



London plans for a festival of cycling

AS Prudential RideLondon, the capital's world-class festival of cycling, returns to London and Surrey this weekend, drivers are being urged to plan their journeys to avoid disruption.

Now in its third year, Prudential RideLondon brings a range of cycling activities to central London including a 10-mile sportive for 25,000 riders and a handcycle race on Saturday, plus a professional road race on Sunday.

Saturday August 1

A number of road closures, essential for the event, will be in place in the City of London, the City of Westminster and the southern part of the borough of Camden. Roads will be closed from 6am until around 6pm. Waterloo Bridge will also be closed, but all other London river crossings will remain open.

Sunday August 2

Road closures will be in place from 4am through parts of east, central and south west London. From around 10.30am, roads along the 100-mile Prudential RideLondon-Surrey route will be opened in phases once the event has passed and it is safe to do so. All roads are expected to be open by 8pm. A number of bridges in London will be closed until the evening,

including London Bridge, Tower Bridge and Waterloo Bridge.

To avoid disruption, drivers are advised to avoid areas near the event routes and allow more time for journeys.

Signs will be placed around London advising drivers of any closures and TfL will provide up-to-date information through the @TfLtrafficnews and @TfLbusalerts Twitter feeds and on tfl.gov.uk.

Public transport

Tube, rail, walking and cycling will be the best ways to get around London and enjoy the weekend, although some stations close to events will be busier than usual. Some buses will be diverted or will finish early due to road closures.

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Get ready for Prudential RideLondon 1-2 August

A world-class festival of cycling. Roads and bridges will be affected across Surrey and London. Know your travel options. Visit tfl.gov.uk/prudentialridelondon

What's happening?

More than 95,000 cyclists, of all ages and abilities, are expected to take part in the five separate events that make up Prudential RideLondon.

Saturday August 1 Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle (9am to 4pm)

A family-friendly mass bike ride will take place on a 10-mile traffic-free route through central London.

Prudential RideLondon Grand Prix (from 5pm)

Future sporting stars take part in a youth race, and a professional woman's cycle race will take place in St James's Park.

Sunday August 2 Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 (6am to 5.30pm)

Thousands of amateur cyclists will take on a cycling challenge

starting at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, then on to a 100-mile route through London and Surrey, finishing on The Mall.

Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic (1.30pm to 6.30pm)

Watch 150 of the world's top professional cyclists race on a 200km route from central London to Surrey and back. The event is also being televised.

Prudential RideLondon Handcycle Classic (8:30am to 9.30am)

Fifty top handcyclists will race from Kingston upon Thames to the finish line at The Mall.

■ For more information, visit tfl.gov.uk/prudentialridelondon and www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk

Fun free festival zones

The FreeCycle event on Saturday is likely to attract tens of thousands of cyclists, young and old, who can enjoy the six festival zones at Green Park, St Paul's Churchyard, Guildhall Yard, Leadenhall Market, Aldwych and Lincoln's Inn Fields.

The zones will offer a range of bike-based fun including entertainment on big screens, bike polo matches, pedal-powered Scalextric and a world record attempt by stunt riders.

Visitors can also try out a BMX bike and take the mountain bike course challenge.

The Green Park festival zone will also be open on Sunday.

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