

Tour De France Update 20th March 2014



With the biggest annual sporting event in the world set to come to Cambridgeshire on Monday 7 July, the first road closure information for the Tour de France is now available.

With such a large scale event - residents, businesses and visitors are being given advanced notification to help get ready, plan and enjoy a unique day in Cambridge's history.

The roads on and connected to the route in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and when they will close are:

- In order to allow for the set up of the start by Parkers Piece, Gonville Place and Parkside will close on Sunday 6 July from 5.30pm.
- At 4am on Monday 7 July, the following roads on the route will be closed: Regent Street, St Andrew's Street, Sidney Street, Bridge Street, King's Parade and Trumpington Street.
- Also at 4am, roads which link directly to the route will close. These are: Park Terrace, Parker Street, Emmanuel Road, Victoria Avenue, Jesus Lane, Drummer Street, Emmanuel Street and Lensfield Road.
- Then at 7am, Trumpington Road and the A1301 will be closed.

These road closures will remain in place until 3pm when a phased reopening will begin, with the last roads in the heart of Cambridge expected to open by 6pm.

With the roads closed, teams will get to work on preparing the route. This includes putting in place all the necessary infrastructure and then removing it afterwards, to allowing the Tour's publicity 'caravan' of vehicles to begin its journey and providing for the safe movement of spectators.

Further work is now being carried out by Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge City Council along with the Tour organisers to develop the plans for the roads which access the route and how they will be affected on the day. An announcement on this work is expected later this spring.

The route will need to be clear of all public vehicles prior to the road closure time, with pedestrian access available while the roads are closed through stewarded crossing points. There will also be parking restrictions in place on the route and on some access roads.

The Grand Départ will race from Leeds to Harrogate on July 5, York to Sheffield on July 6, and a third stage will travel from Cambridge to London on July 7. Exact details of the route can be found at online at www.letour.yorkshire.com.

In the build up to the arrival of the Tour, detailed information will be given to residents, businesses and visitors regarding the impact of the race on Cambridge and the county. This will be made available through leaflets, roadshows and events as well as online at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/letourstage3

www.cambridge.gov.uk/le-tour-cambridge

Information will also be made available via:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LeTourCambridge

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