



Great North Swim 2018

Why has the location changed?

After 10 fantastic years at the Low Wood Bay, the Great North Swim is moving to a new home. The number of swimmers at the Great North Swim, and the appetite for new events such as the Great North SwimRun, has grown year on year and as such we have now outgrown the facilities at our original venue at the Low Wood Bay.

Our new home at the Brockhole Visitor Centre is located less than a mile down the road from the Low Wood Bay and has a fantastic area to host swimmers, spectators and event facilities.

Brockhole also has the potential to provide more activities for families during the day, and plans are in place to introduce a craft beer tent, music and food stalls for those post-swim celebrations.

How do we get to the new location?

The new location at Brockhole is less than 1 mile away from the Low Wood Bay along the shore of Windermere. The information on how to get there is relatively similar to previous years and travel options include the ferry, car, bus, or walking.

We highly recommend looking at the ferry options, as the route is direct and the ferry system has its own car park. More information on using the ferry is available here: <https://www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk/>

Please note: parking at Brockhole will be limited and charges will apply.

For more information on how to get to Brockhole, please click here:

<http://www.brockhole.co.uk/plan-your-visit/getting-here/>

Where can spectators go to watch?

There will be an area near the start and finish areas where spectators will be able to cheer on their loved ones as they take on their swim. There are also areas where spectators can wait and enjoy all that Brockhole has to offer.

Will there be food and drink available?

There will be a number of catering concessions available throughout the weekend suitable for all tastes, including local foods and a craft beer tent.

Will there be changing and baggage facilities?

Yes, there will be tents for changing, baggage storage and toilets available throughout the weekend.

Will the swimming conditions on the course change?

Despite the Great North Swim moving to a new home, the swim courses and conditions will remain very similar to previous years. Brockhole offers swimmers its own safe and sheltered bay to enjoy a range of swim distances, including 250m, ½ mile, 1 mile, 2 mile, 5k and 10k options.

Will Great North SwimRun feature at the new location?

The exciting Great North SwimRun event will feature as part of the Great North Swim weekend, and will be taking place on Saturday 9 June 2018. Entries will open soon and we'll release more information in due course.

Will the water safety procedures change?

The Great North Swim will continue to ensure that the safety of each and every swimmer is top priority. Therefore, the provision of water safety coverage will be the same as previous years, which includes lifeguards, safety boats and plenty of safety kayakers out on the water.

The same procedures will apply i.e. if a swimmer is struggling in the water all they need to do is raise their hand in the air, stay calm, and a water safety marshal will come straight to them.