



Westminster Additional Information

This additional information provides details of the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race (DW) relating to activities undertaken and controlled at the Westminster site and environs. The information is a supplement to the following other documents

- DW Race Information Document
- DW 2023 Risk Assessments
- DW 2023 Rule Book
- DW Contingency Plans for changing weather and river conditions

The DW organisation is appreciative of the support of various authorities, organisations and bodies that permit the use of the Westminster site and environs every year.

All crews finish 50 metres downstream of Westminster Bridge and are exited from the water at the steps on the south bank of the river 100 metres downstream of the bridge.

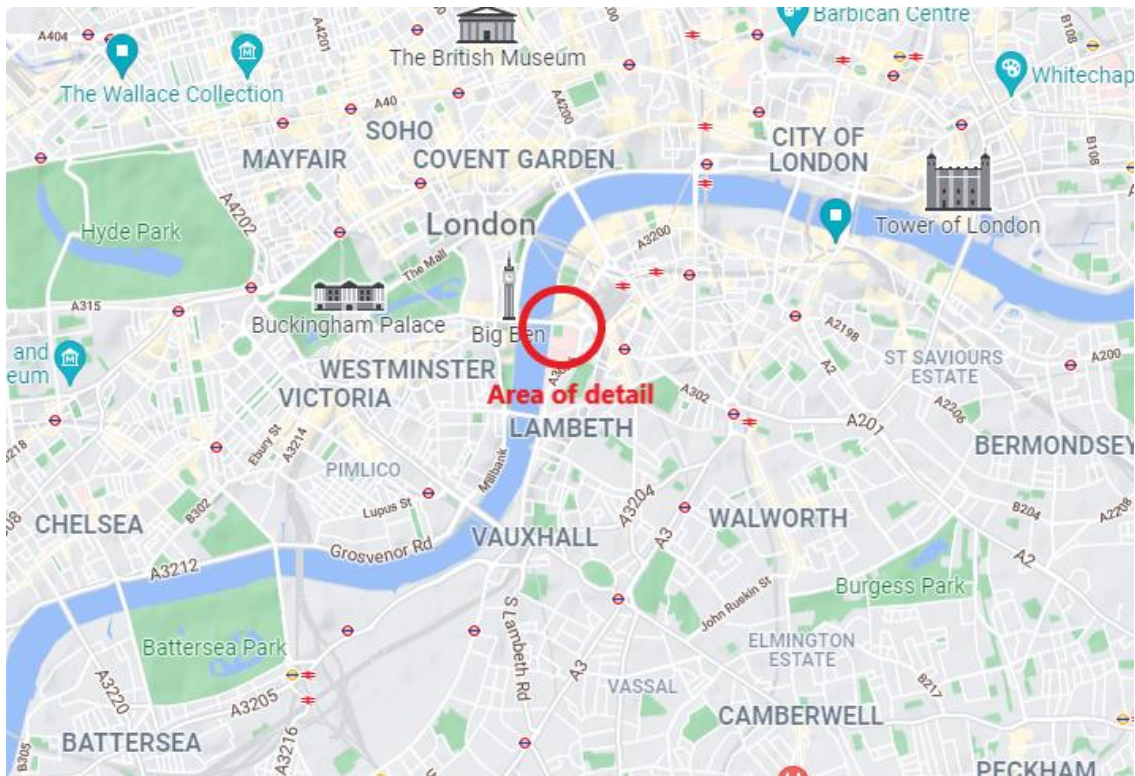
DW sites a Westminster Control Centre in the grounds of St Thomas' Hospital from which all safety aspects of the tideway part of the course are managed. These include VHF radio communications with rescue canoes on the upper tideway and a safety RIB patrolling the lower stretches of the tideway.

Specific details covering the TYM site are below, and an annotated site map is enclosed.

1. **Timings** – Senior doubles crews are likely to arrive at the Westminster finish between 07:00 and 12:00 on Easter Sunday.
Stage race crews are likely to arrive between 08:00 and 12:30 on Easter Monday.
2. **Car Parking** – participants are instructed to use appropriate public parking facilities in the area.
3. **Finish Line** – Crews will be alerted that they have crossed the finish line by the sound of the finish signal (air horn, bell or whistle).
4. **Boat Exit** – All crews are directed to the right hand side of the river as they pass under Lambeth Bridge and instructed to pass under the right hand arch of Westminster Bridge. After crossing the Finish Line, boats are directed to the steps on the south bank of the river in front of County Hall where trained Safety Officers/crew will assist the paddlers in getting out of their boats.
The Safety Crew will then carry the boats up the steps.
To avoid congestion at the top of the steps and on the pavement, all paddlers (or their support crews) will then take their boats directly to their vehicles.



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Map of Westminster area



Westminster site map