrance at Shaw's Hairpin and join the circuit in an anti-clockwise direction, then take first left into the Paddock Area.

Please note: We will be operating from inside the circuit and therefore, once our day commences, exiting the circuit is only available at lunchtime and at the end of the last session.

### **Noise**

Noise is a very sensitive local issue.

Strict 88dB(A) noise limit. Noise testing is in full operation. Cars failing the test may be prevented from entering the circuit by track officials, IAM RoadSmart cannot refund your day if you present a car for noise testing and fail. All questions on noise testing must be directed to Mallory Park Circuit direct and not to IAM RoadSmart.

### **Fuel**

There is fuel to the west (2.1 miles) in Stapleton.

### **Accommodation**

There is ample local accommodation with a choice of B&B and hotel chains.

### **Spectators**

Spectators and guests are welcome.

## **Croft Circuit, West Lane, Dalton-on-Tees, Darlington DL2 2PL**

**Tel: 01325 721815**

Main gates open from 08:00. On arrival, drive towards the main building by the control tower where there is ample parking near the garages

### **Noise**

Noise is a very sensitive local issue. Noise testing is in operation, standard exhausts only – no modified exhausts. Static limit 95dB(A) but there is also an average max of 70dB over any given hour. This is monitored at the circuit and remotely by the local authority. If it is exceeded, or is likely to be exceeded, the circuit is closed until the level has dropped. Vehicles failing the test may be prevented from entering the circuit by track officials, IAM RoadSmart cannot refund your day if you present a machine for noise testing and fail. All questions on noise testing must be directed to Croft Circuit direct and not to IAM RoadSmart.

### **Fuel**

There is fuel at Toll Bar Garage, 2 miles south on the A167. Postcode DL6 2JA.

### **Accommodation**

There is ample local accommodation with a choice of B&B and hotel chains.

### **Spectators**

Spectators and guests are welcome.

## **Final driver checklist**

- Before you set off, complete your Disclaimer ready for registration. Register immediately on arrival.
- Plan to arrive for the mandatory safety briefing at 0845 or 1315
- Plan to arrive having topped up with fuel close to the circuit.
- Check your vehicle and kit the day before the event.