

2021 palmer SPORT



YOUR INVITATION TO
THE WORLD'S GREATEST DRIVING EVENT



DRIVE HARDER. DRIVE FASTER. DRIVE PALMERSPORT.

Launched by former F1 racer Jonathan Palmer in 1991, PalmerSport continues to retain its reputation as the world's greatest driving event: a motorsport experience like no other.

At PalmerSport you'll spend a full day driving an unrivalled collection of high-performance sports cars, touring cars and open-top racing cars on four purpose-built circuits at Bedford Autodrome. And unlike lesser driving events, PalmerSport encourages you to push right to the limit on every circuit, in every car.

With more spacious run-off areas than conventional motor racing venues, these bespoke circuits allow you the freedom to drive harder and faster than anywhere else in the world, with outstanding safety.

PalmerSport offers an irresistible, breath-taking experience that you'll remember for the rest of your life!

HOW WE ARE KEEPING OUR GUESTS SAFE AT BEDFORD AUTODROME

We will ensure our market-leading driving days fully comply with whatever government COVID-19 guidance remains in place during the time of your event. We successfully operated from July to December in 2020 with a range of safety measures in place, and ran dozens of PalmerSport events during that time – with much positive feedback from guests. The changes included online registration, Perspex screens in closed-top cars and reduced capacities in all our suites.

What hasn't altered, despite these challenging times, is our undisputed status as the world's greatest motorsport experience. We're totally committed to ensuring your day at PalmerSport will be as exhilarating and memorable as ever – and we can't wait to welcome you back in 2021!

THE F1 CONNECTION

JONATHAN PALMER THE VISIONARY

When my racing career came to an end in 1991 after many years of driving Formula One, Le Mans and Touring Car machinery, I wanted to find a way to share my passion for motorsport with others and recreate the exhilaration that only comes from being behind the wheel of a race car. PalmerSport was born out of the desire to create a driving day like no other, a truly authentic motorsport experience where highly skilled instructors actively push guests to drive as hard and as fast as possible in a range of stunning performance cars. Since then, PalmerSport has evolved every year and become firmly established as the best such event in the world.

But PalmerSport is about much more than just driving. From the moment you arrive at Bedford Autodrome you'll be looked after

by our exceptional hosts and instructors, ensuring you get the most from the day whether you are attending as an individual with family or friends or participating in a corporate event. Alongside eight thrilling driving activities, you will enjoy superb food and hospitality in a unique and inspiring environment. All our suites overlook the track so even when you are networking or socialising, you are right by the action.

PalmerSport is the closest you'll get to strapping into a race seat for real, and it's guaranteed to leave an indelible impression. Nothing else comes close.



MARTIN BRUNDLE THE EXPERT

Former F1 driver and highly acclaimed commentator Martin Brundle presents your pre-event briefing video, talking you through all the cars and circuits at PalmerSport before you get behind the wheel.



JOLYON PALMER THE PACE SETTER

Jolyon Palmer, the 2014 GP2 Series champion, drove for the Renault F1 Team during the 2016 and 2017 seasons and is now a commentator and columnist for BBC Sport and the official Formula One website. Jolyon has extensively tested every car at Bedford Autodrome,



pushing to the limit in every activity, and he's also set the benchmark lap time in the F3000 single seater.

Everybody would love to know how their driving skills measure up against those of an F1 driver, and exclusively at PalmerSport we can give you the answer!



THE 2021 LINE-UP

EVERY GUEST DRIVES EVERY CAR IN AN EIGHT-ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

BMW M2 COMPETITION SOUTH CIRCUIT



A muscular brute of a GT car that has been modified from its road-going production counterpart to provide a thoroughbred power ride.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 174 MPH
- 0-60 MPH: 4.2 SECONDS
- ENGINE: 3 LITRE, TWIN-TURBO - 410 BHP
- TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED M-DCt PADDLE SHIFT
- DRIVETRAIN: REAR WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE

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PALMER JP-LM WEST CIRCUIT



The JP-LM adds a flavour of Le Mans to the line-up, with slicks-and-wings and a sleek sports car body that would look perfectly at home on the Mulsanne Straight.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 167 MPH
- 0-60 MPH: 3.4 SECONDS
- ENGINE: 3 LITRE V6 - 265 BHP
- TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT
- DRIVETRAIN: REAR WHEEL DRIVE - MID ENGINE

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CATERHAM PALMERSPORT EDITION EAST CIRCUIT



This is the ultimate lightweight roadster. Nimble and punchy for a pure driving experience – fun by the bucketload.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 145 MPH
- 0-60 MPH: 3.9 SECONDS
- ENGINE: 2.5 LITRE - 200 BHP
- TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT
- DRIVETRAIN: REAR WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE

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FORMULA 3000 WEST CIRCUIT



A Grand Prix-style single-seater, with an open cockpit and a thunderous Cosworth-developed V6 power unit, and tyres from F1 supplier Pirelli.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 170 MPH
- 0-60 MPH: 3.1 SECONDS
- ENGINE: 3 LITRE V6 - 250 BHP
- TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT
- DRIVETRAIN: REAR WHEEL DRIVE - MID ENGINE

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RENAULT CLIO CUP RACER NORTH CIRCUIT



This is a pocket-sized speed demon, offering accessible kerb-hopping fun and an easily controllable driving thrill that everyone can enjoy.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 147 MPH
- 0-60 MPH: 5.0 SECONDS
- ENGINE: 1.6 LITRE, 4-CYLINDER TURBO - 220 BHP
- TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT
- DRIVETRAIN: FRONT WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE

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LAND ROVER DEFENDER OFF-ROAD COURSE



This British design icon remains the ultimate machine for rugged off-piste action. Tackle steep drops and high-water passes on our off-road course in this all-time great.

SPECIFICATION

- MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE: 45 DEGREES
- WADING DEPTH: 500 MM
- MAXIMUM SIDE TILT ANGLE: 35 DEGREES
- DUAL-RANGE 4x4 AND LOCKING DIFF
- DRIVETRAIN: FOUR WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE

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CATERHAM PURSUIT NORTHERN ACTIVITY AREA



Go head-to-head with an opponent on our mirror-image course in a best of three competition in our Caterham Sevens.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 130 MPH
- 0-60 MPH: 4.8 SECONDS
- ENGINE: 2 LITRE - 175 BHP
- TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED MANUAL
- DRIVETRAIN: REAR WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE

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SODI GT5 KART KART CIRCUIT



The 390cc Sodi GT5 kart has super-light steering and a top speed of 48mph. Your driving skills are laid bare alongside your teammates on our twisting kart circuit.

SPECIFICATION

- TOP SPEED: 48 MPH
- ENGINE: HONDA GX390 CC
- TRANSMISSION: HIGH RESISTANCE CHAIN

YOUR ITINERARY

A TYPICAL DAY AT PALMERSPORT



07.45 HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS

Your hospitality suite opens for the start of one of the most memorable days of your life.



08.00 BREAKFAST

A full-on day starts with a full English or continental breakfast, with lighter options also available.

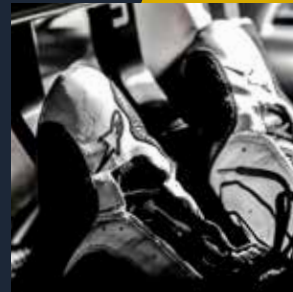
08.30 EVENT BRIEFING

A video briefing from Sky F1 commentator Martin Brundle on what you're going to be driving and how best to do it.



09.00 PEDAL TO THE METAL

Meet your instructor in the first of the day's cars, get to grips with the controls and then put your foot down!



12.15 LUNCH AND REFUEL

A first class lunch, table-served in your hospitality suite with time to share those unforgettable moments.



13.15 RESTART

An adrenaline-drenched afternoon lies ahead as your confidence builds with more cars to drive.



16.30 AFTERNOON TEA

Tea with sandwiches and cakes is served over talk of spins, lap times and "what might have been" moments.



16.45 PRIZE GIVING

The coveted PalmerSport trophies are awarded to the day's best drivers.

BEDFORD AUTODROME

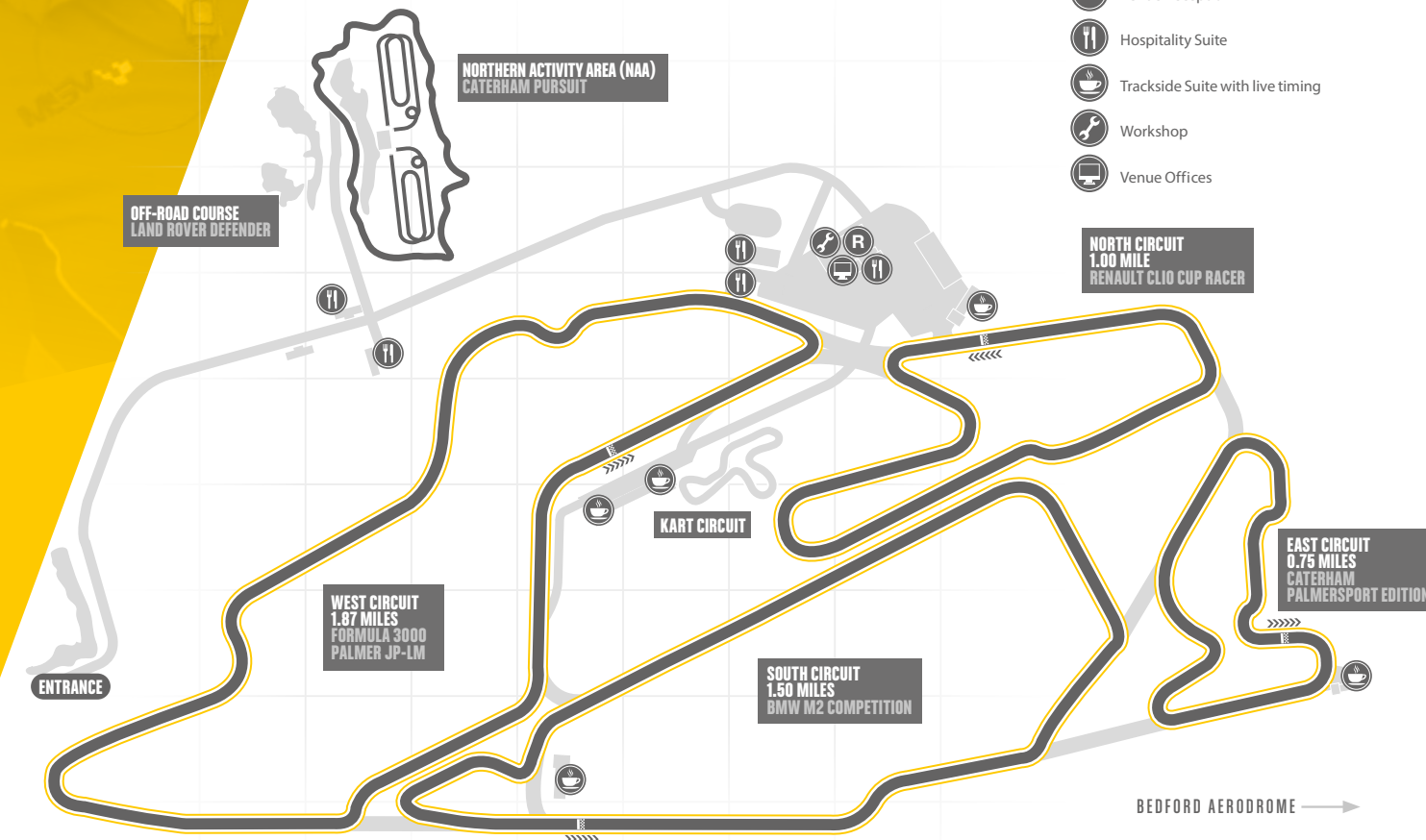
Bedford Autodrome is located right in the centre of England – just 50 miles north of London, with excellent road and rail links and its own runway at Bedford Aerodrome.

ACTIVITIES

- North Circuit:** Renault Clio Cup Racer
South Circuit: BMW M2 Competition
East Circuit: Caterham PalmerSport Edition
West Circuit: Formula 3000
Palmer JP-LM
Kart Circuit: Sodi GT5 Kart
Off-Road: Land Rover Defender
NAA: Caterham Pursuit

KEY

- Venue Reception
- Hospitality Suite
- Trackside Suite with live timing
- Workshop
- Venue Offices



“PROGRESSIVELY BUILD UP YOUR SPEED
UNTIL YOU CAN EXTRACT ALL OF ITS
MIND-BLOWING POTENTIAL”



THE M-POWER STRIKES BACK

BMW M2 COMPETITION

 **SOUTH CIRCUIT**
1.50 MILES

The BMW M2 Competition is the most recent piece of Munich mastery to join our world-beating line-up.

This superb offering from BMW's legendary M range features a number of competition-spec enhancements, and has been stripped of its interior luxuries to transform it into a real compact muscle car.

Delivering more than 400 bhp from a super-smooth, straight-six, three-litre engine, this performance coupé is a genuine GT thoroughbred. The signature twin-turbo power unit, tuned by BMW's motorsport division, can howl right up to 7600 rpm, and packs an almighty punch in the mid-ranges.

With stiffened suspension, a roll cage and harness, plus a carbon racing rear wing, the BMW M2 Competition is fully optimised and primed to perform. Our instructors will help you to progressively build up your speed until you can extract all of its mind-blowing potential on the super-fast South Circuit.

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DRIVETRAIN: REAR WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE





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THE JP-LM IS A MIND-BENDING MARVEL! ”

THE SPIRIT OF LE MANS **PALMER JP-LM**



The breath-taking Palmer JP-LM sports prototype will bombard you with all the sensations of a true Le Mans racer.

Our instructors will help you unleash all of its staggering acceleration, braking ability and cornering grip on the West Circuit - indeed this is the nearest you'll get to jumping into a Le Mans prototype and heading off around the famous French circuit!

We've squeezed every last drop of power from the JP-LM's Cosworth three-litre quad-cam V6 engine for relentless acceleration and impressive straight-line speed. Its superior aerodynamics meanwhile allow the open-top two-seater to slice through the air and generate staggering downforce.

This exquisite racing machine feels like it's super-glued to the track, carrying what seems like impossible speed round corners. With such phenomenal performance at your disposal, the JP-LM is a mind-bending marvel!

TOP SPEED: 167 MPH | **0-60 MPH:** 3.4 SECONDS | **ENGINE:** 3 LITRE V6 - 265 BHP
TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT | **DRIVETRAIN:** MID ENGINE - REAR WHEEL DRIVE



MAGNIFICENT SE7EN CATERHAM PALMERSPORT EDITION



Caterhams have featured in the PalmerSport line-up for more than 20 years, and our East Circuit at Bedford Autodrome was even designed as the perfect environment for guests to explore the lightweight sports car to its limits – and beyond!

Our latest Caterham, the PalmerSport Edition, is the best yet and was personally developed by Jonathan Palmer to offer the most sublime driving experience, with a range of modifications and enhancements exclusive to this event.

Our totally unique model features a 2.5 litre normally-aspirated motor, the biggest engine ever in a Caterham, providing instant throttle response and loads of mid-range torque, so balancing the car on the throttle becomes a skill everyone can relish. With a full 200 bhp and weighing just 650 kilos, this Caterham accelerates like a rocket, whilst the brilliant SADEV paddle shift gearbox means you can leave your hands on the wheel for all the opposite lock you'll need!

With a larger chassis to provide more space, rigidity and seating comfort, suspension specially developed to make drifting an absolute delight, and ultra-light steering for flick-wrist control, chasing lap times has never been this much fun!

TOP SPEED: 145 MPH | **0-60 MPH:** 3.9 SECONDS | **ENGINE:** 2.5 LITRE - 200 BHP
TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT | **DRIVETRAIN:** REAR WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE



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BECOMES A SKILL EVERYONE
CAN RELISH”



DRIVE THE DREAM FORMULA 3000

 **WEST CIRCUIT**
1.87 MILES

Many people dream of driving a Formula One car, and PalmerSport's exclusive Formula 3000 single-seater is the closest you'll ever get to fulfilling that fantasy – and you'll leave with stunning video footage to prove it!

Powered by a Cosworth-developed 3000cc V6 which thumps out 250 bhp at 6500 rpm, the car's engine growls as its acceleration pushes you deep into your seat. As you work the six-speed paddle gearshift on the steering wheel, the car is still accelerating hard as it blasts past 100 mph. It's seriously fast.

With F1-style high-downforce bodywork and big, slick Pirelli tyres, the Formula 3000 turns in with massive grip. But when you want to slow it all down, the powerful brakes can slam the car to a halt in seconds.

Your fastest lap on our fabulous, flowing West Circuit will be recorded on video to share with friends and family, and you'll receive it right after your drive, with quick links to share on social media. The top ten fastest laps each year are showcased on the F3000 leaderboard on the PalmerSport website, so you can directly compare your performance.

You'll also receive detailed data analysis which shows how your drive measures up against former Renault F1 Team driver Jolyon Palmer.

Live out your Grand Prix fantasies in this racing thoroughbred.

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ONBOARD
VIDEO



SHARE YOUR FASTEST LAP VIDEO ON FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM AND TWITTER

*“THE CAR’S ENGINE GROWLS
AS ITS ACCELERATION PUSHES
YOU DEEP INTO YOUR SEAT”*



“ LAUNCH THIS POCKET ROCKET THROUGH A SEQUENCE OF CHALLENGING CORNERS
JUST LIKE YOUR FAVOURITE TOURING CAR STARS ”

THE POCKET ROCKET RENAULT CLIO CUP RACER

 NORTH CIRCUIT
1.00 MILE

The Renault Clio race car is enormous fun to drive on our fast and furious North Circuit and will leave you grinning from ear to ear!

Indeed, this fully manufacturer-developed racing thoroughbred, as raced in the CLIO Cup UK championship, is rather like an oversized go kart – super-stiff, nimble and darty.

Beneath its road-going facade lies a four-cylinder 1.6 litre turbo engine and a six-speed paddle shift gearbox. And it's the only PalmerSport car with front-wheel drive, adding a fresh challenge and new skills to master during your day.

You'll tackle the Clio with an instructor at your side, encouraging you to launch this pocket rocket racer through a sequence of challenging corners just like your favourite touring car stars.

This bona-fide racing car is a wolf in sheep's clothing. And it's yours to tame.

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TRANSMISSION: 6-SPEED PADDLE SHIFT | **DRIVETRAIN:** FRONT WHEEL DRIVE - FRONT ENGINE



A BRITISH INSTITUTION LAND ROVER DEFENDER



If you're expecting our Land Rover Defender to be an easy option after driving our performance racing cars, think again!

You'll need as much skill, concentration and commitment in the mud as you do on the track to successfully negotiate your way down rock-strewn paths, through deep rivers, and up slopes so extreme you'll scarcely believe even a 4x4 could scale them.

You'll climb so steeply that all you can see through the windscreen is sky, before plunging over what appears to be the edge of a cliff. You'll negotiate tracks covered in gigantic boulders and waist-deep water and drive onto our infamous see-saw, using nothing but the weight of the car at the pivot point to tilt the platform and drive down the other side.

Put your faith in our rugged Defender and listen to your instructor and you'll emerge from these challenges lost in admiration for this great British institution that has remained unequalled for more than 70 years.

MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE: 45 DEGREES | WADING DEPTH: 500 MM
MAXIMUM SIDE TILT ANGLE: 35 DEGREES
DRIVETRAIN: FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, FRONT ENGINE WITH DUAL-RANGE 4x4 AND LOCKING DIFF



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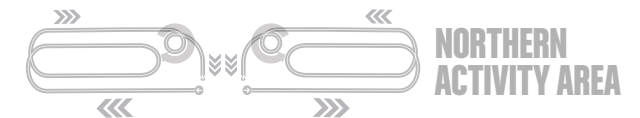




“ GO HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST ONE OF YOUR TEAMMATES IN A CATERHAM
FOR A CONTEST WITH A DIFFERENCE ”



PISTONS AT DAWN CATERHAM PURSUIT



Go head-to-head against one of your teammates in a Caterham for a contest with a difference.

You'll be timed or scored on every activity at PalmerSport, but this battle takes place on two identical mirror-image courses with straights, hairpins and doughnut circles.

Don't be fooled by how simple it looks – balancing grip against power is no mean feat as you slip and slide against the clock! You'll want to push it to the max, but in a Caterham the dividing line between hero and zero can be a millimetre too much throttle applied a millisecond too early, so you'll need maximum concentration for perfect powerslides.

Plenty of finesse is required too, not least for that innocent-looking roundabout – if you can master tyre-smoking doughnuts, you'll beat your opponent every time in this best-of-three competition.



BUILT FOR SPEED AND SPACE

BEDFORD

AUTODROME

More than twenty years ago, former F1 driver Jonathan Palmer spent around 12 months painstakingly designing Bedford Autodrome to create the world's most extensive, thrilling and safe motorsport complex.

PalmerSport's philosophy is unlike any other driving experience: to actively encourage its participants to push themselves to the limit and drive as fast as they can. That's why the circuits have been designed with flat-out driving – not motor racing – in mind. There are no concrete walls or grandstands, just endless run-off and acres of grass.

With the comfort of knowing there's nothing to hit but the rev limiter, and a professional instructor sitting right alongside, you will have the confidence to push our cars – and yourself – harder and faster than you ever thought possible.

By running four circuits simultaneously we keep waiting to a minimum and maximise your time behind the wheel. But there's still sufficient time to relax in our stylish and comfortable suites, swapping stories and watching the live timing screens before being whisked off to the next PalmerSport challenge.





HIGH-SPEED HOSPITALITY

KEEPING YOU FUELLED

Our entire venue has been engineered to offer comfortable surroundings, all-weather protection and catering of the highest standard at every turn.

You'll fuel up with a delicious breakfast, enjoy a superb table-served lunch and experience a fine afternoon tea in one of our modern hospitality centres. And throughout the day you'll find complimentary refreshments in all our trackside suites, which provide a relaxing space in-between driving sessions.

For maximum convenience we offer mobile phone charging in every suite and WiFi internet across the venue, so you can share your experience at PalmerSport on social media.

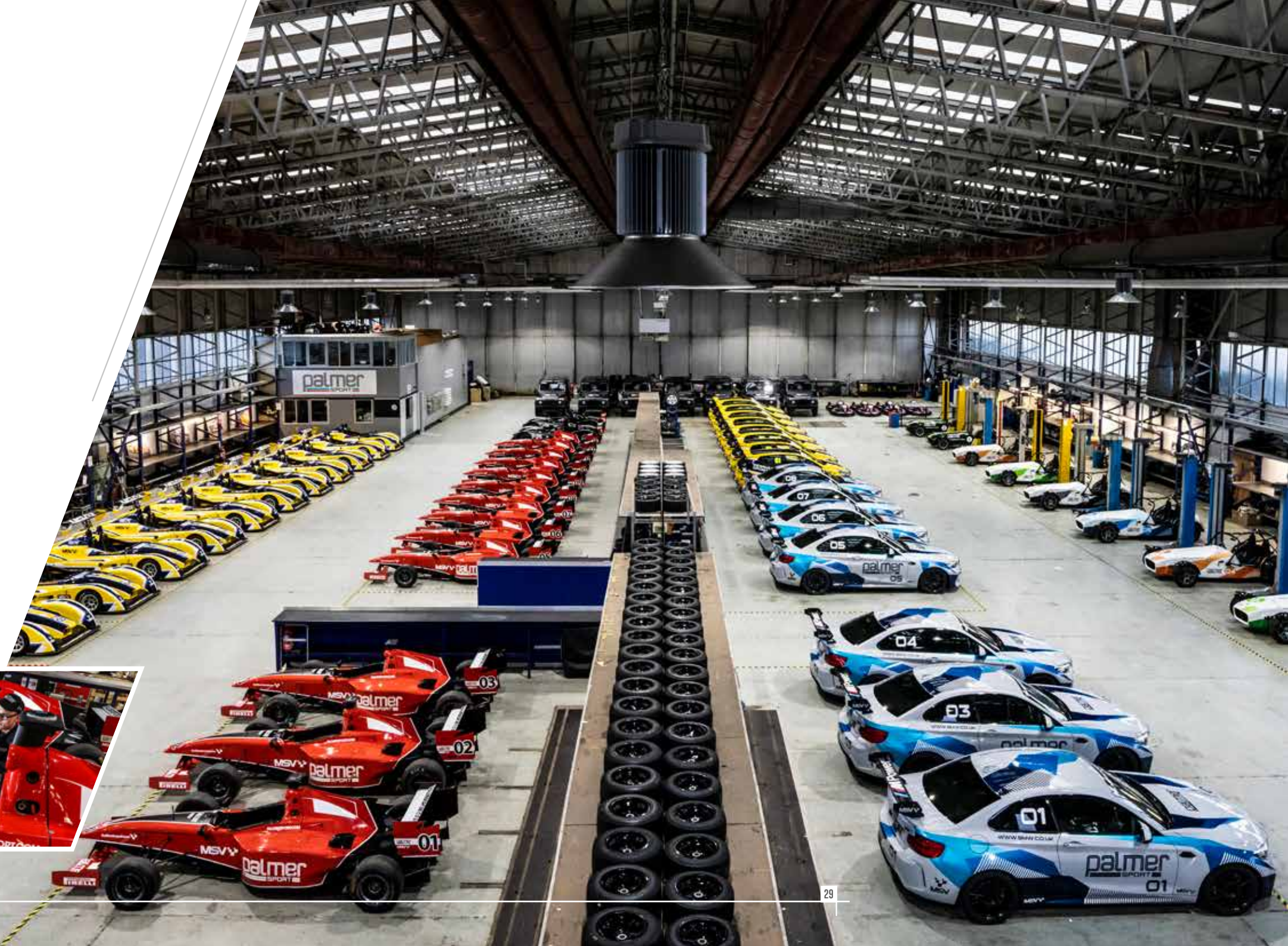


THE PALMERSPORT FLEET ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Maintaining a fleet of more than 100 vehicles to PalmerSport standards is a monumental task – every car has to be ready and capable to be driven to its limit all day, every day.

We own, operate and maintain all of our vehicles, ensuring that we provide our guests with products in peak condition, ready to be pushed to their extremes with total freedom. This is why we employ outstanding technicians, many with race team experience. And we don't just change consumables like tyres and brake pads - our cars follow a rigorous schedule of maintenance where parts are routinely replaced regardless of condition, just as they are in the safety-dominated aircraft industry.

By applying such standards, we ensure that our cars are not only supremely reliable and safe, but as identical as they can be. Equality of vehicle performance is a vital component in the PalmerSport experience: if you win one of our trophies, you'll know it's because you were simply the fastest driver out there.





SIMPLY THE BEST **TEAM PALMERSPORT**

Because of the stringent standards and qualifications required to be a PalmerSport instructor, just one in ten prove to be good enough to work with us.

How good? Chances are you'll be sat alongside an experienced racer, or possibly a hotshot who's on the verge of the big time. Seven-time F1 World Champion Lewis Hamilton is just one of the accomplished drivers to have instructed at Bedford Autodrome.

Our instructors' ability to establish a rapport with participants, and quickly understand their levels of experience and confidence, means guests soon feel at home behind the wheel and outperform their own expectations.

Every guest at PalmerSport is part of a team with its own leader, who will be there from start to finish to ensure the entire event runs like clockwork. Team leaders carefully explain every activity in detail, from timings to what you should wear, so you can relax and enjoy your day.



EYES ON THE PRIZE

TIMING, SCORING AND AWARDS

The fun of light-hearted competition is a hugely popular element of the PalmerSport experience, and guests are scored on all eight activities, with our coveted trophies awarded to the day's best drivers at the end of each event.

Our live timing screens, located both inside and outside our trackside suites, work in the same way as those in Formula One qualifying, showing each driver's best time the moment they complete the lap.

For those of a competitive nature, the screens make for compulsive viewing!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arrival Time

You should aim to arrive between 07.45 and 08.00 in order to allow time for breakfast and the safety briefing. Even if you have been to a PalmerSport event before, you will need to watch the essential safety briefing video in order to participate.

Please note: If you’ve not registered before the briefing starts, you will need to watch a replay of this video before you can take to the circuit, which may result in a loss of driving time.

Journey Time

Please allow plenty of time for your journey. We understand that traffic can disrupt the best-laid plans though, so don’t worry if you are delayed as we will ensure that you join your group as soon as possible. This is likely, however, to result in the loss of some driving time. If you expect to arrive after 08.30, it would be helpful if you could advise the circuit on 01234 332400.

Driving Licence

You will be required to produce a current driving licence at registration. An overseas driving licence is acceptable providing it is current and valid.

Permissions

Please advise your host or Event Co-ordinator if you or any of your guests:

- are under 21 years of age
- hold or have held a motor competition racing licence
- have less than 12 months driving experience

as prior written permission to drive must be obtained from PalmerSport for the person to attend. Certain additional conditions and a damage excess may apply.

Dietary Requirements

If you have any special dietary requirements, please inform your host or Event Co-ordinator in advance. Please note that unfortunately we are unable to provide kosher or halal dishes.

Fitness

In general it is up to an individual to decide if they are fit to take part in the event. However, if you have any concerns about a medical condition that may affect your driving, or if you are pregnant, please feel free to contact your host or Event Co-ordinator to discuss it further. Should you suffer from motion sickness, we recommend that you bring Kwells, or a similar product with you as a precaution.

Height and Weight

Please advise your host or Event Co-ordinator if you are outside our weight and height guidelines of 18 stone (115 KG) and 5’ - 6’ 4” (153 cm - 193 cm).

What to Wear

We recommend that you wear comfortable clothing, e.g. jeans and sweatshirt, windproof jacket and lightweight shoes suitable for performance driving. Shorts and high heels are not permitted and heavy or wide soled shoes are not recommended.

Waterproof clothing will be provided, if required, for use in the cars with open cockpits. Helmets are provided for all activities except off road.

You are most welcome to bring any driving overalls/driving gloves/wet weather gear of your own, and if rain is forecast, a change of clothing may be useful. Sunglasses may be helpful if it’s sunny.

Weather

Despite the reputation of the British weather, in reality, very few days are affected by poor conditions. In any case, our event is designed to be totally weather proof with superb permanent hospitality buildings at each activity to keep you warm and dry.

Camera

Do bring your camera if you would like to. Please note however, that due to safety requirements you will be unable to use your own camera or video camera for any in car pictures or footage.

Please note that PalmerSport cannot accept any responsibility for personal belongings or clothing during the event.

TYPICAL EVENT PROGRAMME

07.45	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS
08.00	BREAKFAST
08.30	EVENT BRIEFING
09.00	DRIVING COMMENCES – GO, GO, GO!
12.15	LUNCH (EXACT TIMINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
13.15	RESTART!
16.30	AFTERNOON TEA AND PRIZEGIVING
17.30	GUESTS DEPART

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

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The Queen’s Head Hotel Milton Ernest 10 minutes Tel: 01234 822412 www.greenekinginns.co.uk/hotels/queens-head	Millhouse Hotel Sharnbrook 10 minutes Tel: 01234 781678 www.millhouse-riverside.co.uk
The Sharnbrook Hotel Sharnbrook 10 minutes Tel: 01234 783142 www.thesharnbrookhotel.com	Woodland Manor Hotel Clapham 15 minutes Tel: 01234 363281 www.woodlandmanorhotel.co.uk

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The Bedford Swan Hotel Bedford 20 minutes Tel: 01234 346565 www.bedfordswanhotel.co.uk	The Barns Hotel Bedford 25 minutes Tel: 01234 270044 www.barnshotelbedford.co.uk
The Embankment Bedford 20 minutes Tel: 01234 261332 www.embankmentbedford.co.uk	Barton Hall Hotel Kettering 35 minutes Tel: 01536 515505 www.bartonhall.com

Mercure Bedford Centre Hotel Bedford 20 minutes Tel: 01234 799 988 https://all.accor.com/hotel/B541/index.en.shtml

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Luton Hoo Hotel, Golf & Spa Luton 55 minutes Tel: 01582 734437 www.lutonhoo.co.uk	Hambleton Hall - Relais & Châteaux Oakham 1 hour 15 minutes Tel: 01572 756991 www.hambletonhall.com
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Cornfields Restaurant & Hotel Colmworth 20 minutes Tel: 01234 378990 www.cornfieldsrestaurant.co.uk	The Swan Revived Newport Pagnell 40 minutes Tel: 01908 610565 www.swanrevived.co.uk

Kettering Park Hotel & Spa Kettering 35 minutes Tel: 01536 416666 www.ketteringparkhotel.co.uk	Rushton Hall Hotel & Spa Rushton 45 minutes Tel: 01536 713001 www.rushtonhall.com
Flitwick Manor Hotel Flitwick 45 minutes Tel: 03330 035452 www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/flitwick-manor-hotel-bw-premier-collection-84315	Jurys Inn Milton Keynes 45 minutes Tel: 01908 843700 www.jurysinns.com/hotels/milton-keynes

B&B

Riverside Lodge Sharnbrook 10 minutes Tel: 07891 923661 www.riversidelodgebedford.co.uk	Newton Park Farm Newton Blossomville 30 minutes Tel: 01234 881250 www.newtonparkfarm.co.uk
Carters Yard Kimbolton 25 minutes Tel: 01480 861178 www.cartersyard.co.uk	

DIRECTIONS

By Train

The nearest station to Bedford Autodrome is Bedford (20 minutes). Trains from London leave from either St Pancras or any Thameslink station approximately every 20 minutes. There is a taxi rank immediately outside Bedford Station.

Arriving by Plane or Helicopter at Bedford

Bedford Autodrome has its own aerodrome next to the circuits. Aircraft can land on our own runway for perfect convenience when visiting PalmerSport. Our 1,000m runway can accommodate all piston aircraft, most turbo props and some light jets privately.

If you would like to land a plane or helicopter at Bedford Aerodrome you must get prior permission, so please contact our staff on 01403 733999 or visit www.bedfordaerodrome.com to submit your request forms. Please note that the aerodrome is unlicensed, so not suitable for public transport operations, but Cranfield (EGTC) is only 30 minutes away by car should a licensed airfield be required.

Other Airports

Airport	Time to circuit (approx)
Heathrow	1 hour 45 min
Stansted	1 hour 30 min
Luton	1 hour
Cranfield (private flights)	30 minutes

Taxi Services

Company	Telephone No.
24-7 Cars	01234 511247 or 212222
Abbey Cars	01234 400042
A Line Taxis	01234 330044
AGS Cars	01234 218888
Chryslux Executive Travel	01234 357465
Skyline Taxis	01234 555555

Sat Nav Directions

Please note that it is not possible to navigate directly to Bedford Autodrome with your Sat Nav system using our postcode.

Due to the size of the airfield we recommend you input the following information in your Sat Nav system:

- 1. Town: Milton Ernest
- 2. Street: Thurleigh Road

THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL TAKE YOU TOWARDS THE POINT ON THE MAP OVERLEAF MARKED WITH A 

ONCE YOU ARE IN THE VICINITY USE THE LOCAL AREA MAP TO NAVIGATE THE LAST FEW MILES TO BEDFORD AUTODROME.

From A1 Northbound
Pink/blue route

Directions	Miles
1. Go through Beeston and leave A1 at the roundabout, follow signs A603 to Bedford	0.0
2. Follow signs to Bedford A603	
3. Follow signs to Bedford, Town Centre or A6 until you pick up signs for Kettering A6	
4. Follow signs Kettering A6 through and out of the town	
5. Stay on A6 through Milton Ernest, follow signs for Bedford Technology Park	
6. Roundabout on the A6 at Sharnbrook, turn right to Bedford Technology Park	15.1
7. Turn left into Thurleigh Airfield Business Park	16.1
8. Follow red signs to Bedford Autodrome	16.5
9. Arrive Bedford Autodrome	17.7

From A14 J10
Green route

Directions	Miles
1. Leave A14 J10, take A6 to Bedford	0.0
2. Roundabout on the A6 at Sharnbrook, turn left to Bedford Technology Park	14.2
3. Turn left into Thurleigh Airfield Business Park	15.2
4. Follow red signs to Bedford Autodrome	15.6
5. Arrive Bedford Autodrome	16.8

From M1 J14
Dark blue route

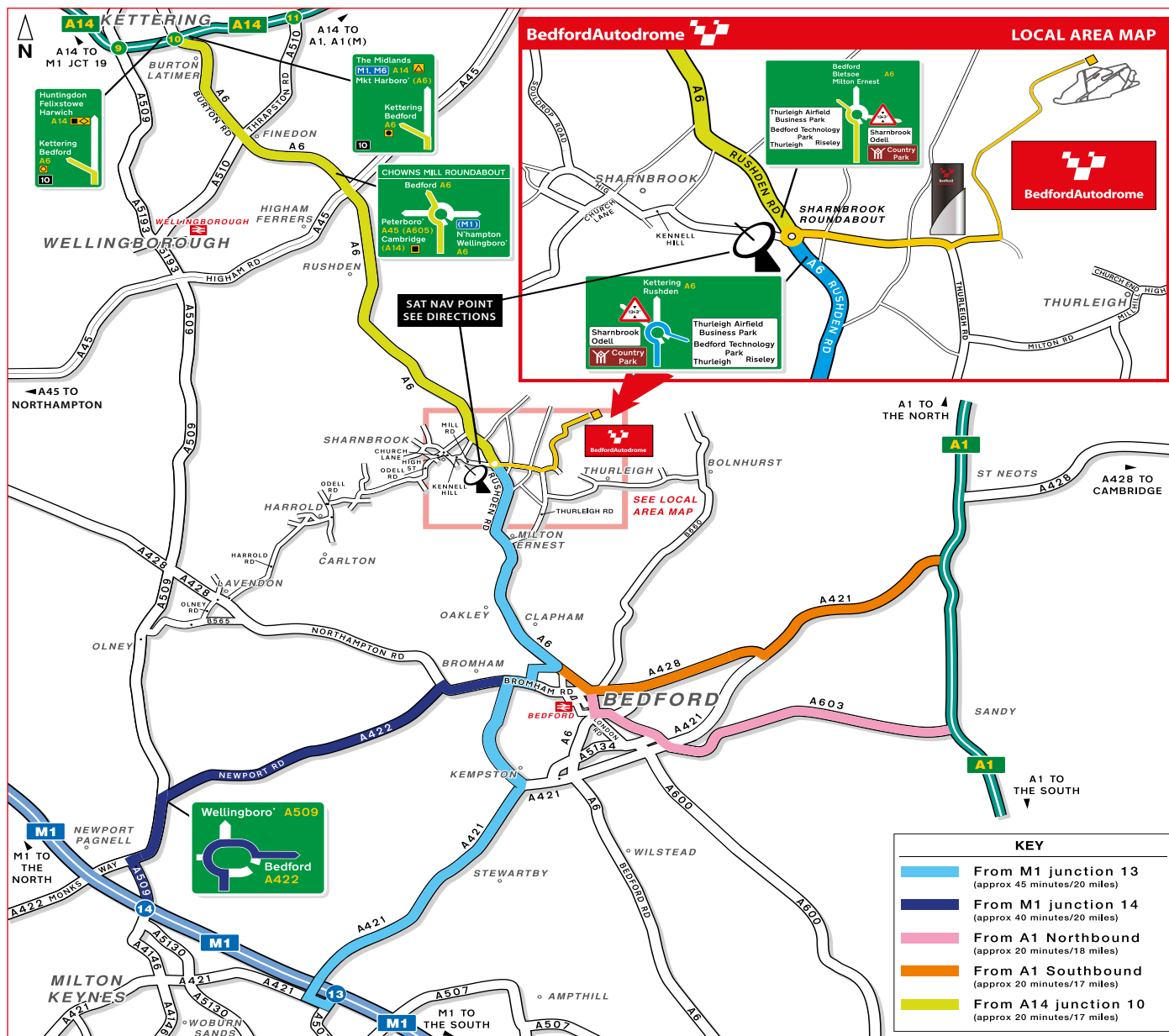
Directions	Miles
1. Leave M1 Junction 14, exit roundabout, follow signs A509 Newport Pagnell	0.0
2. At Tickford Roundabout turn right and follow signs for Bedford A422	1.3
3. At Chichley Hill Roundabout turn right towards Bedford A422	3.3
4. At the next roundabout turn right towards Bedford A428	10.4
5. Straight over the next roundabout signposted Kettering A6	11.5
6. At the next roundabout turn left on to The Great Ouse Way and follow “all routes” to the A6 crossing 2 more roundabouts	11.9
7. At the roundabout junction for the A6, take the first exit left towards Kettering	13.2
8. Stay on A6 through Milton Ernest, at the roundabout take third exit and follow signs for Bedford Technology Park	19.0
9. Turn left into Thurleigh Airfield Business Park	20.1
10. Follow red signs to Bedford Autodrome.	20.5

From A1 Southbound
Orange/blue route

Directions	Miles
1. Leave A1, signposted A421 to Milton Keynes	0.0
2. Take exit signposted A428 to Bedford	3.9
3. Follow signs to Bedford, A4280 Town Centre	
4. Follow signs across and out of Bedford for Kettering A6	
5. Stay on A6 through Milton Ernest, follow signs for Bedford Technology Park	
6. Roundabout on the A6 at Sharnbrook, turn right to Bedford Technology Park	14.8
7. Turn left into Thurleigh Airfield Business Park	15.8
8. Follow red signs to Bedford Autodrome	16.2
9. Arrive Bedford Autodrome	17.4

From M1 J13
Light blue route

Directions	Miles
1. Leave M1 J13, exit roundabout signposted A421 to Bedford	0.0
2. At the next roundabout follow the sign for the A421 Cambridge Bedford	0.4
3. Take the slip road for Northampton A428 (A6)	7.1
4. Take 1st left at roundabout A428 (A6) Northampton Bromham on to The Branston Way	7.5
5. Continue over the next 2 roundabouts following A428 Northampton	9.8
6. At the 3rd roundabout, take the 1st exit ‘All Routes’	
7. Continue over the 4th roundabout following signs for A428	
8. At the 5th roundabout turn right A428 Bedford	10.8
9. At the next roundabout, turn left on to The Great Ouse Way and follow All Routes to the A6 crossing 2 more roundabouts	11.3
10. At the roundabout junction for the A6, take the first exit left towards Kettering	12.3
11. Stay on A6 through Milton Ernest, at roundabout take third exit and follow signs for Bedford Technology Park	18.1
12. Turn left into Thurleigh Airfield Business Park	19.5
13. Follow red signs to Bedford Autodrome	19.9



PalmerSport, Bedford Autodrome,
Thurleigh Airfield Business Park,
Thurleigh, Bedford MK44 2YP

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2. Street: Thurleigh Road
3. Final Approach:
Follow map from

On the day of your event (only), please call Bedford Autodrome
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For any queries prior to your event day please call the PalmerSport Events
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