

# Car Skills Day Plus: Thruxton

## Joining Instructions



The information in this document is essential for the IAM RoadSmart Skills Day event. Please ensure that you read all instructions BEFORE the day. If anything is unclear, or if you have any questions, please email [support@iam.org.uk](mailto:support@iam.org.uk) or call 0300 303 1134.

### Getting to Thruxton

Address: Thruxton Circuit, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8PW  
(Sat Nav users: please use postcode SP11 8PN)  
Telephone: 01264 774921

From the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit ONLY; ignore signs for Thruxton village. What3Words *///shirt.probe.doghouse* will take you to the Thruxton Centre.

Please allow plenty of time for your journey, with a refuelling stop if necessary.

### Arrival information

Main gates open from 07:30. On arrival, proceed through the main entrance, up the hill and left through the tunnel. When you exit the tunnel turn left and park in the vehicle assembly area. Please arrive promptly for registration.

### Timetable of the day

On arrival you will be divided in to two groups. The sessions for each group are described below.

| Morning session group A   |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 08:00                     | Registration                        |
| 08:45                     | Safety briefing<br>Roadcraft Theory |
| 09:30 – 12:30             | Circuit session                     |
| Afternoon Session group A |                                     |
| 13:30 – 16:45             | Skid Pan                            |

| Morning session group B   |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 08:00                     | Registration                        |
| 08:45                     | Safety briefing<br>Roadcraft Theory |
| 09:30 – 12:30             | Skid Pan                            |
| Afternoon Session group B |                                     |
| 13:30 – 16:45             | Circuit session                     |

The Safety Briefing is compulsory and you will not be allowed on circuit if you have not attended this.

### **Fuel**

There are petrol stations East on the A303 at Andover or West at Solstice Park Services and Countess Roundabout. There is also a garage in Weyhill. Fuel may be available at the circuit during the lunch break although it is more expensive than local petrol stations.

You are advised to arrive with adequate fuel for about 100 miles of driving, please note that you are unlikely to achieve your usual economy.

### **Spectators**

Although they will not be able to participate in the driving or be a passenger in the vehicle on circuit, guests are welcome at the event. Perhaps they'll want to book for the next Skills Day?

### **Pets**

Please note that as our Skills Days are run at motor racing circuits it is a condition of entry that no dogs other than registered assistance dogs are allowed inside the circuit boundary. No pets are allowed.

### **Catering**

There are facilities on-site to purchase food and drink, with breakfast available from 8:00. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

We encourage you to bring your own refillable drinking bottle to use the drinking water supply at the circuit to top up your bottles.

## **How to prepare yourself and your vehicle**

### **Vehicle checks**

Please do the basic checks on the vehicle on the day, in particular, check:

- All oil and water levels are correct.
- All tyres are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressures with sufficient tread depth.
- You have sufficient fuel for the event (please note that you are likely to use more fuel than usual).
- Your brake fluid has been changed in accordance with the manufacturer's maintenance requirements.
- Registration plates are visible. Please do not remove or attempt to cover up registration plates on the vehicle.

### **Vehicle eligibility**

PLEASE NOTE – Skills Days are a road-based training event using a circuit as a classroom. They are not designed for drivers of supercars getting the maximum performance from their vehicle. It is primarily aimed at drivers of cars from mainstream manufacturers, they may well be the higher performance models, but the sole emphasis is on driver development not outright speed. There is a 90-mph maximum speed limit in place.

Cars must be fully closed cockpit or convertibles with a working roof that includes manufacturers roll over protection. Kit cars without bodywork or windscreens cannot be accommodated. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of your vehicle, please contact IAM RoadSmart for advice.

You and your vehicle must be fully road legal to participate in this event and fitted with seat belts. You should possess a current full driving licence for the class of vehicle and the vehicle should be covered by a current test certificate (MOT) or be maintained to MOT standards.

**Noise**

There is a strict 90dB drive by noise limit. Noise testing is in operation throughout the day by static monitoring points on circuit. Vehicles in excess of the noise limit may be removed from the circuit by track officials, IAM RoadSmart cannot refund your day if you present a vehicle which is too noisy for use in the circuit. All questions on noise testing must be directed to Thruxton Circuit direct and not to IAM RoadSmart.

**In-car cameras**

Any in-car cameras need to be properly fitted and not obscuring the driver's or instructor's vision.

**Speed limits**

There is a 90-mph maximum speed limit in place.

**Insurance**

Most insurance policies do not cover circuit use. Check with your provider for coverage options. A letter from IAM RoadSmart's CEO is available to assist in securing coverage.

IAM RoadSmart members with a Cornmarket insurance policy can discuss policy extensions for Skills Days directly with Cornmarket.

Please note, IAM RoadSmart will always guide you to discuss insurance with your provider and not with our Support Team.

**Driving on the circuit**

If you have never driven on a circuit before, you may feel a little apprehensive at first. This is understandable, but the circuit is a smooth ribbon of tarmac with good grip. The fundamental difference is the complete absence of the public and oncoming traffic.

There are, however, a few basic rules that you must obey. They will be explained to you at the briefing, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions at that time. You should also remember that there will be marshals on the circuit and they have various coloured flags which they may use to control the session. These will be explained to you at the briefing, but rest assured that your instructor will be fully familiar with them and will explain the significance of any flags that are displayed.

Your allocated IAM RoadSmart instructor will give you guidance. Your instructor will ensure that your driving, and the circuit environment, remains safe for your benefit and that of others. You are required to follow their guidance, and should you not do so, or should you take any risks, the instructor has the right to refuse you any further time on circuit.

This is a day and a driving experience that IAM RoadSmart want you to enjoy to the full and remember for a long time. If you do have any problems on the day, or think there is something we could do better, please tell us. The days develop and improve through your feedback.

**Publicity**

IAM RoadSmart may use photographs and videos taken at Skills Days in publicity and marketing materials. Your attendance at an event may mean that you are featured in such photographs and videos and you are deemed not to object to the taking of such photographs and videos as detailed above. If you do not wish to be included in any photograph and/or video, please notify the event organiser at the relevant event prior to the photographs and/or videos being taken.

**Terms and conditions**

Refer to our website for T&Cs.

## **Don't forget**

### **Preparing for the day**

#### **Before you arrive, please remember to:**

- ✓ Ensure your car meets the vehicle eligibility requirements
- ✓ Ensure you have a valid driving licence for the class of vehicle
- ✓ Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained and has a current MOT certificate if required. You may want to refer to: <https://www.gov.uk/check-mot-status>
- ✓ Check your insurance coverage [add link to letter]
- ✓ Check your kit
- ✓ Secure your vehicle if staying overnight locally
- ✓ Notify us if you need any special assistance (e.g. you plan to bring a registered assistance dog)

#### **On the day:**

- ✓ Conduct vehicle safety checks
- ✓ Arrive with a full tank of fuel or enough for 100 miles
- ✓ Bring any glasses or eyewear required
- ✓ Bring a refillable water bottle
- ✓ Bring your ticket (on a mobile device or a printout)
- ✓ Don't miss the safety briefing
- ✓ Leave pets at home
- ✓ Follow all instructions carefully for your safety and others
- ✓ Have fun!