

The sporting action is taking place across the whole UK. The 11 sporting venues outside London include improved facilities for Sailing at Weymouth and Portland on the south coast of England and the new Lee Valley White Water Centre for Canoe Slalom.

Six of the UK's world-famous stadia will host the Olympic Football Tournament, including Hampden Park in Glasgow, Scotland; Old Trafford, home of Manchester United FC; and the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales.

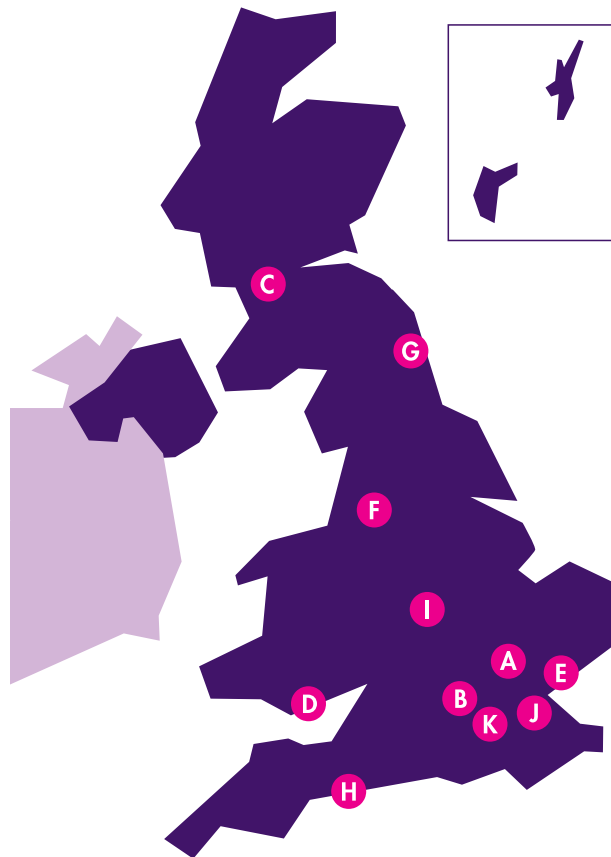
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The Mountain Bike competition will be held at **Hadleigh Farm**, Essex, while the brand new **Lee Valley White Water Centre** in Hertfordshire will be the venue for Canoe Slalom. **Eton Dorney**, near Windsor in Berkshire, is an existing international-standard rowing venue that has been enhanced to stage Rowing and Canoe Sprint at the Games. Sailing will be held at **Weymouth and Portland** in Dorset. Road cycling events will take place at **Box Hill**, Surrey, and **Brands Hatch**, Kent.

The Football competition will be staged at existing world-class stadiums in co-Host Cities around the UK: **Hampden Park**, Glasgow; **Millennium Stadium**, Cardiff; **Old Trafford**, Manchester; **St James' Park**, Newcastle; and **City of Coventry Stadium**, Coventry.

- A** Lee Valley White Water Centre, Hertfordshire  
Canoe Slalom
- B** Eton Dorney, Berkshire Rowing, Canoe Sprint
- C** Hampden Park, Glasgow Football
- D** Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Football
- E** Hadleigh Farm, Essex Cycling – Mountain Bike
- F** Old Trafford, Manchester Football
- G** St James' Park, Newcastle Football
- H** Weymouth and Portland, Dorset Sailing
- I** City of Coventry Stadium, Coventry Football
- J** Brands Hatch, Kent Paralympic Road Cycling
- K** Box Hill, Surrey Road Cycling Time Trial



# Box Hill



## Olympic Games Road Cycling Time Trial

### Venue facts

Box Hill, in the North Downs in Surrey, around 30km south-west of London, is famous for its sweeping panoramic views of the south of England and has been popular with visitors since Victorian times.

The area will feature prominently in the Cycling Road Races, with the men completing nine laps of the Box Hill circuit and the women two laps.

The viewing areas within the venue have been selected in cooperation with the National Trust and Natural England to minimise the impact on the rare and beautiful plants and animals that live on the slopes of Box Hill.



# Brands Hatch



## Paralympic Games Road Cycling

### Venue facts

The choice of Brands Hatch pays homage to the history of the venue, which was first developed in the 1920s for grass track cycle racing.

The former Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit will be used for around half the course, including the start and finish, with the remaining race taking place on local roads nearby.

Requirements for Paralympic Road Cycling are very precise as the course has to be suitable and challenging for a wide variety of disability groups: approximately 25 per cent of the course is uphill sections of not more than six per cent gradient.

Brands Hatch has hosted motor racing's British Grand Prix 12 times between 1964 and 1986, the first won by Jim Clark, the last by Nigel Mansell.



## **Olympic Games**

Rowing, Canoe Sprint

## **Paralympic Games**

Rowing

## **After the Games**

Continues as a world-class training and competition facility

## **Capacity**

30,000 (including 10,000 along the bank)

## **Construction**

Improvements to venue facilities, September 2009 – March 2010

## **Venue facts**

Set in a 400-acre park within a nature conservation area, Eton Dorney Rowing Centre at Dorney Lake is acclaimed as one of the finest rowing venues in the world.

It hosted the Rowing World Championships in 2006 and the FISA World Rowing Junior Championships in 2011.

The venue has a 2,200m, eight-lane rowing course, warm-up lanes and competition facilities.

Each competition lane in the lake is 13.5m wide.

An additional cut-through has been created at the 1,400m mark to allow competitors to get from the return lane to the competition course. Previously the only cut-through was at the 600m mark.

Two bridges have also been installed: the first spans the new cut-through, while the other has replaced the existing finish line bridge with a wider one.

# Regional Football stadia



## Olympic Games Football

### After the Games

Return to being some of the UK's most famous sporting venues

## Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Capacity: 74,600



Wales's national stadium for rugby union was the first sports venue in the UK to have a fully retractable roof.

It will host the very first event of the London 2012 Olympic Games, with women's Football matches starting on 25 July, two days before the Opening Ceremony.

## City of Coventry Stadium Capacity: 32,000



Home to League One football club Coventry City since it opened in 2005, the Stadium is part of a multi-purpose complex that hosts sports, business and entertainment events.

It will be one of the venues for the Rugby Union World Cup when it is staged in England in 2015.

## Hampden Park, Glasgow Capacity: 52,000



Scotland's national stadium opened in 1903, with attendances as high as 149,000 for a football international against England in 1937.

It is home to Queen's Park, the oldest club in Scotland, now playing in the Scottish League's Third Division.

For the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, Hampden Park will be transformed into an international standard athletics venue.

## St James' Park, Newcastle Capacity: 52,000



Football has been played at St James' Park since 1880 and the stadium has been the home of Newcastle United, one of English football's most passionately-followed clubs, since 1892.

It will be one of the venues for the Rugby Union World Cup when it is staged in England in 2015.

## Old Trafford, Manchester Capacity: 76,000



The 'Theatre of Dreams' has been the home of Manchester United since the ground opened in 1910.

It was recently expanded to 76,000 seats, making it the second largest football stadium in the UK and the third largest London 2012 venue, after Wembley Stadium and the new Olympic Stadium.

It will be one of the venues for the Rugby Union World Cup when it is staged in England in 2015.

# Hadleigh Farm



## **Olympic Games**

Cycling – Mountain Bike

## **After the Games**

Essex County Council and the Salvation Army are committed to delivering a lasting legacy at Hadleigh Farm following the London 2012 Games

## **Capacity**

20,000

## **Construction**

July 2010 – March 2011

## **Venue facts**

The 550-acre site is located in Hadleigh Country Park and on land owned by the Salvation Army.

It was created with 500 tonnes of rock and 3,500 tonnes of crushed stone.

The course has been specially designed to provide a physical and technical challenge for the world's leading riders, with plenty of demanding climbs and descents.

Gradients on the course measure 70m from top to bottom.



# Lee Valley White Water Centre



## **Olympic Games**

Canoe Slalom

## **After the Games**

Centre returns to being a world-class canoeing and kayaking facility for use by the community and elite athletes, as well as a major leisure attraction for white water rafting – owned and managed by Lee Valley Regional Park Authority; reopening September 2012

## **Capacity**

12,000

## **Construction**

July 2009 – December 2010

## **Venue facts**

The centre is located 30km north of the Olympic Park, on the edge of the 1,000-acre River Lee Country Park – part of the Lee Valley Regional Park.

The centre has two new courses: a 300m Olympic-standard competition course with a 5.5m descent, and a 160m intermediate/training course with a 1.6m descent.

More than 33,000 people have rafted and 7,000 canoed or kayaked at the centre since it opened to the public in April 2011.

The 300m competition course drops 5.5m from start to finish.

Enough water flows into the Olympic course to fill a 50m-sized swimming pool in just over three minutes.

The 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships will be held at the Lee Valley White Water Centre.

# Weymouth and Portland



**Olympic Games**  
Sailing

**Paralympic Games**  
Paralympic Sailing

**After the Games**  
Returns to being a state-of-the-art sailing facility for elite training, competition and community use, alongside a commercial marina

**Capacity**  
4,800

**Construction**  
Improvements to venue facilities at Academy, March 2008 – November 2008; commercial marina, March 2007 – April 2009



## Venue facts

Located in Dorset on the south coast of England, Weymouth and Portland provides some of the best natural sailing waters in the UK.

The enhancements to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) included a new slipway, 70 moorings, boat parking and crane piers

Alongside the Academy, a new commercial marina provides moorings for 300 boats and commercial facilities.

Around 50,000 tonnes of local Portland stone was used to construct the slipway at the venue.

The sailing community was benefiting from the improved facilities at WPNSA long before the Games: the Windsurfing and Sailing World Championships were held there in August 2009.

