



#WOMENSTOUR

CHIPPING NORTON SPECTATOR GUIDE

Chipping Norton will host the start of stage six on Saturday 11 June.

This guide has been compiled to assist racegoers with their planning and help them have an unforgettable day at the Women's Tour.

ACCESSIBILITY

There are a number of ways of travelling to Chipping Norton, where stage six is due to start at 11am.

While the town is perched on the highest point in Oxfordshire it is in easy reach of a range of transport options.

BIKE

We encourage you to arrive by bike. It is hoped there will be temporary bike parking facilities set up in middle row and by the Guildhall right in the centre of the town for race day. If you are planning to stay for the weekend to enjoy the local area, check out these [local cycle routes](#).

TRAIN

The nearest train station is Kington in the east, which is approximately five miles away, or Moreton in Marsh in the west. Both these stations are on the main line to London with roughly hourly trains.

BUS

There is a direct bus to Chipping Norton from Oxford using the [Stagecoach S3](#) service, which departs from Magdalen Street in Oxford City Centre and arrives in Chipping Norton, West Street, with a 53-minute journey.

From Stratford Upon Avon the [Stagecoach 50](#) service goes directly from the Civic Hall in Stratford to West Street in Chipping Norton with a journey time of 45 minutes.

From Banbury, the [Stagecoach 488](#) bus service goes directly from Banbury Bus Station to West Street in Chipping Norton, with a journey time of 50 minutes.

Other local services run via [Pulhams](#) from Witney via the [X9 bus](#) and Charlbury

ROAD

The nearest motorway is the M40 getting off at junction 11 for Banbury. Chipping Norton can also be reached by following the A44 from North of Oxford or from Moreton in Marsh if you are coming from West.

PARKING

There are a few car parks in Chipping Norton but please be mindful that road closures might affect your ease of access to them.

Albion Street Car Park (OX7 5BN) is a good long stay option westoxon.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-visitors/where-to-park/

New Street Car Park (OX7 5LJ) is even closer to the town centre and larger as well as providing charging points for electric vehicles. westoxon.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-visitors/where-to-park/

Additional temporary event parking will be available at Chipping Norton Health Centre Car Park Russell Way (OX7 5FA) which is a 10-minute walk into the main town. If travelling from Banbury or the North to the race, this parking will be a good option to use.

If you are arriving from the south and Oxford the additional temporary event-parking site of Chipping Norton Rugby Club Greystones, Burford Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5UY will be a good easy option for visitors to use. The local town council have even laid on a local shuttle bus service throughout the Saturday morning providing easy event parking. If you prefer to walk it is a short 15 minute walk into the town and we suggest crossing the road carefully and using the walking footpath via the new estate in Evans way down to Walterbush road into town.

ROAD CLOSURES

Road closure info for the whole county can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website.

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/public-event-planning /](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/public-event-planning/)

oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/licences-and-permits/upcoming-public-events

Chipping Norton HOSPITALITY

Chipping Norton is a friendly, welcoming visitor destination with many excellent hotels, cafes and restaurants.

[The Kings Arms](#) on West Street

[The Fox Inn](#) on market place

[The Crown & Cushion](#) located on the main High street

[The local Premier Inn](#) is in easy reach of the start

Located outside the town is [Cotswold Hotel & Spa](#) where you can also enjoy a round of golf and it would be a 30 minute walk to the start.

Other options in the local area including self-catering can be reviewed via the [Cotswolds website](#) or for the [Oxford area](#)

FOOD AND DRINK

There are cafes and pubs a plenty in the market town with something to take everyone's fancy! If you are planning to stay the whole day, more restaurants and takeaways open later in the day.

whistlersrestaurant.co.uk

wildthymrestaurant.co.uk

blueboardpub.co.uk

bitterandtwistedchippingnorton.co.uk

theoldmillcoffeehouse.co.uk

[The Kings Arms](#)

[The Fox Inn](#)

[The Crown & Cushion](#)

[Jaffe and Neale bookshop & café](#)

[Mor Bakery](#) for take away bakery

Pop into the [Chequers Inn](#) for a drink or the [Red Lion](#) the smallest pub in the town.

[Café Nero](#) is located in the main area where the cyclists team buses will be.

For something a bit different seek out [Tickittyshake](#) - a milkshake and smoothie bar also selling organic ice cream and sweets

Just as you leave, the town towards Bliss Mill there is the [Quiet Woman Antiques and café](#)

Check out this [video](#) to get a feel of this wonderful Cotswold market town.

ENTERTAINMENT

There will be lots to see and do in Chipping Norton while you wait for the Women's Tour to arrive. The [towns park run](#) sets off at 9am from Chipping Norton secondary school and visitors and regulars are always welcome to walk, jog or run [the course](#).

The Tour village will be hosting several local clubs including the [Windrush Bike Project](#) who help local people from all walks of life to make every day journeys by bike and learn about bike mechanics. They run a community bike workshop from Witney, West Oxfordshire and deliver [Bikeability cycle training](#) in 32 West Oxfordshire schools. It is hoped a beginner cyclist ride can be organised on the day as well as the Windrush Bike project showing and demonstrating some Assisted Riding bikes/equipment.

As soon as the professional riders leave the town, the [local cycling group](#) who aim to encourage more locals to walk and cycle will be setting up activities for residents and visitors to enjoy in the top side car park by the town hall. Younger riders & adults can try a [tricky trail](#) to help develop cycle skills and if you have ever wondered what riding an electric bike would be like then local bike shop [TY Cycles](#) will be on hand with a demonstrator bike to try in a safe closed environment as well as running a Dr Bike maintenance service.

[The local ladies Breeze Champion](#) will be on hand to advise potential cyclists as well as encouraging new riders to sign up to join some local rides taking place on Sunday 12 June.

The local MTB riders from [Wychwood MTB group](#) will after the race departs set off on the [Salt Way off-road route](#) towards Charlbury and Long Hanborough and there will also be a led ride to Oxford by local CyclingUK groups.

Other stands outside of the town hall will include [Transition Chipping Norton's](#) who will highlight the town's vision and Legacy wishes longer term to get more people into cycling and join in local activities. This will include some information about local Cyclo Cross racing.

LOYAL FREE – WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

What is the best way to find out about [West Oxfordshire](#)? If you're looking for deals from local businesses, wanting to attend local events and take part in trails, then download the [LoyalFree app](#).

The LoyalFree app currently features a trail of stage 6 of the Women's Tour - this is your chance to cycle stage six of the route for yourself! Start in Chipping Norton and follow the trail on the LoyalFree app whilst enjoying the stunning scenery of West Oxfordshire!

See more information on [West Oxfordshire](#) leisure services

Further towns on the route in West Oxfordshire have festivals running on Saturday 11 June including [Burford Festival](#) and the [Charlbury festival](#). On the day of the race in Burford, there is [a talk by Jo Bradley](#) on behind the scenes in costume departments for film & TV and later the town will have 20 [local gardens open](#) for a rare glimpse in a trail running from 1pm. Charlbury has a variety of workshops, farmers market, talks and music events as it sees the start of its festival, which runs until Sunday 19 June.

Why not stay the weekend and explore [the Cotswolds](#).

We hope to have [Richard Fairhurst \(the local Sustrans Rep and Cartographer\)](#) with an outreach stand showing/inspiring people on how to use free mapping tools (e.g. [Cycle.Travel](#)) to get out for more active travel adventures.

The town also hopes to involve the [Campaign for Real Events](#) running some fun pedal-powered activities such as a bubble machine, music player, 'show your power' machine etc.