

Driver Skills Day: Joining Instructions



The instructions in this document are essential information for the IAM RoadSmart Skills Day event. Please ensure that you:

- **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.

Please allow plenty of time for your journey, with a refuelling stop if necessary.

Please park in the designated area.

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

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

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

Bringing 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-site to purchase food and drink, with breakfast available from 8:00. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

Bottled water will be available at the briefing so please ensure that you stay hydrated. Please use the drinking water supply at the circuit to top up your bottles, we are trying to reduce plastic waste.

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 at the event or requests to transfer to an alternative date will not be allowed within 21 working days of the event. No requests for refund will be given within this same period. (Exceptional circumstances will be considered). Any refunds approved will incur an admin fee of £35.

In case of cancellation of the event by circuit owners due to unforeseen circumstances, for example weather conditions, it will be our intention to seek an alternative date, whilst this may not be acceptable by all this is the policy of our current circuit owners.

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.

Vehicle checks

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

You cannot purchase Skills Day cover from Cornmarket 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

Address: Thruxton Circuit, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8PW

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

Telephone: 01264 774921

Getting here

From the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit ONLY; ignore signs for Thruxton village. What3Words *///shirt.probe.doghouse* will take you 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 the access area behind pit garages.

Noise

Noise is an issue. Please Ensure your exhaust is fully road legal. Overly noisy cars may be prevented from entering the circuit by track officials. 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 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.

Circuit specifics: Mallery Park Circuit, Kirkby Mallery

Address: Mallery Park Circuit, Church Road, Kirkby Mallery, Leicestershire, LE9 7QE

Telephone: 01455 502214

Getting here

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. There is a 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 Mallery 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.

Circuit specifics: Croft Circuit, Dalton-on-Tees

Address: Croft Circuit, West Lane, Dalton-on-Tees, Darlington DL2 2PL

Telephone: 01325 721815

Getting here

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 08:45 or 13:15.
- Plan to arrive having topped up with fuel close to the circuit.
- Check your vehicle and kit the day before the event.