

IAKS UK AND IRELAND FACILITY TOUR

London: Lee Valley Regional Park's
national and regional sports venues

1st October 2025

Register
NOW
and win 2 tickets
to cycle at Lee Valley
VeloPark!

Lee Valley
Regional Park Authority

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Hitting the sweet spot: see for yourself how Lee Valley's world class venues blend community activation, major events and a commercial focus.

Learning from the venue owner to the public

Since the 1970s London's Lee Valley Regional Park has championed cutting-edge sports venues and open spaces which bring benefits to millions of people each year. There were eight million visits in 2024 with people getting active in all sorts of ways – from cycling the London 2012 Olympic velodrome, to a gentle stroll and birdwatching, plus many volunteering and educational programmes.

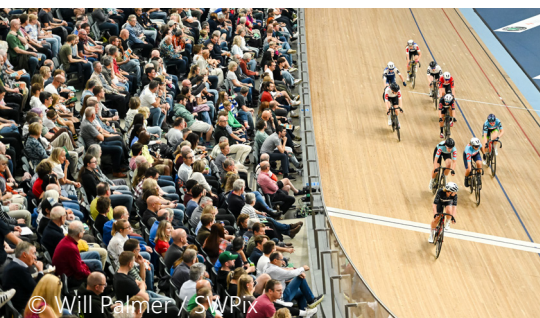
Here's your chance to get under the skin of four of Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's successful modern sporting venues. See how they were specced, how the design process worked, what makes them tick financially and operationally.

Find out how community and commercial objectives dovetail, how venues need to adapt to changing demands and how they can be designed to complement the green space they are in.

This 1-day IAKS UK and Ireland tour will also share what hasn't gone to plan, how we've had to adapt, how we deal with a wide variety of challenges and how we are now planning for the next 20 years.

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08:30

Meet at Lee Valley VeloPark, Coffee and networking

09:30

Tour of the venue and presentation on Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

11:00

Transfer to Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre

11:15

Tour of Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre

12:15

Transfer to Lee Valley Ice Centre

12:45

Lunch and networking

13:45

Tour of Lee Valley Ice Centre

15:00

Transfer to Lee Valley Athletics Centre

15:30

Tour of Lee Valley Athletics Centre

16:30

Transfer to Tottenham Hale

17:00

Drop-off at Tottenham Hale Underground and National Rail

17:30

Drop-off at Stratford Station, drinks and networking in Stratford

Itinerary subject to change.

Lee Valley VeloPark

Following an unforgettable role in London 2012, Lee Valley VeloPark opened its doors in April 2014, becoming the first place in the world to offer four Olympic cycling disciplines in one place.

This iconic venue has reached millions of people through community activity, commercial activations and international events, catering for first time riders through to those at the peak of the sport and spectators watching their heroes in action.

It is the only venue in the world to have hosted an Olympics, Paralympics, World Championship, and Commonwealth Games in the same sport and has diversified its offer with a range of health and fitness products.

Win two of tickets to cycle at Lee Valley Velopark – Event exclusive!

Fancy cycling at one of the world's most iconic sporting venues? Simply book a place and you'll be entered into the prize draw for tour attendees to win an experience for you and a friend on the iconic banked velodrome track – the same track where medals have been won and champions crowned. It's the ideal place to unearth your inner champion!

You and your companion will be able to experience a fun 80-minute session at Lee Valley VeloPark in which you will:

- Be given all the necessary track cycling kit
- Receive coaching on how to ride a fixed wheel bike
- Learn the basic skills needed to be able to ride the awesome track

You can view further details of the Velodrome Flying Lap experience here

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/lee-valley/velopark/taster>

Competition Terms & Conditions

Competition closes at 18:00 on 30 September 2025

Please note, to participate in the experience you must be at least 145 cm / 4 ft 9 in tall.



Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre

London 2012's only purpose-built Paralympic venue hosted sell out crowds during the Wheelchair Tennis events. Now it is home to six hockey teams, nine university clubs and endless tennis players.

Boasting top-tier hockey pitches it's the 'Wembley of English hockey'. It has hosted prestigious international events like the Vitality Women's Hockey World Cup, which drew over 120,000 fans!

As a regional hub for disability tennis, the community-centric and inclusive programme includes Wheelchair Tennis, sessions supporting mental health, and dedicated activities for the over-50's.



Lee Valley Ice Centre

Opened in June 2023, Lee Valley Ice Centre is a new GBP 30 million twin rink ice venue in Leyton, east London. It has double the capacity with two Olympic sized ice rinks with space for 800 spectators, a 100-station gym, dance studios and a community space.

The centre hit it's millionth visitor in March 2025. Drawing from diverse communities locally, from across the capital and the South East of England, the facility offers public skating sessions, the Skate UK learn to skate programme, synchronised and figure skating, ice dancing, ice hockey, ice discos and gym classes.

Lee Valley Ice Centre is the most sustainable ice centre in the UK.

Lee Valley Athletics Centre

Lee Valley Athletics Centre is the largest indoor and outdoor athletics centre in the south of England. The venue plays a pivotal role in growing new talent and helping to nurture the next generation of Olympic athletes. It has been the training base for Olympic medallists and hosts community activities, sports days, holiday courses, club training sessions and popular competitions.

In October 2022, refurbishment works were completed on their indoor track following a GBP 480,000 investment from Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

A new lightning fast synthetic track system has been installed on the venue's indoor six lane 200m oval track, the upstairs 130m straight as well as the Centre's throws, pole vault and long and triple jump areas.

A new gym has also opened to attract a broader range of visitors.



Participants

The tour is aimed at venue operators, local authorities, consultants, architects, planners, and anyone in the industry looking to broaden their understanding of sport and leisure venues. The day is full of opportunities to network and interact with a range of professionals.

Participation fee (incl. VAT)

Includes teas & coffees, lunch, transfer by coach and a tour guide.

Early bird until 17 August 2025

IAKS members: GBP 75 (EUR 87)

Public sector: GBP 85 (EUR 99)

Non members: GBP 100 (EUR 116)

Students*: GBP 40 (EUR 47)

Regular after 17 August 2025

IAKS members: GBP 90 (EUR 105)

Public sector: GBP 110 (EUR 128)

Non members: GBP 120 (EUR 140)

Students*: GBP 40 (EUR 47)

* (full-time student, upon certificate of current enrollment)

Cancellations are free of charge until 7 September.

After that, a cancellation fee of 50% will apply.

Registration is open until 26 September 2025

<https://LeeValley2025.eventbrite.de>

Meeting point

Lee Valley VeloPark
Abercrombie Road, Queen
Elizabeth Olympic Park, London
E20 3AB

Nearest public transport

Stratford Underground,
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