



CORNWALL STAGE OF TOUR OF BRITAIN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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You can download the 2021Tour of Britain Race manual here:

www.tourofbrtain.co.uk/download-the-2021-tour-of-britain-race-manual

The Event and Background Information

- **What is the event?**

The Tour of Britain is the UK's biggest free-to-watch sporting event. It is the UK's leading professional cycling road race held over 8 days. The race attracts some of the world's best cyclists, which have previously included Mark Cavendish and Sir Bradley Wiggins.

- **When will the event be held?**

The Tour of Britain is held annually in early September.

Cornwall will host the opening 'Grand Depart' stage on 5th September 2021.

- **How much will it cost individuals to watch the race?**

The race is a free-to-watch event. There are also Tour Enclosure Hospitality Packages offered close to the finish line and winners' podium. For details

www.sportsbreaks.com/Cycling/Tour-of-Britain.

- **Who organises the event?**

The event is organised by SweetSpot and supported by Cornwall Council. SweetSpot, the Tour of Britain organisers are a sports events and marketing company specialising in the creation and execution of high-quality, annual sporting events.

The specialist team at SweetSpot consists of former Olympic and Tour de France cyclists, as well as event management experts with a combined experienced of over 50 years in delivering large scale sports events.

- **What support is there for this event?**

Over 200 City, Town and Parish Councils were contacted in 2018 and asked whether they would support the race coming to Cornwall. Replies received from about 140, including all the biggest councils representing 86% of the Cornwall population. Of those who replied, 98% were positive. Support from the Cornwall cycling community. Statements of support received from 5 Cornwall MPs. Cross-party support at Cornwall Council, with an overwhelming vote of support for the feasibility study. SweetSpot, the Tour of Britain organisers, and Devon County Council are fully supportive of Cornwall hosting the opening stage in 2021.

- **What is the expected economic benefit to Cornwall?**

The estimated economic impact for the country is £3.4 million. This is supported by historical and geographical data from previous Tour of Britain stages that showcases visitor spend at the stages and previous Cornwall route events such as Man Engine and Olympic Torch Relay.

- **In addition to economic, what other benefits are expected?**

- **Tourism impact** – The Devon stage of the Tour of Britain in 2019 was followed by 200,000 spectators.
- **National and international recognition** - 500,000 people watched the live ITV4 coverage and 117,000 watched the repeat show. The race is broadcasted all over the world including in North America, Asia, sub Saharan Africa as well throughout Europe in countries including Germany, Spain, France, Belgium and Italy.
- **Environmental and health benefit** – After the Devon stage of the Tour of Britain in 2018 – 62% of people were encouraged to cycle more often, contributing to lessen pollution and supporting better health. It has been proven that regular cyclists reduce their risk of developing cardiovascular disease by 46%, whilst cycling to work reduces the risk of cancer by 45%. People who are physically active reduce chances of late-onset diabetes by between a third and a half.
- **Social and volunteering opportunities** – Hosting the race is an opportunity to encourage the local community to create their own events, support better social cohesion and promote the local feel good factor.
- **Inspiration to achieve** – Cornish cyclist, Chris Opie saw an early incarnation of the Tour of Britain and was inspired to start a professional career in cycling.

- **If Cornwall were to host the event more than once, will the route be the same as previous years?**

No, it doesn't need to be. Alternative routes will be considered if Cornwall hosts a tour stage again in 2022. Tour of Britain is an opportunity to show off Cornwall to the world and the appeal of hosting over a number of years is that all of Cornwall can be showcased on different routes per stage year. Devon has held 10 stages and covered much of the county.

- **How was the route decided?**

The preferred route was selected as it creates the strongest introduction to Cornwall for the Tour of Britain. It passes through some of the most scenic landscape (coastal and mining) and many town centres with good public transport, attracting high footfall and maximising

economic impact. The route is in close proximity to 40% of the entire population of Cornwall. The route for 2021 has now been checked and verified by SweetSpot.

- **What happens if it rains?**

The rain should not be affecting the race. It is not envisaged to put shelter alongside the road. Therefore, spectators are advised to check the weather on the day and dress accordingly.

- **Where is the best place to view the race?**

We would like to encourage spectators to use existing off-highway cycle routes, especially at the busy start and finish locations of Penzance (from Marazion) and Bodmin (using the Camel trail). Why not make this a family cycling day out if you can?

In Penzance and Bodmin, from 11.30am, there will be giant TV screens so everyone can follow the action. Live TV and radio coverage and aerial photography will draw a worldwide audience.

Generally, there will not be any barriers along the route, therefore members of the public should be able to get a good view of the race. However, in areas identified as presenting greater risks to safety of riders and spectators, which will include some of the town centres some barriers will be present.

Please exercise caution while watching the race. Keep children back from the edge of the road and animals on a lead, away from the roadside. Riders pass by very fast, and while we encourage support, please keep flags, objects, and photography equipment out of the road. Remember, taking selfies is fun, but turning your back on the race is never a good idea. Please always face the oncoming riders and race convoy.

You can see the full route and town hosts on the map [here](#), or visit:

www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/route The route goes through a number of town centres which can be accessed using public transport. **On street parking along the race route will be subject to additional restrictions due to the nature of the event.** This includes no stopping restrictions along the coast roads and majority of the urban sections. For more details are available in the Road, Transport and parking section of this document (see below)

The King of the Mountain locations are Zennor, Rosewall Hill and Carnon Downs.

The locations for the Sprint are Hayle and Penryn.

- **What are the top tips for spectators?**

- Check before you travel! Take note of the route, road closures and ETAs that may be affecting you. More information: www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/spectator-info/travel/
- Grab a safe spectator spot early and enjoy the build-up to the Peloton arriving
- If you can't get to a start or finish location, check out where your nearest Sprints or ŠKODA King of the Mountains climbs points are along the route
- Do not obstruct the riders in any way. Keep children and animals back from the roadside
- The whole stage is live on TV. ITV4 will be showing flag-to-flag live coverage of the entire stage plus a nightly highlights programme at 20:00, bringing you all the best bits of the day's action
- Keep up to date with the latest news and action:
<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk>
Twitter @tourofbritain
#TourofBritain
www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk
Twitter @CornwallToB
- We want you and the riders to have an unforgettable Tour experience, so soak up the atmosphere and make some noise!

Route and Timings

- **What is the route?**

The Confirmed route is:

Penzance > St Just > St Ives > Hayle > Redruth > Camborne > Pool > Falmouth > Penryn > Truro > Newquay > St Austell > Bodmin

- **What are the timings**

You can view and download the timings www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/route

Race's Start and Finish

▪ When does the race start?

The event will start at 11am on Sunday 5th September 2021 from Penzance promenade and finish in Bodmin around 3.30pm

▪ Where will be the King of the Mountain and sprint locations?

The King of the Mountain locations are: Zennor, Rosewall Hill and Carnon Downs and. The locations for the Sprint are Hayle and Penryn

Teams and Riders

▪ Who is racing?

The race organisers have produced a race manual packed with information.

You can **download the 2021 Tour of Britain Race manual** here:

www.tourofbritain.co.uk/download-the-2021-tour-of-britain-race-manual

The 18 teams competing in the 2021 Tour of Britain are:

- Alpecin – Fenix (Belgium)
- Caja Rural – Seguros RGA (Spain)
- Canyon dhb SunGod (Great Britain)
- Deceuninck – Quick-Step (Belgium)
- Global 6 Cycling (New Zealand) – first appearance in 2021
- Great Britain (Great Britain)
- INEOS Grenadiers (Great Britain)
- Israel Start-Up Nation (Israel)
- Movistar Team (Spain)
- Rally Cycling (USA) – first appearance in 2021
- Ribble Weldtite Pro Cycling (Great Britain) – first appearance in 2021
- Saint Piran (Great Britain) – first appearance in 2021
- SwiftCarbon Pro Cycling (Great Britain)
- Team Arkéa – Samsic (France) – first appearance in 2021
- Team DSM (Germany)
- Team Jumbo – Visma (Netherlands)
- Team Qhubeka NextHash (South Africa)
- TRINITY Racing (Great Britain) – first appearance in 2021

More information on the teams is available <https://cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk>

You can view the list of riders taking part in the 2021 Tour of Britain race

<https://cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk>

- **What other events will take place around the ToB stage?**

Local communities are joining us to celebrate the Tour of Britain coming to Cornwall by holding their own cycling, community and entertainment events on the day.

Find out more information on the community events taking place along the route between 3rd to 5th September in Cornwall www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/spectator-info/community-events/

In Penzance on Saturday 4th September – A family ride event is taking place at 12.10pm. You don't need to register for it, just come along with your bike and helmet.

Please note in Bodmin, the Junior Fun Run which will make use of the competitors' finish line and podium is to showcase local organised groups and is not an open entry event.

Getting Involved

- **Can we put our own entertainment on the day?**

Yes, you probably can but you will need to contact your local town or parish council for more information to discuss the details and find out what is possible on the day.

- **How could school children get involved?**

The Tour of Britain is an ideal event to introduce young people to cycling and a competitive sport. The Tour of Britain is an excellent opportunity to work alongside existing health plans to encourage children to 'get active' and teach them about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

The organisers produce a School Pack which is full of information about the race, its history which can be used as part of the curriculum. The School Pack also contains ideas and activities which can take place in schools ahead of the race. The School Pack can be downloaded from the Cornwall Tour of Britain website [here](#).

- **How can I volunteer to support the event?**

Volunteer support has been an invaluable contribution to the success of the Tour of Britain races across the years.

After much consideration and under guidance from the UCI, cycling's governing body, and Government, Tour of Britain organisers have taken the difficult decision to not run their volunteer programme for the 2021 Tour of Britain race.

This difficult decision has been taken as all efforts remain focused on delivering a safe and secure event for the riders, teams and those working on the event.

Cornwall's Cycling Clubs will be contacted by the event organisers for roles at the King of the Mountain locations.

For more information visit: www.tourofbrtain.co.uk/community/volunteer

Accessible Provision

- **What provision are you putting in place for people who are disabled and those with mobility issues?**

We advise contacting the Town Council or Parish Council of the location you wish to see the race from as they will be able to advise on the most accessible locations.

For both the Start and Finish those with special needs will have easy access to the route. Reasonable attempts will be made for those with access needs, and areas allocated to give wheelchair users an unobstructed view of the race as it passes by.

In Penzance a disabled parking and viewing area for the Sunday is located at **St Anthony's Car Park**. There will be disabled access toilets located here. Stewards will be in place to manage entry.

In Bodmin a disabled parking and viewing area is located at **Pool Street Car Park on Dennison Road**. There will be disabled toilets located here and stewards in place to manage entry.

The parking restrictions will apply to blue badge holders on the route.

Facilities and waste management

- **Will there be any toilets provided for spectators along the route?**

Existing facilities and restroom schemes will be open as per normal. There are no plans to further extend these facilities alongside the route, however additional facilities will be available at the start and finish locations.

- **Will the event produce a lot of waste?**

There will be a sustainable waste management policy associated with the event.

No single use plastic items will be distributed by Cornwall Council as part of this event.

Communications messages will encourage participants to take their rubbish home with them or use existing bins.

Road Closures, Parking and Public Transport

- **Who deals with the road closures, public safety etc?**

Cornwall Council is responsible for creation of the traffic management plan in conjunction with SweetSpot, (the event organisers) this has been compiled with multi agency support and includes public transport facilities.

At the Start and finish locations due to the required infrastructure areas will be closed for a longer duration and monitored by specialist stewards. Penzance promenade and St Anthony's garden area will be closed from 16:00 Friday 3rd September to allow the set up of local events prior to the tour of Britain arriving with no access for vehicles until after the Tour and other local events have been cleared away on Sunday late afternoon.

Bodmin areas close to the Bodmin and Wenford railway will be closed from 04:00 Sunday 5th September to allow the construction of the race finish area. With the area being reopened once the race has been completed and the infrastructure removed by early evening.

Along the route additional closures which have been identified in addition to the rolling closure as detailed here will be set up and manned by Highway staff, with assistance from the police where required. Diversions will be in place to assist the flow of traffic, but delays are likely during the time of the race passing.

Localised traffic congestion is expected for short periods of time within the local vicinity of the race. The majority of traffic could be held for up to 40 minutes at any point as the race and support convoy travels through the area. Rolling closures of junctions along the route will be undertaken by Police Central Escort Group and the National Escort Group.

There will be a central control centre set up for this event to coordinate all activities related to the Tour of Britain and will include all of the emergency services and managed by Devon and Cornwall Police, All emergency services have been involved in planning this event and putting in place measures to reduce the impact on any response to an emergency. Similar to the recent G7 event.

- **How can I come to see the race using public transport?**

For information on bus and train available on the day please visit our Travel page:

www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/spectator-info/travel/. Alternatively, to organise your travel across Cornwall we recommend visiting: www.travelinesw.com/. It will provide you with the options available to you on the day you wish to travel whether it's by bus or train. To help you plan ahead you can view the estimated timings of the race here:

www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/route

In Bodmin, on Sunday 5th September, Bodmin and Wenford Railway is providing a free shuttle service (kindly sponsored by Buttermilk) between Bodmin General and Bodmin Parkway to allow passengers to use the mainline train service to Bodmin Parkway and then travel to Bodmin by train. Tickets for this cannot be booked in advanced. The first train will depart at 10.05am from Bodmin General. More details and timetable available here:

<https://bodminrailway.co.uk/all/cornish-railway-is-on-the-finishing-line-for-the-first-day-of-the-tour-of-britain/>.

- **Where can I park my car?**

For information on Park and Ride on the day please visit our Travel page:

www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/spectator-info/travel/

For information on road closure and parking restrictions (including maps) visit:

<https://cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/rolling-closure-and-temporary-parking-restrictions/>

For the finish in Bodmin there will be a special event Park and Ride service by bus on the Sunday only next to the Rugby Club (just off the A30). The Car park is near the A38 roundabout beside Glynn Valley Crematorium, follow signs to Lanhydrock. Free car parking, 10 minute frequency service from 10.00 am with the last bus back from Omaha Road at 1758. Fares: £2 single, £4 family.

Due to the parking restrictions and road closures in **Penzance** town centre during the weekend of the race, we strongly advise using the bus service, cycling or walking to get to the town centre.

Should this not be possible, there are car parks in Long Rock and Marazion (approximately 2 miles away from Penzance) and you can catch a bus service to Penzance town centre.

First Kernow Bus operate the service between Marazion and Penzance on the Lands End Coaster service and the U4 service. You can download the First Kernow bus timetables [here](#).

There are the usual summer season Park and Ride facilities for Newquay and Falmouth along with the permanent Truro Park and Ride service.

Falmouth offers a seasonal Park and Ride at Ponsharden (Postcode for Satnav TR10 8AD) with buses going direct to the National Maritime Museum. Please note the service will be suspended for a period whilst the race passes through Falmouth.

There are two park and ride sites in **Truro**: Langarth (Postcode for Satnav TR4 9AN) just off the A30 on the A391 which is west of the city and the New Tregurra site (Postcode for satnav Ride TR1 1RH) which can be accessed off the A39 or from the St Austell direction off the A391. Truro will be open at both sites on Sunday from 1000 – 1700. Please note the service will be suspended for a period whilst the race passes through Truro.

Newquay Park and Ride operates the [Go Cornwall](#) Bus 99 Transport for Cornwall. Site entrance opposite Hendra Holiday Park (TR8 4NY). The service will be open on the Sunday, please note it will be suspended for a period whilst the race passes through Newquay.

For Park and Ride information and plan you bus journey visit: www.gocornwallbus.co.uk

In areas where public parking is allowed, car parking spaces will be available on a first come, first served basis. We therefore advise arriving at your chosen location early or using public transport where available.

However, where current traffic and parking arrangements could become a risk to the safety of spectators and riders, on-street parking restrictions will be put in place. You may be asked to move your car if you use on-street parking near where the race passes. This is part of a sequence of [no stopping areas or 'clearways'](#). Here are the [current maps and a working document](#).

Alternative parking is being considered in some areas and information on this will be provided ahead of the event.

We would like to encourage spectators, particularly at the start and finish locations to use the various Park and Ride / Cycle / Train options available.

- **What will be the disruption to areas through which the race passes?**

There will be traffic and parking restrictions to allow the race to pass through safely. For the majority of the route, a rolling road closure will be in place, meaning the roads will only be closed temporarily, usually between 15 – 40 minutes ahead of the race passing through.

Localised traffic congestion is expected for short periods of time within the local vicinity of the race. The majority of traffic could be held for up to 40 minutes at any point as the race and support convoy travels through the area. Rolling closures of junctions along the route will be undertaken by Police Central Escort Group and the National Escort Group.

Additional on street parking restrictions will be introduced along the route for the duration of the race and will be enforced, including the towing away of vehicles. You will be requested to move your car if you live near where the race passes, alternative parking is being considered and localised information will be provided ahead of the event.

Details of road closure and parking restrictions, including maps of affected areas are available here: www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/rolling-closure-and-temporary-parking-restrictions/

- **How does the rolling road closure system work?**

On each stage of the Tour of Britain, road closures are put in place for a short amount of time ahead of when the race passes through – minimising any dangers to professional athletes and communities along the route.

If you live, work or commute along the Cornwall Stage route, there will be road closures altering your travel for a small window of time while the race passes. This is known as a rolling road closure.

The organisers operate a 'rolling road closure' system rather than a full road closure to

minimise disruption to the local community as much as possible. Therefore, the roads will only be closed for a short window (approximately 30 minutes), while the race passes through.

The rolling road closure entails closing roads along the Tour of Britain route, and junctions with access roads to the route, ahead of when the race is expected to pass and while the race moves through. The length of closure of the rolling road block depends upon how spread the riders are. Typically, the lead motorcycle instigating the closure is 15 minutes ahead of the lead rider. The closure then remains in place until all riders and race cars have passed through.

There will be support from the National Escort Group (NEG) motorbikes that will work to safely hold traffic and restart traffic before and after the race moves through areas of a town, city or village.

The rolling road closure works like a moving bubble: the race is at the centre and the police escort, safety and support cars, ahead and behind the bubble help keep it moving forward, whilst minimising the amount of disruption to the public and traffic.

You can view an explainer video of the road closure system on the Cornwall Tour of Britain website here: www.cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/spectator-info/viewing/

- **Will car parks be affected by the rolling closures?**

Yes the following car parks will be affected by the closure and you might experience a slight delay in exiting the car park if it is when the race passes by:

Wherrytown and St Anthony's Penzance

St Johns Terrace Pendeen Railway Station St Ives

Lelant Saltings

Gyllynvase, Falmouth

Pendennis Point Falmouth – to be closed for other event and police activities

Commercial Road Penryn

Old Bridge Street Truro

Tregunnel and Mount Wise Newquay

Polkyth St Austell

Berrycoombe Road, Dennison Road and Fore Street Bodmin

Covid-19

- **What is being put in place to ensure the event is safe to attend?**

Tour of Britain Organisers and Cornwall Council are working hand in hand to enable a safe passage of the Tour of Britain in Cornwall.

The evolving situation is very closely monitored and organisers continue to follow Government's guidelines, working alongside UCI, cycling's governing body and Public Health.

The priority is to keep fans, riders and staff as safe as possible to enable everybody to enjoy the Tour of Britain safely.

Every effort is made to ensure that the action, atmosphere and excitement of the Tour of Britain remain just the same.

For more details and updates on COVID-19 protocols view [here](#).

The current guidance is:

- **Test yourself prior to attend the event**
- **Wash hands regularly**
- **Disinfect frequently**
- **Face covering is advisable**
- **Avoid crowded areas wherever possible**
- **Respect others**



Cancellation

- **What would cause the event to be cancelled?**

In light of the current Covid-19 restrictions, and for the first time in the history of the Tour of Britain, the decision was taken to postpone the race until 2021.

<https://cornwalltourofbritain.co.uk/news/tour-of-britain-postponed-until-2021/>

The priority is to protect the health of everyone involved, included the supporters. The event organisers and Cornwall Council will continue to follow the Government's guidelines to reflect the latest advice across England.

Lightning, flooding, or other adverse weather conditions in the vicinity of the race might cause the event to be cancelled or rerouted. Organisers have special weather forecasting arrangements for each event stage and location.