

# 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**
- **COMPLETE THE ONLINE DECLARATION IN YOUR WELCOME EMAIL**
- **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, please ensure you have signed the Skills Day Declaration via the link sent to you.

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 no longer be supplied. Please bring your own refillable drinking bottle. Please use the drinking water supply at the circuit to top up your bottles, we are trying to reduce unnecessary 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

## Vehicle eligibility

**PLEASE NOTE** – Skills Days are a road based training event using a circuit as a classroom. They are not designed for drivers of supercars getting the maximum performance from their vehicle. It is primarily aimed at drivers of cars from mainstream manufacturers, they may well be the higher performance models, but the sole emphasis is on driver development not outright speed. There is a 90 mph maximum speed limit in place.

Cars must be fully closed cockpit or convertibles with a working roof that includes manufacturers roll over protection. Kit cars without bodywork or windscreens cannot be accommodated. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of your vehicle, please contact IAM RoadSmart for advice.

You and your vehicle must be fully road legal to participate in this event and fitted with seat belts. You should possess a current full driving licence for the class of vehicle and the vehicle should be covered by a current test certificate (MOT) or be maintained to MOT standards.

## 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 with sufficient tread depth.
- 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 vehicle insurance 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 (IAM Surety) are able to cover members to take part at IAM RoadSmart approved driver & rider skills days, there is no cover automatically and you will need to discuss this with them as a possible extension to your policy.

Please note, IAM RoadSmart will always guide you to discuss insurance with your provider and 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 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.

Please see specific track information on the next page.

# 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 left through the tunnel. When you exit the tunnel turn left and park in the vehicle assembly area.

## 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: 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.

# Circuit specifics: Blyton Park, Gainsborough

**Address: Blyton Park, Old Blyton Airfield, Kirton Road, Blyton, Gainsborough**

**DN21 3PE**

**Telephone: 01427 628 922**

## Getting here

Blyton Park is approximately five miles North of Gainsborough in Lincolnshire.

DO NOT use the postcode in a Sat Nav to get here or it may get you completely lost!

Please use the following ways to find the circuit entrance road:

Sat Nav co-ordinates: North 53° 26' 49" - West 0° 40' 49"

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## Noise

Noise is a very sensitive local issue. Please read the Blyton Park noise policy found here: [Noise Policy — Blyton Park Driving Centre](#) see 4.1.2 Non-Competition- General Running.

Road legal cars with standard manufacturers exhausts should not present any problem.

All questions on noise testing must be directed to Blyton Park Circuit direct and not to IAM RoadSmart.

## Fuel

Nearest fuel is 10min away in Corringham, nearest super plus fuel is 15min away in Gainsborough.

## Accommodation

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

## Spectators

Spectators and guests are welcome

## Final driver checklist

- 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.