

# **British Fell Relay Championships 2019**

## **Arrangements for travel and car parking**

### **Event Centre**

The Event Centre is at Fairholmes, Upper Derwent valley, Derbyshire. Parking will be in the nearby Bamford village. We have a fleet of coaches to transport you quickly between these two venues.

There is **NO PARKING at the Event Centre itself.** We have only obtained permission for this event on the strict understanding that there will be no competitor parking in the Upper Derwent valley. If you fail to respect this, you may jeopardise permission for future fell races in sensitive parts of the national park. If you attempt to park at Fairholmes you will probably find there is no space in any case, as it gets very busy on Saturday and half the car park is unavailable due to building works. **So please DO NOT attempt come up the Derwent Valley road to Fairholmes to park or to drop people off.**

**All competitors and supporters will be driven to the event from the car park on specially hired coaches. Please read all the details below so that you understand how this arrangement will work.**

### **The car park**

**Parking is at Bamford Village Recreation Ground. You MUST ONLY approach the car park from the SOUTH at the junction of the A6187 (Hathersage to Castleton road) and the A6013 (Ladybower to Bamford road) The post code of the car park for sat nav purposes is S33 0AH.**

**Parking is included within the entry fee and is therefore FREE on the day.** However it is limited and therefore we do require you to please share cars. We have worked on the assumption that each team (and any supporters) will come in two cars.

If you have people coming from different directions, please meet elsewhere and arrive at the car park in two cars. We cannot accommodate cars with only one or two people in them.

Unfortunately, due to access restrictions and restrictions placed upon us by the parking field owners, **camper vans and large minibuses are NOT allowed** on the parking field. Clubs intending to bring **minibuses** should indicate this on the entry system or if arranged later, by contacting the race organiser, (email link available via website 'Contact Us' page). We will let you know the separate parking arrangements for minibuses.

## Camping

The Hope Valley has numerous campsites. We are therefore NOT providing any special camping arrangements for the event. If you want to camp, please arrange this yourselves.

## Directions to the car park

**Please do not approach the car park by driving through Bamford village from the north, i.e. by travelling on the A57 and then approaching the village from that direction on the A6013.** This will cause congestion on what is effectively a single-track road through the village. It will also block our coaches as they attempt to travel in the opposite direction. Vehicles travelling from the north also face a dangerous right turn into the parking field. You must therefore **only** approach from the south from the Hope to Hathersage road (A6187), turning north at the junction with the A6013 at the Sickleholme garage traffic lights (S33 0AH). The entrance to the parking is then 250 metres on your left.

For the reasons outlined above, we are not recommending the A57 as a route for travel to the event. **Our suggested routes are outlined below.** If you do feel you have to travel on the A57, you will be directed right off the A6103 approx 250 metres after the Yorkshire Bridge pub and be taken along narrow roads through Thornhill to join the A6187 to the West of Sickleholme Garage. This lane is quite narrow so please drive along it carefully with respect for local residents.

### Routes to Bamford

From the north, north-east, and south-east. Head to Hathersage using either: (a) M1 J36 or J34 to Sheffield, then the A625 to Hathersage, or; (b) from M1 J29 to Chesterfield, then A619 to Baslow and north along the A625 and A623 to Hathersage.

From the north-west, west and south-west, head to Castleton and Hope. There are many routes such as the new Manchester Airport Eastern Relief Road (A555) from Manchester Airport (J5, M56) to Hazel Grove, then A6 Chapel-en-le-Frith bypass and filter left signed Castleton and Rushup Edge. It will take you 45 mins to one hour from leaving the M56 for Manchester Airport to reach the parking at Bamford.

## Travelling by train

Bamford railway station is adjacent to the bus stop where the event coaches will transport you to the event. The bus stop/car park is a fairly flat five miles from the Event Centre, so you have the option of bringing a bike on the train and then cycling to the race venue, (see cycling instructions below).

There are hourly trains to Bamford from Manchester and Sheffield. The walk from Bamford station to the boarding point for the event coaches will take about two minutes.

From Manchester, the 07:49 train arrives at Bamford at 08:42. Trains run at these times every hour thereafter.

The 14:36 train from Bamford arrives back at Manchester at 15:33. Trains run at these times every hour thereafter.

From Sheffield, the 08:14 arrives at Bamford at 08:36. Trains run at these times every hour thereafter.

The 14:42 train from Bamford arrives back at Sheffield at 15:05. Trains run at these times every hour thereafter.

## **Coach transport to the event from the car park**

You will be driven by coach to and from the Event Centre from Bamford Station bus stop, unless you have opted to cycle.

**GET THERE EARLY! We have 1500+ people to transport to the Event Centre. This is a logistical challenge for us. Your help in making the parking and travel run smoothly will be very much appreciated!**

- On arrival please park as directed by our marshals.
- There are toilets in the pavilion at the recreation ground, and a single portable loo where the coaches will load for those caught short.
- Once parked, you have a 7-10-minute walk to where the coaches are loading.
- When it is your turn to load we would ask you to load as quickly as possible. We only have a couple of minutes to load people, so go to the back of the coach first.
- Tents/chairs are NOT to be taken onto the coach. They will be loaded into the luggage compartments by our marshals so we can load the coaches quickly and move off. If we don't manage to load all your items before the coach goes, we will put them on the next coach.
- Take your own personal kit bag in the coach. If it is very large, it can be loaded in the luggage space underneath with tents/chairs.
- The transfer takes 20 minutes.

### **What time should you aim to arrive at Bamford?**

The race start times are as follows:

- Leg1: 11:00 Mass Start
- Leg 2: 11:35 (leaders expected)
- Leg 3: 12:45 (leaders expected)
- Leg 4: 14:00 (leaders expected)

**You need to allow one hour from arriving at the car park to get to the Event Centre, i.e. if you want to be at the Event Centre one hour before your relay leg, you need to be at Bamford two hours before it.**

**Team representatives need to register their team at the Event Centre between 09:00 and 10.00am.**

First and second leg runners should aim to arrive at the Bamford car park between 08:00 and 09:30.

Third and fourth leg runners should aim to arrive at the Bamford car park between 09:45 and 10:45.

We will give priority to first and second leg runners on the early coaches, so we cannot guarantee that all team members will be able to travel together. We are sure we can rely on your cooperation and understanding in making this work. But please remember: **GET THERE EARLY!**

**After the races**, the coaches will load for the return trip to Bamford from 14:00. The prize giving will be at around 16:00. If you do not feel you want to attend the prize giving, it would help us if you could return to Bamford as early as possible to avoid long queues later. Please make sure that you take all kit and equipment you brought away with you. And any litter! Our aim is that the relays should leave no footprint once we have finally vacated the Event Centre.

### **Cycling from Bamford to the Event Centre**

There is a good cycle route from the Bamford car park. If you want to make use of this, please download the cycling map that we have produced. The route will be signposted. You should be able to ride to the Event Centre comfortably in an hour without exerting yourself or burning too many calories. We hope to provide a bicycle park at the Event Centre. If you decide to cycle, you will have complete control over when you arrive at and leave. You will also help us to make the event low-carbon, green and environmentally friendly. Thanks in advance!