

## London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games:

### Eton Dorney Rowing Lake to host Rowing, Paralympic Rowing and Canoe Sprint

#### Important Dates

London 2012 Olympic Games      27<sup>th</sup> July-12<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
London 2012 Paralympic Games    29<sup>th</sup> August-9<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Events at Eton Dorney:      Rowing                      28<sup>th</sup> July-5<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
   Paralympic Rowing      1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012  
   Canoe Sprint              6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2012

#### The Venue

The Eton Dorney Rowing Lake uses some of the most up-to-date technology, making this venue perfect for hosting such an important event as the 2012 Games.

- The main rowing lake is 2,300 metres long.
- The lake has eight lanes, each 13.5 metres wide with a minimum depth of 3.5 metres.
- The lake is filled of water coming from underground streams percolating through a natural gravel filter.
- Algae growth is discouraged by using barley bales.

#### Group Visits

It has been agreed that only those Blue Badge Tourist Guides with the 2012 venues accreditation will be allowed to visit Dorney Lake by coach in the run up to the Olympic Games. For more information see <http://www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/visitor-information/group-travel>

#### The Events

**Rowing:** There will be 14 medals available in 2012 between sculling (rower has an oar in each hand) and sweep oar (rower has one oar), with heavy and lightweight divisions. Head-to-head races are held over 2,000 metres.

**Paralympic Rowing:** There are 4 medals to be won by 108 athletes. Paralympic Rowing is the youngest sport in the Paralympic Games, making its Games debut at Beijing 2008. 'Adaptive' implies that the equipment is 'adapted' to the user to participate in the sport.

**Canoe Sprint:** Canoe Sprint is one of two canoe events, the other being Canoe Slalom. There are 12 gold medals up for grabs with 246 athletes competing. In the Flatwater competitions, paddlers race across calm water, over distances of 500m and 1000m. There are events for single athletes (C1, K1), pairs (C2, K2) and fours (K4).

#### Local Training Camps

Athletes from around the world competing in the London 2012 Games may choose to train and prepare in Pre-Games Training camps located in and around the Royal Borough. Here are the names of the facilities available, for more information see <http://www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/training-camps>

- Berkshire College of Agriculture
- Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre
- Longridge Boating Centre
- Thames Valley Athletics Stadium
- WAMDSAD

## **Athletes' Village**

Athletes competing at events at Eton Dorney will be accommodated in an Olympic Village on the campus of Royal Holloway, University of London in Egham.

## **Volunteering Opportunities**

The success of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games rests on the support from volunteers. As well as the volunteers involved directly in the London event there will be many projects and opportunities to get involved with during the run-up and after 2012. See [www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/volunteering](http://www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/volunteering)

- LOCOG Volunteering – Central information on all volunteering for London 2012.
- Do-It – National and regional volunteering opportunities.
- VInspired – Volunteering opportunities for 16-25 year-old.
- WMVA – Local Volunteering activities and opportunities.

## **Accommodation**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's Visitor Information Team will be provides an accommodation booking services. For more information please see details below:

- Online Accommodation booking: [www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/accommodation](http://www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/accommodation)
- Accommodation Hotline: +44 (0) 1753 743907
- Email: [Windsor.accommodation@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:Windsor.accommodation@rbwm.gov.uk)

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