

Spectator Information New Forest Triathlon

Places To View:

Swim

Ellingham Water Ski Lake – there is a footpath around the lake perimeter which gives good views of the swim, the start and finish area adjacent to the club chalet will also give you a good view and the chance to see the athletes on their way up to the transition area.

Please Note: dogs should be kept on a lead whilst on the waterski club property. The lake is formed from an old quarry and is over 10m deep, shelving steeply from the banks –please keep a close eye on children!

Bike

The competitors will get onto their bikes at the end of the driveway from the waterski lake and turn right onto Ellingham Drove, they will also return to this point after approx 1hour – this can be quite an exciting place to view them! Once out on the bike, Moyles Court watersplash is a scenic point early on the course. The climbs are at Red Shoot, Linwood and also at Frogham (also a good spot to see the donkeys!) – see the bike course map on competitor information.

Run

The route also crosses Moyles Court watersplash and then heads out and up a very steep sandy bank from there where your support will no doubt be appreciated. For the more mobile / energetic follow the run course up onto Rockford Common – which is a very scenic part of the New Forest. – see the run route map on competitor information. Remember the run finishes at Moyles Court School on the hockey pitch(2nd school entrance – or follow the gravel driveway around from the main entrance) and not at the waterski lake.

Car Parking

The main car park is at Ellingham Church off the A338, opposite Ellingham Drove. From there it is a 5min walk to the lake and approx 15mins to Moyles Court School.

There will be some parking at Moyles Court School – use the main school entrance. To reach the school, continue past the lake on Ellingham Drove, over the cattlegrid and turn left, then left again and 1st left into the school. There is also some public parking at the watersplash and opposite in the National Trust car park.

When visiting The New Forest please do not park on the grass verges – many are very soft and the roads are very narrow so parked cars combined with the roaming ponies causes congestion. We also ask you not to park on the race route either along Ellingham Drove or outside Moyles Court School. Again parked cars with runners and cyclists trying to pass plus traffic leads to congestion and lots of complaints from the locals!!

Directions

From The South East / London: From M3 continue onto M27 Westbound. M27 eventually becomes A31 – continue Westbound to Ringwood. Exit at Ringwood and turn right at Roundabout following A338 Salisbury & Fordingbridge. On the edge of Ringwood (after approx 1.5m) Turn Right into Ellingham Drove – look for brown signs to “Ellingham Waterski”. **To park at Moyles Court, continue past Ellingham Waterski, cross the cattlegrid and turn left at the school then left again and turn left into the school’s main driveway.**

From The West / Bournemouth: Follow A31(A338) Eastbound and exit at Ringwood and turn left at Roundabout onto A338 Salisbury & Fordingbridge – follow as above.

From Salisbury / North: Take A338 Southbound from Salisbury towards Ringwood. Continue past Fordingbridge and Ibsley, then look for brown signs to “Ellingham Waterski” on your left just after the big lake & Quarry also on your left