

## Celebrate the Tour in London

Next week the world's largest annual sporting event, the Tour de France, is coming to the capital.

The Tour's three-day visit to Britain begins in Leeds on Saturday (July 5) and culminates in a sprint finish in The Mall on Monday (July 7). The whole route is un-ticketed so everyone can watch for free and witness some of the greatest names in cycle racing compete for the famous Yellow Jersey.

A number of events and activities will be taking place along the route where spectators, visitors and cycling enthusiasts will be able to soak up the atmosphere. Venues include Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the Tour de France official Fan Zones located at Green Park and Trafalgar Square.

The Fan Zones are free and will be open between Saturday and Monday



(July 5-7), hosting a variety of activities, plus giant screens showing all the action and excitement of the Tour live. Soak up the festival atmosphere with interactive activities, retail stalls, cafés, bars, and cycling demonstrations.

There will also be a Tour de France official Fan Zone at Canary Wharf from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 July following the final stages of the Tour, which finishes in Paris.

### Fan Zones

**Green Park**  
Saturday to Monday (July 5-7), 11am-9.30pm

**Nearest station: Green Park (Jubilee, Piccadilly and Victoria lines)**

Green Park will host the biggest free cycling festival the UK has ever seen over three days and evenings. With Stage 3 of the Tour finishing on The Mall, Green Park is at the heart of the action.

**Trafalgar Square**  
Saturday and Sunday (July 5-6), noon-6pm; Monday (July 7), noon-8pm

**Nearest station: Charing Cross (Bakerloo and Northern lines, National Rail)**

One of London's most iconic locations and with a big screen under Nelson's column, Trafalgar Square will be the perfect place to make a weekend of the Tour de France in the capital.

**Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**  
For further information go to [queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk](http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk)  
**Nearest station: Stratford (Central, Jubilee lines, DLR, London Overground and National Rail)**

The Tour will be visiting Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park for the first time. The riders are due to pass through the Park at around 3pm on Monday. You can also catch all the action on the big screen.



**Tower 42 glows yellow as the capital celebrates the arrival of the Tour de France on Monday.**

The Tower, along with other prominent London landmarks including the BT Tower and Southbank Centre, have been turned yellow to showcase the capital as it welcomes the world's largest sporting event.

### Canary Wharf

Thursday to Saturday (July 24-26), 11am-10.30pm; Sunday (July 27), 11am-10pm

**Nearest station: Canary Wharf (Jubilee line and DLR)**

As well as live coverage and highlights on the giant screen, there'll be cycling-themed entertainment including photo exhibitions, French food, Foodies Festival at Tour De France, pop-up shops, prize giveaways and celebrity appearances.

■ For information on the Fan Zones go to [www.tourdefrancefanpark.co.uk](http://www.tourdefrancefanpark.co.uk). For more information about the route, accessibility and how roads and transport will be affected on the day go to [tfl.gov.uk/tourdefrance](http://tfl.gov.uk/tourdefrance)

## The route – key locations

The estimated arrival times on Monday for the fastest cyclists are:

- 2.43pm – Epping Forest (the Sprint)
- 2.55pm – Woodford
- 3.04pm – Walthamstow
- 3.09pm – Leyton
- 3.11pm – Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- 3.35pm – Tower of London
- 3.40pm – Houses of Parliament
- 3.42pm – The Mall (the finish)

## Traffic information for the capital

### Hammersmith Flyover

#### Weekend closure

Westbound carriageway closed from 11.30pm Friday until 5am on Monday. Traffic diversions in place. Routes will be clearly signed.

### Hyde Park

Thursday July 3, 9pm to Sunday July 13, 11.45pm

Various concerts taking place within the park. Park Lane will be closed between Marble Arch and Hyde Park Corner from 9pm to 11.45pm on concert evenings, as well as the eastbound up-slip from Knightsbridge to Hyde Park corner. Traffic diversions will be in place.

### Seven Sisters Road

Friday July 4, noon to Sunday July 6, 11pm

Various concerts taking place in Finsbury Park. Seven Sisters Road will be closed to facilitate concert goers.

Gates open at noon and events finish at 10.30pm. Expect delays.

### Regent Street

Sunday July 6, 7am to 7pm

Summer Streets event taking place. Regent St. closed in both directions from Piccadilly Circus to Oxford Street.

### Central London

Monday July 7, 10am to 6pm

Tour de France taking place and finishing on The Mall. Extensive road closures in the North-East, East and Central London areas. Roads approaching and around the route will be closed. Traffic disruption is expected and roads will be opened once it is safe to do so. Check Tour de France pages for further details on the event.

For a full list of the capital's traffic information, visit [tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews](http://tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews)

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