

# HOLME PIERREPONT ECA CUP

Senior Worlds Selection, British Open Sprint Champs, National Ranking Race.



14th-15th June 2025

Saturday: 1st Runs at 16:00, 2nd Runds at 17:00.

Sunday: 1st Runs at 11:00, 2nd Runs at 12:00.

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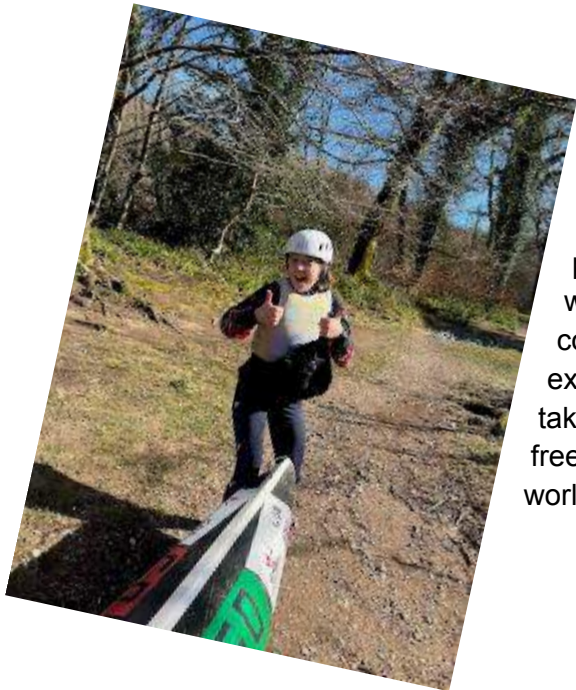
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## 1 WELCOME

We welcome domestic and international paddlers back to the Holme Pierrepont Wild Water Centre in Nottingham GBR for the ECA WWC Sprint Cup 7 and the British Open Sprint Championship National Race.

The event also sees the return of international wild water Kayak Racing in Great Britain, hosting another ECA European Cup event following the rebirth of international racing in the UK in 2024.



Wildwater racing is a time trial is the purest of whitewater racing forms - the athlete, the river, the clock. Racing performance is the result of physical conditioning, skill and harmony with the water. Beautiful water, scenery and companionship make the Wild Water Racing experience compelling. The competitor is free to take whichever route on the river they desire, a freedom of racing unsurpassed in the whitewater world.

The sprint race has two short runs where the best time counts. Kayaks will race on Saturday and Canoes on Sunday, we would like to encourage as many as possible to race in a Canoe on Sunday.

## 2 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2.1 Outline Schedule

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June (Kayaks)



Race Start: 1st Kayak Runs 16.00, 2nd Kayak Runs 17.00

Check-in Time: From 13.00

Briefing Time: 14:00

Exclusive practice time for all boats is from 14:30.

Anyone wanting to practice before this time will need to book onto the course and pay for access separately.

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June (Canoes)



Race Start: 1st Canoe Runs 11.00, 2nd Canoe Runs 12.00

Check-in Time: From 09:00

Briefing Time: 09:30

Exclusive practice time for all boats is from 10:00,

Anyone wanting to practice before this time will need to book onto the course and pay for access separately.

## 2.2 Venue name/address

National Water Sports Centre  
Holme Pierrepont Country Park  
Adbolton Lane  
Holme  
Pierrepont  
Nottingham  
NG12 2LU  
<https://www.nwscnotts.com/>

## 2.3 Key Contacts

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## 2.4 Location

Situated just 10 minutes from Nottingham City Centre, Holme Pierrepont Country Park is home to the National Water Sports Centre and British Canoeing housing the headquarters of the organisation and, the Olympic Sprint and Paralympic Paracanoe performance programmes. Holme Pierrepont is also home to the British Freestyle Championships, National Sprint Regattas and the British Canoe Polo Championships.

## 2.5 Location of airports, rail network and roads to the venue/city

	Distance	Time	Destinations
East Midlands Airport	27 km	25 mins	Regular flights to and from Europe
Birmingham Airport	80 km	60 mins	Europe, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent, North America and the Caribbean
Manchester Airport	130 km	150 mins	Europe, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and North America
London Luton Airport	160 km	110 mins	Primarily Europe but also some Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and North America destinations
London Heathrow	200 km	150 mins	Global

Nottingham is considered to be the best city outside London for public transport links and is one of the greenest cities in the UK. Based in the heart of the country, Nottingham occupies a fantastic central location with excellent transport links via road, rail and air.

### By Air

### By Rail

Nottingham Train Station – 10 minute drive to the venue.

Direct train service from London St Pancras (easy access from London Airports) which is also home to the Eurostar.

### By Road

At the heart of the UK road network Nottingham is 20 minutes off the M1 motorway. As you approach Nottingham, follow the brown tourist signs for the National Water Sports Centre which will direct you to the site.

### By Bus

Nottingham bus routes 11 and 11C have a stop a 10 minute walk from the White Water Course.

Travel by bus to Nottingham from East Midlands Airport, Birmingham, Manchester and London as well as many other cities is also available.

## 2.6 Weather in April

Temperature average ranges 5°C to 14°C)

Average 188 hours sunshine

Average rainfall 60mm/month with 15 rainy days

Average 155 hours of sunshine

## 2.7 Local Attractions

[Holme Pierrepont Country Park](#) itself has a whole host of activities on site including a lagoon wipe- out, climbing wall, sky trail, mini golf, Segway's, tubing and the large rural site to explore.

Nottingham is a city in central England's Midlands region. It's known for its role in the Robin Hood legend and for the hilltop Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery, rebuilt many times since the medieval era. In the Lace Market area, once the centre of the world's lace industry, the Galleries of Justice Museum has crime-related exhibits. Wollaton Hall is an ornate Elizabethan mansion with gardens and a deer park.

There are also a wide array of social activities within the City Centre (distances from HPP):

- Nottingham Castle 6km (3.7 miles)
- Museum of Nottingham Life at Brewhouse Yard 6.4km (4 miles)
- Nottingham Caves 5.3km (3.3 miles)
- Lace Market 5.1km (3.2 miles)
- Galleries of Justice 3.8km (3.8 miles)
- National Ice Centre 5km (3 miles)

On the outskirts of the city are the following:

- Wollaton Park 13.5 (8.4 miles)
- University of Nottingham Lakeside Arts Centre 15km (9.3 miles)
- For local Mountain Bike Trails visit [Trail Forks website](#) or [Komoot website](#)
- For indoor and outdoor climbing suggestions in and around Nottingham visit [Decathlon Suggested Locations](#)

Further afield

- Sherwood Forest (the home of Robin Hood) 42km (26 miles)
- Rufford Abbey 39km (24 miles)
- Alton Towers Theme park 75km (47 miles)
- The [Peak District](#) is famous for walking/hiking 64km (40 miles)

For more information on what to do in the area visit the [Visit Nottinghamshire event webpage](#).

### 3 VENUE

#### 3.1 Description of competition venue and sport infrastructure

Set in 270 acres (1.1 km<sup>2</sup>) of parkland, [Holme Pierrepont Country Park](#) not only offers a host of water activities, but also a range of land based activities. The centre is made up of three distinct pieces of water:

- A 2,000 metre regatta lake
- A 700 m purpose-built white water canoe slalom course
- A canoe polo and open water swimming lagoon

Holme Pierrepont Country Park is owned by Nottinghamshire County Council and managed by Serco Leisure who work with local partners to offer an extensive sports development programme. The site offers many activities including foot golf, sky trail, climbing wall, lagoon wipe-out, archery combat and mini golf.

#### 3.2 Venue map





### 3.3 Technical aspects of the course

Built in 1986, the course is made primarily from concrete. It is approximately 1500 metres long, dropping just over 4 meters in height to produce Grade 3 white water rapids. River flow is dependent on rainfall but due to the large catchment of the Trent, flows between 16 and 25 cubic meters per second are normal. Control of flow to ensure a consistent feature is achieved using a mechanical inlet gate.

The course had a refit in 2009 with design by athletes and rafters to ensure the course can stage major sporting competitions whilst providing the maximum thrills for day to day white water rafters and paddlers. Along with essential maintenance, some of the original concrete obstacles were removed and Omniflots (large plastic movable blocks) were added.



## 4 EVENT & COMPETITION DETAILS

All bookings for this event can be found on the Wild Water booking system

[Holme Pierrepont – ECA Cup & British Open Sprint Championship National Race – Wildwater Racing](#)

### 4.1 Wild Water Kayak



Course Details:

Sprint Course Distance: 300m, Grade 3 Artificial Wild Water Course

Not Suitable for Novice Paddlers

Start: Sprint below entry sluice

Finish: Sprint, below Muncher

Entry Fees: Senior £25.00 & U18 £25.00

Online Entries Close: 12/06/2025 23:30

**No Late Entries**

## 4.2 Water Safety

Athletes must follow the venue protocols when training. Water safety is the responsibility of individuals with the use of a buddy system by water users supporting each other.

During competition two qualified Water Stadia Rescue personnel will be water side throughout the competition.

## 5 WATER QUALITY

The water facilities at the National Water Sports Centre are supplied from a variety of sources including surface streams and the River Trent. The vast majority of people using the watersports facilities have no ill effects at all however to reduce the risk of illness it is suggested that paddlers avoid swallowing the water, cover minor scratches with a plaster, wash or shower as soon as possible and before eating/drinking, rinsing kit and washing hands after handling kit.

If you fall ill with symptoms after watersports, particularly from 3-19 days following, then see a doctor immediately.

The Centre test the water quality daily and update their website with the current status: <https://www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp/policies-documents/water-quality/>

With the event held in the spring we anticipate good water quality but would always recommend water users to have strong hygiene protocols.

## 6 ACCOMMODATION

### 6.1 Accommodation & Camping at the National Water Sports Centre

The National Water Sports Centre has a variety of accommodation offerings on the site including hotel-style rooms in the Lakeside Building, a self-contained cottage ideal for groups or camping pitches, arches and bell tents on the campsite.

#### Lakeside Accommodation

For more information on the Lakeside accommodation visit:

<https://www.nwscnotts.com/nwsc/accommodation/>

#### Camping

For more information on the campsite visit: <https://www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp/short-breaks/>

The campsite are kindly offering competing athletes and team staff a 10% discount on campsite bookings for the event. To book please use the above link and discount code BCECACUP for 10% off your booking.

See the Training section in this bulletin for camping and white water access discounted package information if you wish to train at the venue in the months leading into the Championships.

### 6.2 Hotel Accommodation around the area

There are a number of hotels in and around the city. Prices range from £50 per room per night crash pad at a 4\* hotel, £70 per room per night for 3\* accommodation, through to more expensive rooms at 4\* hotels.

You are advised to avoid the city center hotels where parking may be an issue as they use public multistory car parks and access with canoes may be difficult.

### 6.3 Parking

Onsite parking is available at the White Water Centre. During the event a proportional number of parking passes per nation will be included within the accreditation fee.

## 7 MEDICAL SERVICES

On-site medical support will be on site throughout training and competition periods.

Queen's Medical Centre Nottingham is 7.7 km (4.8 miles) providing 24 hour a day accident and emergency services.

NHS Urgent Care Centre, Seaton House, City Link, Nottingham NG2 4LA is located 4.3km (2.7 miles) from HPP, and open daily 7am-9pm providing minor injury emergency care.