



This is a social drive with the sole intention of:
"A non-competitive run for likeminded participants where there is no other purpose than the camaraderie of motoring in company to a predetermined point and which is not within the jurisdiction of the MSA."
 as defined in section B of the MSA rulebook.

There is no requirement to follow any specific route, or arrive at any specified time, there are no rules or regulations for this drive, other than to remain at all times within all appropriate laws and rules for the use of public roads, including the Road Traffic Act and Highway Code.

You are responsible for your own driving standards and should drive in a manner that falls within the law and your own capabilities.
 There are several fixed speed cameras, and mobile camera positions on the route.

Be considerate and do not inconvenience other road users.

This is not a convoy, we have no right or expectation of keeping together as a group, so make your own way to the destination - following the below, or any other route you choose.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy

2024 Season Opener – Elvaston Castle pre-run – 1300 Sat 6th April 2024

This loop route South of Derby is an Odessey of strange place names, footballers and their wives, quaint villages, arboretums, rolling farmland, and some quite nice roads...

We will take you to parts of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire you've probably not been to before, and may not be able to find ever again...

Links: (live links posted on TVRCC forum and Facebook Page)

Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1PMUtL5dsWBTaHcB1IWgaTObeKDkt334>

OS Maps: <https://explore.osmaps.com/route/20249176/elvaston-loop>

Timing: Sat 6th April 2024 – meet 1200 for 1300 start

Length: ~100 Miles – 2-3 hours

Starting Point: **The Coopers Arms - <https://coopers-arms.co.uk/> 01332 690002**
Weston Hall, The Green, Weston on Trent, Derbyshire, DE72 2BJ
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YFJSDwRD5qN4PFZL7>

The Coopers does a great Carvery which is open from 1200 on Saturdays as well as sandwiches / rolls (called 'Cobs' in these parts). They know we are coming, and have asked if you can call and book (details left) if you are intending to eat there...

Route Directlons:

At the:	Turn:	Signposted to:	Road name / notes:
Road out of the Coopers Arms and after the Green	Right		Main Street -> Weston Road -> Swarkestone Rd
T-junction after a mile	Left	Swadlingcote, Melbourne A514	Over the Canal bridge
Left Bend	Continue around to the Left	Swadlingcote Melbourne A514 (B587)	Across Swarkestone Bridge ⚠️ Narrow with oncoming vehicles
📍 Swarkestone Bridge is an ancient causeway across the River Trent flood plains, and marks the furthest South that Bonny Prince Charlie made it to (not) recapture the Crown of England			
Up the hill after the bridge	Stay on this road (don't turn right onto A514)	Melbourne Staunton Harold B587	Keep on this road (B587 Cockshut Lane) – don't be tempted by several side turnings right and left.

At the:	Turn:	Signposted to:	Road name / notes:
After Melbourne Rugby Club on the left	Left	Coleorton B587 Ashby (A453) Staunton Harold Reservoir	
📍 Melbourne Hall is over to the left somewhere and was the ancestral home of Lord Melbourne, after whom a minor town in the Southern Hemisphere was named.			
Give Way / T Junction	Right	Coleorton B587 Ashby (A453) Staunton Harold Reservoir	Follow the B587 for a few miles until the T-junction
Give Way / T Junction after a few miles	Left	Breedon on the Hill	Unless your vehicle is over 7.5t, in which case, go home and get your TVR!
In Breedon on the Hill, after the school	Right onto Doctors Lane	Griffydam	What's a Griffy? Damn fine TVR? We'll go there later... PS I do like the corners on the first part of this lane.
Give Way / T Junction	Left	Tonge Diseworth	Tonge? Hmmmm.... Look out for more dodgy placenames
Roundabout with the A42	Straight across (2 nd Exit)	East Midlands Airport A453 Castle Donington	First of many roundabouts today...
Give Way / T Junction	Right	Castle Donington A453 Donington Park	We'll pass Donington Park, but no track time today...
Traffic Lights	Straight on	A453 Airport	(Right Lane) not left towards Donny
Roundabout	Straight on (2 nd Exit)	All Routes A453	Not into the Airport – we're heading elsewhere today
Over crest & in dip (⚠️ indicate early!)	Right	Diseworth Queens Head Pub	Keep speed down before this right turn – it is in a blind dip
Fingerpost after a mile just before Diseworth	Right	Belton	
Give Way / Crossroads after Belton village	Right	Osgathorpe B5324 Coleorton	Ashby Rd
2 miles on, just after Griffydam village sign	Left	Griffydam Peggs Green	Onto Top Road (I still like the name Griffydam)
Roundabout (in Peggs Green)	Straight on (2 nd Exit)	Coalville Swannington	Carry on through Swannington (no luck catching them swans then?)
Roundabout (in Ravenstone)	Straight on (3 rd Exit)	Hinkley A447 Ravenstone, Ibstock	Carry straight on for a few miles to Ibstock. What is a Hugglescote?
Double Mini Roundabout (in Ibstock)	Right at the first mini Roundabout	Heather	And straight on at the next roundabout, and carry on for a mile
Mini Roundabout (in Heather)	Right then immediately left	Normanton Packington	Normanton Lane - Keep on this road for several miles – through Normanton and into Packington
Just after PACKINGTON sign	2 nd Left	Measham (B5006)	Turn effectively goes straight on (Heather Lane), rather than around to the right.
Give Way / T Junction (After Packington)	Left	Measham, CONKERS	Ready to turn Left again in 50m!
Immediate next Left (Gallows Lane)	Left	Snarestone, Twycross B4116 Champneys Springs	Also sign to Brickworks
📍 Rumour has it that Champneys is the Spa that the footballers WAGS go to – more on that story later...			
Give Way / Staggered Crossroads	Left then Right (ie straight on)	Sweepstone left then right is unsignposted	Gallows Lane

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Right turn with no entry on 1 st turn on sign	Right	Measham / Brickworks	Atherstone Rd – ⚠ Speed Humps beyond brickworks
Traffic Lights / Crossroads	Left	Appleby Magna No Mans Heath, B ham	Tamworth Rd towards A42/M42
Big A42/M42 Roundabout	Left (1 st Exit)	Nuneaton A444	Not towards Appleby Magna. But you can say the name like Dr Evil...
ⓘ The A444 is a great sweeping fast road – watch out for arbitrary speed limits and mobile camera vans			
ⓘ You will pass Twycross Zoo on your right – one of only four Zoos worldwide where visitors can see all four great apes – gorilla, orangutan, chimpanzee and bonobo. Don't pick up any hitch hiking escapees...			
Mini Roundabout (in Twycross Village)	Straight on	Hinkley (A5) Nuneaton (A444)	Carry on A444 for around 7 miles
Beyond Sibson, just after a layby on the left	Right	Ratcliffe Culey	Sibson Rd -> Main Rd ⚠ Narrow-ish road – take it easy
ⓘ You'll see signs to Sheepy Magna and Sheepy Parva.... Sheepy comes from the Anglian word "scep" meaning erm 'sheep'. Sheepy was referenced in the Domesday book as an "island or dry ground in the marsh where sheep graze". Magna means big, Parva means small. So now you know.			
Just after humpback bridge beyond Ratcliffe Culey	Continue to the Right (don't take left turns)	Sheepy Magna Twycross (Finger Post)	Ratcliffe Lane
Give Way / T Junction with B4116	Left	Pinwall Atherstone (Finger Post)	Main Road
after PINWALL sign (at disused Garage and Red Lion pub)	Right	Polesworth B5000 Grendon	B5000
Just after GRENDON village sign	Right	Warton	Warton Lane -> Kisses Barn Lane
Give Way / Crossroads with larger road	Straight Across	Shuttington Armington	Then under the M42 (closest we get to a Tunnel in these parts)
A little way after the M42 'Tunnel'	Right	(unsignposted) Seckington	Polesworth Lane
Give Way / Staggered Crossroads with main rd	Straight across	Seckington Thorpe Constantine	Hangman's Lane
Give Way – staggered crossroads with B5493 road (in Seckington)	Right	(Measham) (Ashby) B5493 No Mans Heath	
A little way after NO MANS HEATH village sign	Left	Clifton	Clifton Road – continue for 3 miles towards Clifton Campville
Mini Roundabout (in Clifton Campville)	Straight on (1 st Exit)		and on for a few more miles through Haunton and Harlaston
Just after exiting Harlaston village	Right	Lichfield	Haselour Lane
Angled Give Way	Right	Elford, Alrewas	
Forks x2 (Elford)	Keep Right	Alrewas A513	Don't be tempted to go over the bridge or into Elford
Arched Rail Bridge x2	Continue under them on this road	Alrewas A513	Stay on the main road, don't take the side turnings, you'll also go over the River Trent
Roundabout	Straight on (2 nd Exit)	Alrewas A513 Kings Bromley	
ⓘ 3rd exit at the roundabout is the National Memorial Arboretum. A beautiful place with many memorials and walking paths. Free to enter, but there is a parking charge.			

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A38 Roundabouts	Straight on (2 nd Exits)	Kings Bromley Rugeley A513	Continue on the A513 through Orgreave to Kings Bromley
① Over to the left not far is the Curborough Sprint Course, just outside Lichfield			
Give Way / Crossroads (Kings Bromley)	Right	Ashbourne A515 Uttoxeter, Yoxall	Yoxall Rd
Roundabout	Right (2 nd Exit)	Ashbourne, Yoxall A515	
In Yoxall Village with the Crown Inn on left	Right	Barton Under Needwood B5016	It's a split right – don't turn down the no entry!
Little India restaurant B5016	Left	Rangemoor Needwood, Tutbury	Continue straight on through Rangemoor
① On the left is St Georges Park – the English FA training centre – and now you know why Champneys has that reputation for WAGs. Do the Lionesses have HABs, or are they more classy?			
Roundabout with a Shell station (Needwood)	Right-ish (3 rd Exit)	Tutbury	Stay on main Belmont Road – careful, narrow road
If the closure of Belmont Road (due to end in March 24) is still in place, an alternative is to go Right (4 th Exit) at the roundabout (direction Burton); 2 nd Left at the Acorn Inn, Anslow; continue through Anslow straight on to Beam Hill; at the Roundabout in Beam Hill, go Left towards Tutbury & Uttoxeter A511; next Roundabout 2 nd exit to Uttoxeter (A50); then right at the next roundabout towards Uttoxeter, Derby (A50), Hatton – that is the roundabout marked * below, so you're back on track. Basically look for the A511/A50 Uttoxeter and you'll get back on track! Try not to be diverted into Burton on Trent – there isn't much more than breweries and traffic jams there....			
Mini Roundabout (Tutbury)	Straight on (2 nd exit)	High Street, towards Hatton (A511)	
Roundabout* (Tutbury)	Straight on (2 nd Exit)	Uttoxeter A50 Derby (A511), Hatton	Carry on straight through Hatton, past the station and Nestle factory
Mini Roundabout (Hatton)	Straight on (2 nd Exit)	Uttoxeter A511 Derby (A516)	
Traffic Lights T-junction (Hatton)	Right	Hilton, Church Broughton	Continue on Derby Road, straight on at Roundabout
Hilton Bypass Roundabouts x 5-ish	Straight on then left	Derby (A516) Etwall	The Mease
① The Mease is an apparently endless ring of roundabouts bypassing a massive newbuild estate for people who don't want to live in Derby or Burton.			
Aldi & Hilton Garage Roundabout	Right (3 rd exit)	Willington A5132 Egginton	Then carry straight on through roundabout(s) towards Egginton, over the level crossing and over the A38 into Willington
Double mini roundabout in Willington	Left (1 st exit) at first, and straight (2 nd exit) at second	Swarkestone A5132 (NOT MERCIA MARINA)	Near here is Repton, location of Repton School – that Jeremy Clarkson and Andy Wilman met and were 'educated' at...
① The former Willington Power station is on your left, which can be seen for miles around – the cooling towers were supposed to be demolished, but there have been rare birds nesting for the last 20 years preventing it...			
Give Way a few miles on at the Crewe & Harpur (Swarkestone)	Whichever way you need!	Go Your Own Way	The Crewe and Harpur is often known as the Screw and Scarper by locals. A carpentry joke I think...

So, either turn right to head into the Crewe and Harpur for refreshment, and/or across Swarkestone Bridge back to Castle Donington and points south, or left then next right to go back to the Coopers Arms, or left then straight on to the A50 and Derby. **Safe journey to your destination – see you tomorrow at Elvaston Castle!**

Hope you enjoyed it; thanks to Dexter for nav'ing, checking & correcting the directions on the sighting run.

What was your favourite part, or silliest place or road name seen?

Feedback welcome to tvrc@slidelink.com or @Nick Kay on the Facebook TVR forums!