

Road Closures - World Orienteering Championships 2015 – Highlands and Moray

In two weeks time the eyes of international orienteering will be firmly set on Scotland. From 31 July to 8 August [The 2015 IOF World Orienteering Championships](#) (WOC2015) and the 20th edition of [The Scottish 6-Days](#), two of the world's most renowned orienteering events, will be staged alongside each other in the Highlands and Moray. Together they comprise the largest orienteering event ever held in the UK, and one of the largest sports events to be held in Scotland in 2015.

The WOC15 courses are bound to test the sport's most experienced elite athletes. The Middle distance and relay races will be held in the intricate terrain and forest at Darnaway with the 'blue riband' long distance race held in the more mountainous terrain at Glen Affric. Nairn and Forres, offering the mixed urban landscape of roads and small alleyways mixed with parkland, ornamental gardens and community woodlands, are the perfect locations for the extremely spectator friendly urban sprint and sprint relay races.

450 of the world's best orienteer athletes from 50 nations and more than 5,000 club competitors and enthusiasts from all over the world will compete on some of the finest, yet physically and technically demanding orienteering terrain in the UK. At the end of a week of close fought and tactical racing worthy world champions in individual and team sprint, long and middle distance and relay disciplines will have been crowned.

Road closures / Speed restrictions:

With such a big event being staged in the area and races taking place in urban environments there are the inevitable road closures. For WOC 2015 the organisers are very keen to make sure the local community are made aware of these road closures so they can plan ahead and avoid any problems arising.

Please see below for information on road closures for the World Orienteering Championships.

Forres - Friday 31 July – Speed Restrictions

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file99818.pdf>

Nairn - Saturday 1 August

Roads in and around Fishertown in Nairn will be closed from 1700 through to 2130 on Saturday evening to ensure safety of runners.

The car park by The Links (Cumming Street) will be closed from early Saturday morning.

Please note - Postcards have been distributed to properties affected by the closures with a further drop planned shortly.

Forres - Sunday 2 August

Roads in and around Forres town centre including the High Street will be closed from 1600 to 2000 to ensure safety of runners.

Car parks in the town centre will also be closed from Sunday morning and other parking restrictions will apply.

Please note - Postcards will be distributed to properties affected.

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file100013.pdf> (Sunday)

Achagour - Sunday 2 August

The minor road south of the entrance to Achagour Fisheries to the Ardclach junction will be closed from 0830 to 1830.

Darnaway - Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 August

The minor road running through Darnaway Forest (north of Logiebuchany) will be closed from 9.30 am till 6.15 pm on the Wednesday and till 5.30 pm on the Thursday

Useful Websites:

World Orienteering Championships - <http://www.woc2015.org>

International Orienteering Federation (IOF) - <http://orienteering.org/>

British Orienteering - <http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/>

Scottish Orienteering - <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/>

EventScotland - <http://www.eventscotland.org/>

The Highland Council - <http://www.highland.gov.uk/>

The Moray Council - <http://www.moray.gov.uk/>