



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE

Race Preview

2014 CANADIAN GRAND PRIX
6 – 8 JUNE 2014

After two races in Europe, Formula One visits North America this week for the Canadian Grand Prix, round seven of the 2014 FIA F1 World Championship.

Following Monaco, Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is another temporary track with unforgiving walls millimetres off the racing line – but that's where the similarities end. From the slowest race of the year, F1 moves to one of its fastest and teams will unleash medium-low downforce packages for the first time in 2014 in an attempt to stay competitive on the long straights of the Île Notre-Dame.

In essence, the long, thin circuit is a series of high-speed straights linked by slow corners. The start-stop nature of the lap, in which cars may hit more than 300km/h on four separate occasions before braking down to first or second gear, has long been recognised as exceptionally harsh on brakes and engines but this year there are the added demands of the MGU-K, which will have to deal with these heavy braking loads, and the MGU-H which will be kept busy with unrelenting demand from the turbocharger.

Cars will be set-up for high top speeds but the demands of the three chicanes and the hairpin prevent use of ultra-low downforce packages. There is much fine-tuning to be done as teams seek to find the right balance between low downforce and good stability in those all-important braking zones. With the added requirements of riding the kerbs well and getting good traction from low-speed, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve has plenty to keep engineers occupied.

Lewis Hamilton comes to Montreal as the form driver of 2014 with four victories and four pole positions from the six early season races. The Briton, however, arrives narrowly trailing German team-mate Nico Rosberg in the Drivers' Championship. The Mercedes pair are waging a fascinating battle for dominance at the top of the table, and this provides an added dimension to what is always a thrilling weekend in Canada.



CIRCUIT DATA

CIRCUIT GILLES-VILLENEUVE

Length of lap:

4.361km

Lap record:

1:13.622 (Rubens Barrichello, Ferrari, 2004)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.000km

Total number of race laps:

70

Total race distance:

305.270km

Pitlane speed limits:

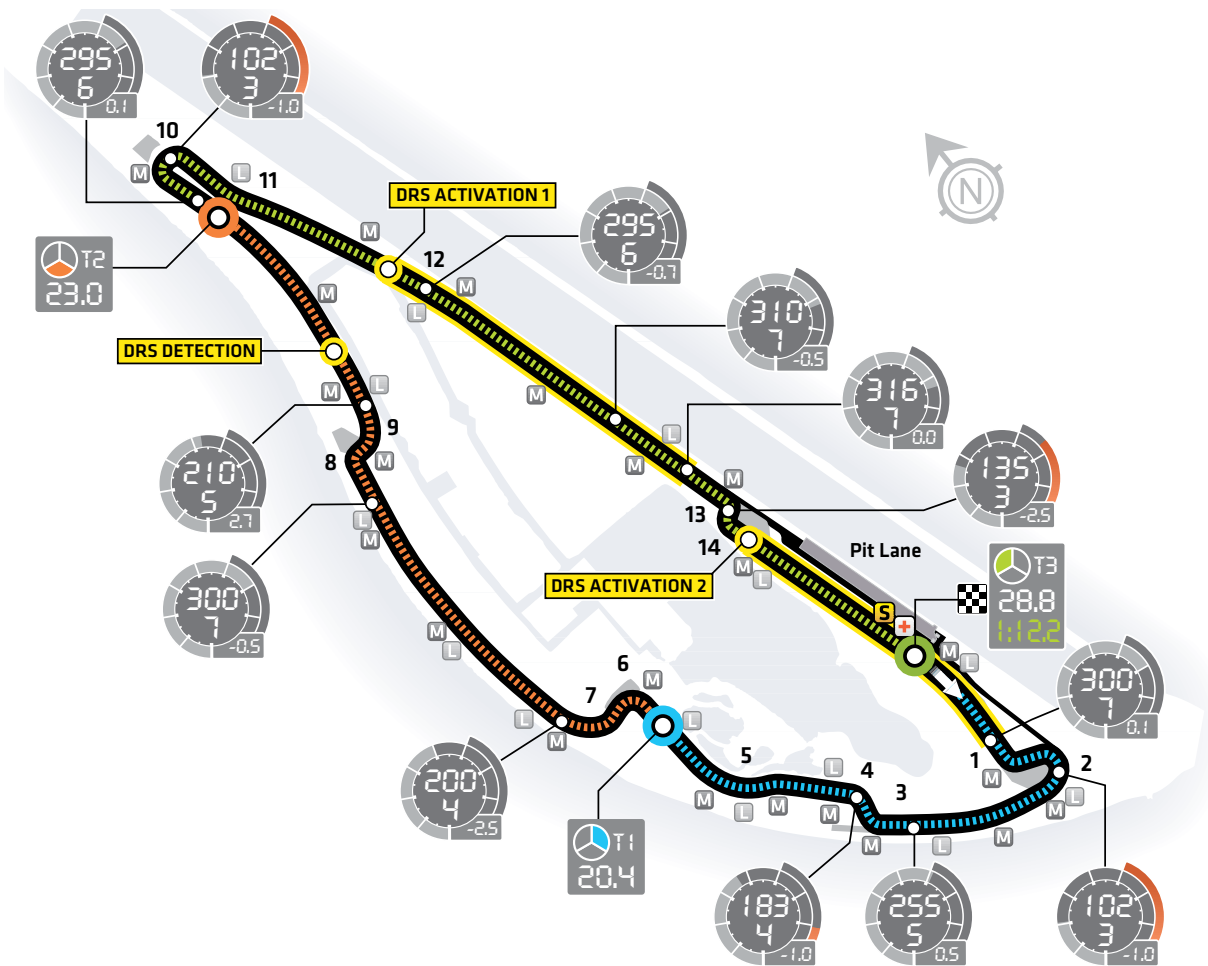
80km/h in practice, qualifying and the race.

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ Asphalt has replaced gravel around the outside of Turns 10 and 13.
- ▶ The barrier on the outside of Turn 13 (right of the pit entry), has been moved further back and a new debris fence has been installed.
- ▶ New guardrail posts have been added in order to ensure that no spacing is greater than two metres.
- ▶ The speed bumps used in 2013 at the exit of Turn Nine and the final chicane will be in place again this year.

DRS ZONES

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones in Canada. They share a single detection point, located 110m after T9. The first activation point is 55m before T12, the second 70m after T14.



<p>Speed Km/h</p> <p>Braking</p> <p>Lateral G-force</p> <p>Gear</p>	<p>T3</p> <p>28.8</p> <p>1:12.2</p>	<p>Timing Sector</p> <p>Sector Time</p> <p>Lap Time</p>	<p>● Sector 1</p> <p>● Sector 2</p> <p>● Sector 3</p>	<p>— Circuit</p> <p>S Safety Car</p> <p>L Light Panels</p>	<p>← Start</p> <p>⊕ Medical Car</p> <p>■ Run-off Areas</p>	<p>▣ Finish</p> <p>M Marshals</p> <p>■ Gravel Traps</p>
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Canadian GP Fast Facts

- ▶ McLaren lead the way with 13 F1 World Championship victories at the Canadian Grand Prix. Ferrari are second with 11.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher is the most successful driver in the history of the race, winning at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve on seven occasions. Of the current field, Lewis Hamilton has the best record with three victories.
- ▶ Hamilton won this race in 2007, 2010 and 2012. The first of those was his debut victory in F1. Of the seven other grand prix winners in the current field, he is one of five to have taken a maiden victory on the same weekend as a maiden pole position – the others being Felipe Massa (Turkey 2006), Sebastian Vettel (Italy 2008), Nico Rosberg (China 2010,) and Pastor Maldonado (Spain 2010).
- ▶ Three venues have hosted the Canadian Grand Prix. Mosport Park was the original venue in 1967 and also held the race in 1969, 1971-4 and 1976-7. The Mont-Tremblant circuit held the race in 1968 and 1970. The first grand prix at the track now known as the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve was held in 1978.
- ▶ History does not favour Nico Rosberg this weekend. The Canadian Grand Prix has held a date in the first half of the calendar since the early 1980s and on 17 occasions during that time it has been the race following the Monaco Grand Prix. Ayrton Senna in 1990 is the only driver to win in Monaco and follow that with victory at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. When the races have not been consecutive Michael Schumacher (1994, 1997), Kimi Räikkönen (2005), and Fernando Alonso (2006) have all won both events.
- ▶ In total there have been 44 Canadian Grands Prix – the race did not run in 1975, 1987 or 2009.
- ▶ A dispute between sponsors led to the race being cancelled in 1987 but the circuit made use of the hiatus, moving the pitlane to its present home from an original location after the hairpin. Other significant changes that have brought the circuit to its present state include the gradual straightening of the Casino Straight, a tightening of the final chicane to lower speeds (1991) and a relocation of the pitlane exit to prevent cars merging directly onto the racing line (2002).
- ▶ Jenson Button won the race in 2011 in a time of 4h04m39.537s. This holds the record for the longest (duration) race in the history of the Formula One World Championship and was caused by a two-hour suspension brought about by torrential rain. The race also holds the records for the most appearances of the safety car (six) and – technically – the lowest average race-winning speed (74.864kph).
- ▶ The duration of that race led to an amendment to the F1 Sporting Regulations. A limit of four hours duration has been placed on a race interrupted by red flag suspensions. At the four-hour mark, the chequered flag will be waved the next time the leader crosses the finishing line.

Canadian GP

Formula One Timetable & FIA Media Schedule

THURSDAY

Press conference 11.00

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 10.00-11.30

Practice session 2 14.00-15.30

Press conference 16.00

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 10.00-11.00

Qualifying 13.00-14.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 12.30

Race 14.00-16.00

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 are available for media interviews immediately after the end of each session, as are drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the post-qualifying press conference. The TV interview pen will be inside the paddock in front of race control.

RACE

Any driver retiring before the end of the race will be made available at his team's garage/hospitality.

In addition, during the race every team will make available at least one senior spokesperson for interview by officially accredited TV crews. A list of those nominated will be made available in the media centre.



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