

PARKING FOR TRAILERS, COMPETITORS AND SUPPORTERS.

Please note there is no access to Mill Meadows for supporters vehicles and those bringing gazebos. See below for parking arrangements.

TRAILER DRIVERS - DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ATTEMPT TO ACCESS OR LEAVE THE REGATTA VIA ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL STREETS. THEY ARE TOO NARROW AND YOU WILL RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES. RESIDENTS' VEHICLES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN BADLY DAMAGED BY BOAT TRAILERS

CHECK OUT YOUR ROUTE BEFORE YOU LEAVE

TRAILER PARKING ONLY

Trailer parking only is at Longholme adjacent to The Schools Boathouse.

Towing vehicles are advised to avoid Bedford's notorious Saturday traffic by accessing the area via the A421 Bedford by-pass and take the A603 turn into town (near the 'Cardington' text on the map overleaf). Take the Cardington Road into town, past the Barns Hotel, the pyramid-shaped swimming pool and Tesco, filter into the right hand lane after the Tesco roundabout for the A5140 signposted towards Cambridge.

All towing vehicles should take the fourth exit, the A5140 Longholme Way, cross the river, take the first left into The Embankment then immediately left again over the white bridge onto Longholme Island – marshals will be present to direct you in.

No vehicles are allowed to park on the grass between the Embankment and the river.

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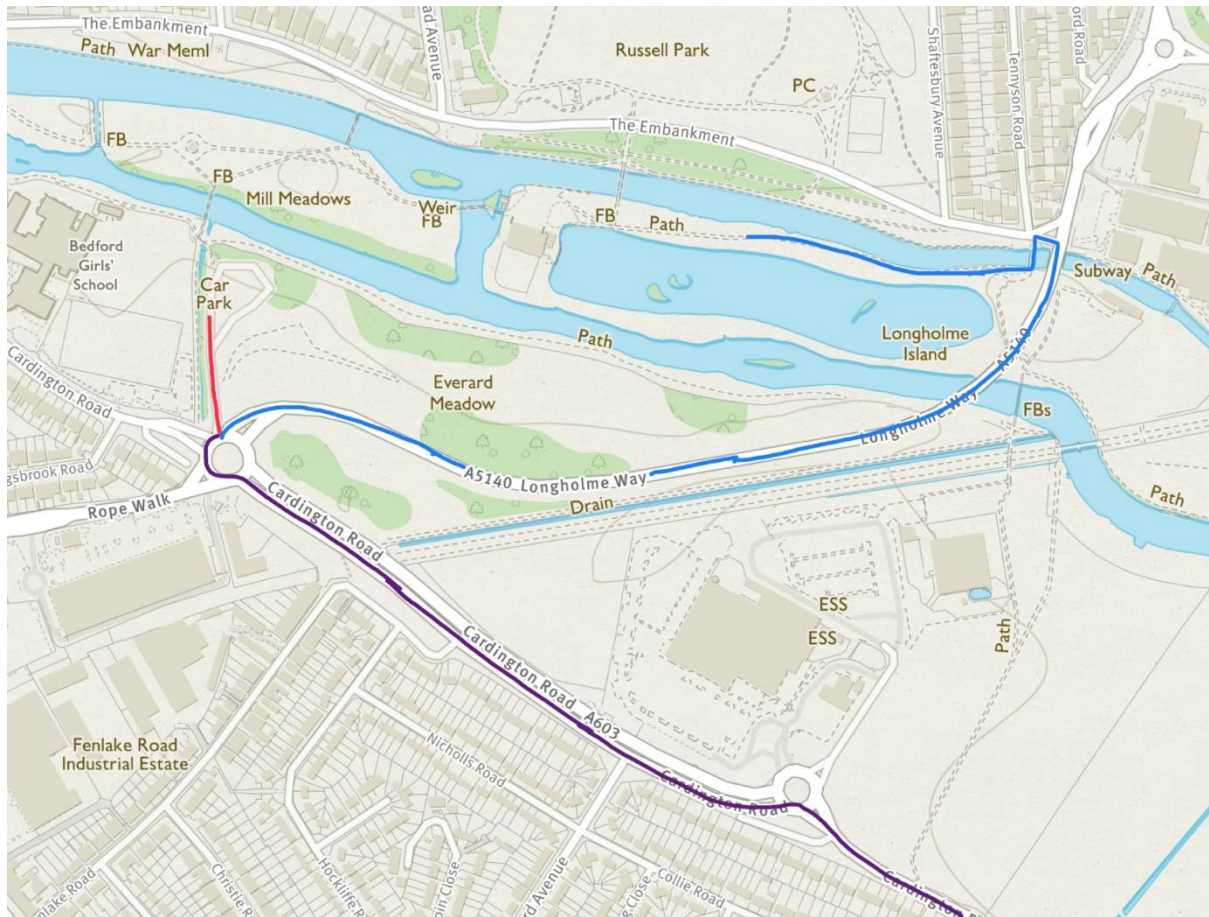
At the roundabout, all cars should take the third exit for the Mill Meadows car park, just before the A5140 exit. Ample parking is available on the fairground site, bear to the right over the flood defence hump as you enter

Mill Meadows Car Park – see hyperlink

<http://www.ukcarparks.info/mill-meadows-car-park-bedford#sthash.6PbN90Im.dpbs>

The car park is just a five minute walk through Mill Meadows to the regatta site and trailer park.

Vehicles over 2 metres high may park along The Embankment between Shaftesbury Avenue and Bushmead Avenue.



SUPPORTERS WITH PRE-BOOKED GAZEBO PITCHES

There is no access to Mill Meadows for vehicles. Please follow parking arrangements as above.

The Regatta site is just a few minutes walk from the car park.

Please ensure that you bring a fire blanket and/or fire extinguisher if you are using BBQs etc

Please bring an adequate number of rubbish sacks. Wheelie bins will be provided.

GAZEBOS

Pitches are available for schools and clubs near the finish line. Bookings and payments can be made by contacting Nicky Durrant, Regatta Secretary by email njdurrant197@gmail.com. Please do not just turn up on the day and expect to set up camp – you will be charged!

The fee is £50 per pitch to cover the cost levied on us by the Council. Unfortunately we cannot offer parking with gazebo pitches. However parking in the nearby Mill Meadows Car Park is just a short walk away – see above. Please vacate pitches by 7.30pm to allow those that have been running the Regatta to go home!