

## **Yorkshire's Grand Départ**

On Saturday 5 July, Leeds will host the start of the Tour de France. Known as the Grand Départ, it is the official start of the world's greatest cycle race, the biggest free sporting event in the world and promises to be an unforgettable occasion.

### **Thursday 3 July 2014 - Riders Parade and Opening Ceremony, Leeds Arena**

Roads will begin to be closed from 4pm. The final closure at the junction of Woodhouse Lane and Clay Pit Lane will be in place at 5pm. Roads will remain closed until after the parade has finished with all roads expected to reopen by 10pm.

Major disruption for traffic in both directions at the junction of A660 Woodhouse Lane and A58 Clay Pitt Lane is expected.

Further road closures can be found at [leeds.gov.uk/granddepartleeds](http://leeds.gov.uk/granddepartleeds).

### **Saturday 5 July 2014 (Leeds via Yorkshire Dales to Harrogate) Sunday 6 July 2014 (York via Pennines to Sheffield)**

The Grand Départ begins at 11.10am on 5 July outside Leeds Art Gallery and heads along The Headrow before joining the A61 and passing through Scott Hall, Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Alwoodley, Harewood, Arthington, Pool in Wharfedale and Otley and then heading into the Yorkshire Dales and ending in Harrogate.

Below is a summary of the planned road closures and anticipated travel disruption.

#### **Road Closures and Travel Disruption**

In order for the route to be prepared and the event to take place and conclude safely, the following road closures will be in place from the early hours of Saturday morning:

- City centre to Regent Street - roads closed from midnight on Friday 4 July until approx 3pm on Saturday 5 July.
- Regent Street to A6120 Leeds Ring Road - roads closed from 4.30am to approx 3pm.
- A6120 Leeds Ring Road to Harewood - roads closed from 4.30am to approx 3pm.
- Harewood to A660 Bradford border - roads closed from 5.00am to approx 3pm.

There are some variations to these timings, the A61 northbound from the A6120 Ring Road will not close until 6.30am to allow access for car parking to the Harewood Estate only (though movements will be restricted from 4.30am), and the A658 Main Street at Pool in Wharfedale and Crossgate in Otley will remain open until approximately 8am also to provide access for spectator parking. These times are all subject to change on the day itself.

There are also a number of parking restrictions in place on 5 July. For further information please visit: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/GrandDepart.aspx>.

Leeds City Council will be updating via Twitter using accounts @leedscouncil\_news and @leeds\_help. The @leedsemergency account will only be used as part of an emergency response situation. Other Twitter accounts of note are @TDFYorksTravel and #TDFTravel. Please follow all the above and encourage others to do so.

For general Tour de France information please visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/granddepartleeds](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/granddepartleeds) for the latest news and guidance.