



## Woodhorn Museum

### Open water challenge swims

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Hello and welcome to the Woodhorn Museum Open Water Challenge Swims.

#### The Venue

Woodhorn Museum  
Queen Elizabeth II Country Park  
Woodhorn, NE63 9YF  
[www.experiencewoodhorn.com](http://www.experiencewoodhorn.com)

#### Car Parking

There is plenty of parking at the venue and the Museum Staff will direct you upon arrival. There is a £5 charge for parking, and this also gives you access into the Museum before the start of the event. There is free parking at the North end of the QE2 lake (next to premier inn hotel) about 10mins walk to Race HQ.

#### Toilets

Toilets are available on site.

#### Changing facilities

There are limited Changing facilities on site.

#### On Site Café - Refreshments

Hot and cold food & Drinks will be available at the café within the Museum.

#### Full event information & Swim Course Routes:

All Course Route maps are available to view or download on the event website:

[Woodhorn Museum Open water swim Challenge](#)

#### Medical Cover & Conditions

Medical cover will be available on site. If you have any medical conditions, you should have declared this on your entry, but please write this on the reverse of your race number. If you have any medical issues during the event, the medical team will check first before any emergency treatment is performed.

#### Weekend Event Schedule

##### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:

6pm – 7.30pm-Join us at our VO2Max QE2 open water swim training session. QE2 Country Park, Ashington, NE63 9AT.

Info here: [Open water swimming training](#)

##### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July:

- 12.30pm: Registration opens for challenge swims
- 1.30pm: 3km Open water swim challenge start.
- 2pm: 1.5km & 750m Open water swim Challenge start.
- There will be a swim safety brief at the start line before the start of each swim wave.

#### Registration

Registration is at the Workshops Centre within the museum (Event HQ).

At Registration, all competitors will receive essential items for the race:

- Coloured Swim hat which must be worn throughout the event.
- Timing chip – Please wear around your ankle for the duration of the event to get your swim time.

#### The Challenge Swims

##### Swim 750m - Swim 1.5km - Swim 3km

- 750m – 1 lap
- 1.5km – 2 laps
- 3k – 4 laps
- Clockwise swim course, always keeping the swim marks / buoys to your right.
- Swim start is at the end of the pontoon / Jetty.
- You will have plenty of time to warm up before you start.
- There is a dedicated warm up area available.
- Wetsuits are compulsory unless informed otherwise by the event Technical Official.
- Exit the lake at the left-hand side of the Jetty / pontoon, large flags on the lakeside will guide you safely to the exit point.



- Water safety cover is provided, and swim exit marshals are located around the lakeside on the swim route at nearest point to the side of the lake.
- If for whatever reason you happen to get into any difficulties during the swim section, please roll onto your back, raise one arm into the air, and you will be attended to by the safety crew.
- Swimmers will finish their event after Exiting the lake and crossing the finish timing line at the end of their swim.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to know the course and count their own laps.

### **Previous Years Results**

[2024](#) [2025](#)

### **Get in Contact**

For any queries, please email;  
[info@vo2maxracingevents.co.uk](mailto:info@vo2maxracingevents.co.uk)

### **Finish Line**

Once you have finished your event, Collect your finishers medal.

The flag backdrop will be available at the finish for you to take your photo. If you have your own event photos, Please feel free to share your event photos on our social media pages [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#).

### **Event Photos**

Aptitude media will attend this event. All photos will be free to download from our social media pages [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#).

We will send the download link out to all competitors after the event.

### **Prize Ceremony**

This will be held at the finish line or outside Race HQ. Medals will be handed out to: 750m-1.5k -3k  
1st – 2nd – 3rd Female / Male overall.

Medals must be collected on the day. We cannot post medals out after the event.

### **Timing & Results**

This will be undertaken by Timing Up North Ltd. Results will be live throughout the event and provisional results will be posted on their website following the event. [Timing Up North Results](#)

For any timing result queries, amendments, or clarifications, please email Mark at:  
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