



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE

Race Preview

2014 BRITISH GRAND PRIX

4 – 6 JULY 2014



Round nine of the 2014 FIA Formula One World Championship sees the majority of teams faced with a short trip to their local race: the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Silverstone sets a different challenge to the circuits that have gone before this season, its defining characteristic being high-speed changes of direction that will severely test 2014's reduced downforce specification.

There is more, however, to the modern Silverstone than just its fast corners. The Arena layout, introduced in 2010, has subtly changed the nature of the circuit. Drivers were slow to appreciate the changes but today the infield section has acquired many fans, with the variety of lines through Turns Three and Four creating more overtaking opportunities leading into the first DRS zone on the Wellington Straight.

After three races in a row with the soft and supersoft compounds, Pirelli this weekend goes to the other end of the scale with the hard and medium tyres as the succession of medium and high-speed corners puts huge amounts of energy through the rubber. Something else to factor in when considering those corners is the fact that Silverstone is not especially demanding on the brakes. With drivers braking for only around eight per cent of the long lap, recovering the maximum allowed amount of energy through the MGU-K every lap will prove difficult, as was the case with KERS.

Mercedes have pulled a long way clear in the Constructors' Championship but a battle royal rages between drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg. Rosberg leads by 29 points but, with 11 races to go, Hamilton is far from an underdog. He has four victories to Rosberg's three and has been unfortunate to suffer both of Mercedes' terminal mechanical failures this season. The Briton will be highly motivated to begin closing the gap at his home race.

CIRCUIT DATA

SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT

Length of lap:

5.891km

Lap record:

1:33.401 (Mark Webber, Red Bull Racing, 2013)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.134km

Total number of race laps:

52

Total race distance:

306.198km

Pitlane speed limits:

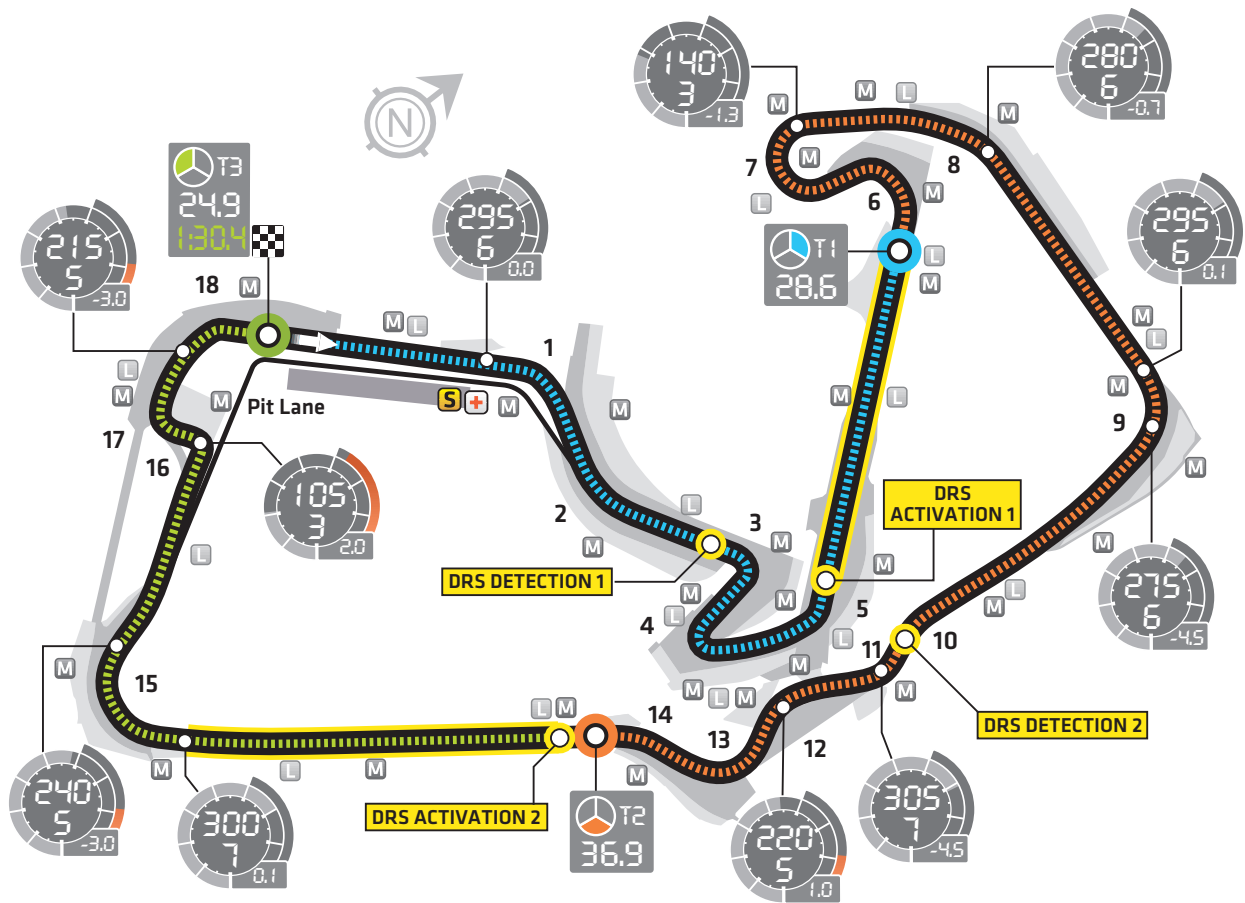
80km/h in practice, qualifying and the race.

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ Artificial grass has been removed from the exits of Turns Five, Eight and Nine.
- ▶ The wall to the driver's left before Turn Six has been extended.
- ▶ Drainage has been improved in a number of places around the circuit.

DRS ZONES

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones at Silverstone. The detection point of the first is 25m before Turn Three, with the activation point 30m after Turn Five. The second detection point is at Turn 11 with the activation point 55m after Turn 14.



Speed Km/h Braking Gear Lateral G-force	Timing Sector Sector Time Lap Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sector 1 ● Sector 2 ● Sector 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Circuit ■ Safety Car (S) ■ Light Panels (L) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Start ➡ Medical Car (+) ■ Run-off Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🏁 Finish ■ Marshals (M) ■ Gravel Traps
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British GP Fast Facts

- ▶ The British Grand Prix is one of two ever-present races on the Formula One World Championship calendar. The other race featuring every year since 1950 is the Italian Grand Prix.
- ▶ Three venues have hosted the British Grand Prix during the World Championship era. Silverstone shared the early races with Aintree, which held races in 1955, '57, '59 and 1961-2. Aintree was replaced by Brands Hatch, which held the British Grand Prix in even years between 1964-1986. Silverstone has hosted all of the other races.
- ▶ 2014 marks the 48th running of the Formula One World Championship British Grand Prix at Silverstone. The circuit, however, is celebrating it's 50th race, having hosted pre-World Championship grands prix in 1948 and 1949. Both of those races were won by Maserati, courtesy of drivers Luigi Villorosi and Baron Emmanuel 'Toulo' de Graffenried respectively. Giuseppe 'Nino' Farina won the inaugural world championship race in 1950. Before Silverstone, a British Grand Prix was held at the Brooklands circuit in 1926 and 1927.
- ▶ Silverstone is situated in an area known as 'Motorsport Valley'. Eight of the 11 F1 teams are clustered within 125km of the track. In order of distance they are McLaren (125km), Williams (65km), Caterham (59km), Lotus (40km), Red Bull (33km), Marussia (24km) and Mercedes (13km), with Force India based a few hundred metres from the front gates of the circuit. Additionally, Mercedes High Performance Powertrains' manufacturing facility is based 33km from the circuit and Toro Rosso's wind tunnel is located 23km away.
- ▶ Mercedes have dominated 2014 with seven victories and seven poles from the eight races so far. Neither driver, however, has shown dominant form at Silverstone in the past. In Nico Rosberg's eight races he has been outqualified by his various team-mates five times. Lewis Hamilton has been outqualified by his team-mates three times in seven attempts. As team-mates in 2013 Mercedes locked out the front row with Hamilton on pole – but Rosberg won the race after Hamilton suffered a tyre failure.
- ▶ Jim Clark (1962, '63, '64, '65, '67) and Alain Prost (1983, '85, '89, '90, '93) share top billing at the British Grand Prix with five victories each. One behind them is this weekend's driver steward Nigel Mansell who won in 1986, '87, '91 and '92. Mansell did, however claim five victories on home soil, winning the 1985 European Grand Prix at Brands Hatch a year before winning the British Grand Prix at the same circuit. Mansell is one of only two drivers to have won differently titled grands prix at the same circuit (Nelson Piquet won the 1980 Italian and 1981 San Marino Grands Prix at Imola.)
- ▶ Austria marked Mercedes' sixth one-two finish of the eight races so far this season. McLaren hold the record with 10, set in 1988 by Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna.

British GP

Formula One Timetable & FIA Media Schedule

THURSDAY

Press conference 15.00

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 11.30

Race 13.00-15.00

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 pen interview area will be located inside the paddock next to the FIA hospitality unit.

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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