

River Relay 2022 - Instructions to Car Drivers

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The directions given are for cars following the route from start to finish. Changeover times are approximate and based on a "fastest and slowest" team spread. Vehicles travelling direct to any stage changeover should find a route using the post code. Please note postcodes are approximate based on local landmarks. Drivers are advised to carry a map as sometimes satnavs come up with very weird and wonderful route directions! Also please have a look at the route online in advance so you are familiar with where you should be going. Please park sensibly, particularly on the first two stages of the route.

Please note: This year we are expecting another large entry and it is very important that we do not create problems for residents and others along the route. Car parking at Boveney (Start) is likely to become crowded. If you cannot get into the main car park head back towards the main road and you should be able to pull off the road onto the side of the common. Car parking at Ham Lane (C1) is also limited. If you cannot find a space on the right approaching Ham Lane bridge, best to turn and head back and park further away where possible. There is no parking over the bridge and although you can turn its best if you do not cross onto the island. Where possible use as few cars as you can and share between your runners if you have multiple teams. Drivers are asked to stay for only as long as necessary. Many thanks for your cooperation.

The Start. Boveney. Head for Post Code: SL4 6QQ. *(please note this post code gives the approximate area but you need to check on a map for the actual location as I believe you may otherwise end up in a local housing estate!)*

If you are coming on the M4, leave at J7. Turn left onto Bath road at first roundabout, and left again at next roundabout onto Lake End Road (B3026). Follow under the motorway and over the river, then through Dorney Village and past The Palmer Arms pub. On reaching Dorney Common, turn immediately right onto Boveney Road which runs alongside the common, before making a 90 degree left turn. Look out for the entrance to the car park on the right. There are no toilet facilities at the car park but possibly at nearby Dorney Lake complex.

Please note that runners should be at the Car Park by 8:30am latest! They need to register and then jog a short distance to the race start.

Leg 1/Leg 2 changeover (C1)

Head for Post Code: SL4 2JY

ONLY ESSENTIAL BACK-UP VEHICLES. PLEASE (limited parking)

(If coming from the start the route is tricky and longer than you think by road, so allow at least half an hour to get to the changeover. Suggest you check the map, print google maps instructions or use a sat nav for this section)

Leave Boveney Car Park and head back across the common, turning left at the main road (Common Road, B3026). Continue following signs to join the M4 heading East towards London. Exit at Junction 6 and follow A355, then A322 signed Slough (Central and Windsor). Join A308 until a left turn into Church Road, then

left into Ham Lane. The road bears 90 degrees Right then heads straight down to the River and the changeover point. (There are other non motorway options which may be just as quick but you need to check these out with a map).

There is parking all along the road on the right (room for 25-30 cars). But given that vehicles will need to turn to get back out please only park if you are dropping off or collecting runners and leave as soon as possible. You might consider turning around before parking. There is a bridge crossing over the river, but it is single track with poor sight lines. You can drive across and turn around, but we may end up with some traffic chaos so best avoided. If in doubt look for parking further back from the changeover on Ham Lane (10-15 spaces on the right as your head away from the changeover or on Church Road. Its approximately a Quarter mile walk/jog to the start

The Changeover is on the river path right by the bridge.

Changeover times are estimated at **09:30 – 10:00**

Leg 2/Leg 3 changeover (C2)

Staines Bridge, TW18 4TA

Return to A308 and head for Runnymede. Cross straight over a major roundabout. Turn left and cross over Staines Bridge. Follow the road round to the right and park on the riverside car park, about 300 metres on the right. (Pay and Display). The changeover point is on the riverside at the pagoda adjacent to the car park.

Changeover times are estimated at **09:50 – 10:40**

Leg 3/leg 4 changeover (C3)

Manor Park Car Park, Church Road TW17

Head for Laleham on the B376. Then head for Shepperton. The Changeover point is at the Manor Park car park on Church Road about 200m from the roundabout junction with Russell Road (B375). Free parking for up to one hour, **tickets should be obtained from the machines.**

Changeover times are estimated at **10:30 – 11:40**

Leg 4/leg 5 changeover (C4)

Hurst Park, KT8 ISU

Leave Manor Park car park, turn right and up to the roundabout on Russell Road. Continue until Roundabout on the A244 and turn right for Walton Bridge. Cross the bridge and take A3050 to Hampton Court. After approximately 3 miles there is a Tesco store. Pass this and take a left turn after ¼ mile into Saddlers Ride and follow to the car park and changeover point at Hurst Park.

(Traffic can be busy just after Walton Bridge going through Walton so make sure you leave plenty of time).

Changeover times are estimated at **10:55 – 12:30**

End leg 5/Finish

The Hawker Centre, Lower Ham Road, Ham, KT2 5BH

Leave the car park and return to main road, A3050. Turn left and continue to Hampton Ct. At T-Junction turn left, cross the bridge and then straight across the roundabout toward Kingston. Follow the road around to the right and then for approx. 1^{1/4}mi. to further roundabout to turn right and cross Kingston Bridge. Follow the one way system under the railway bridge, and follow signs to Richmond (keep in the left lane). At A307 turn left towards Richmond. Normally you can park in the Hawker Centre car park, but at the time of writing car parking is restricted due to the presence of a covid vaccination centre. If you continue past the entrance to the Hawker Centre and turn left onto Dukes Avenue, there are unrestricted parking areas a short walk from the finish. We suggest you consult online mapping to work out options and directions to the finish which is beside the river Thames at the back of the Hawker Centre. There is also paid parking in Lower Ham Road (adjacent), pay at meter.

(Alternative route! In some years there has been heavy traffic along Hurst Road (A3050) to Hampton Court, and also on the Hampton Court Road to Kingston. Without giving detailed instructions, drivers may prefer to head off South towards Esher, then cut through Thames Ditton to join the Portsmouth Road, staying South of the river. Check it out beforehand on a map though as it's not a straight route. Slightly longer but easier to navigate, once you are on the Hampton Court Way continue down to the Scilly Isles and then pick up the Portsmouth Road here.)

Estimated finish times are: **11:25 – 13:20**

Please note: it is the team's responsibility to get their runners to the start of each leg on time. The organisers have only limited options to help you, so we recommend you check out the routes in advance, use sat navs, mapping on mobile phones etc. If you have a problem you can call me on 07736 853128, and I will help if possible, but I will be out and about on the course during the day.

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Race Organiser