

## A43 Closure at Silverstone - 2009 Santander British Grand Prix Information for through traffic. Friday 19 June to Sunday 21 June 2009

The British Grand Prix Inter Agency Group is working to keep traffic disruption and delays to a minimum over the weekend of the 2009 British Grand Prix.

The group includes the Highways Agency, Silverstone Circuits Ltd, Northamptonshire County Council, South Northamptonshire Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Northamptonshire Police and the Government Office for the East Midlands. We have been working together for over six years and hope that our continued partnership will help keep traffic moving over the Grand Prix weekend.

We hope this leaflet is helpful in highlighting the diversion routes and helping you plan your journey throughout the event.

### Which roads are closed?

The A43 between M1 Junction 15a in Northamptonshire and M40 Junction 10 in Oxfordshire will be closed to through traffic on Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 June for the 2009 Formula 1 Santander British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

### Why a closure?

We are expecting a high increase in race traffic so we need to close the A43 during the event. The decision has been made to not only benefit race-goers but also for the safety and convenience of non-Silverstone traffic, so that people are not being held up by vehicles heading to the circuit.

### Where are the diversion routes?

On all three days, non-race traffic will be diverted along the A508, A422 and A421, or vice versa (see map on next page). However, since this route is

mainly single-carriageway, we would encourage drivers to use alternative motorway and dual carriageway routes for long distance travel, where possible.

Local drivers will have access between the M1 J15a and Towcester, and between Brackley and the Welsh Lane interchange. However, the section between Towcester and Welsh Lane will only be available for those going to the British Grand Prix. We will be using our Highways Agency electronic message signs and temporary information signs at strategic points on our road network to inform people when the road is closed, so that drivers can easily change to an alternative route.

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- Take an emergency kit
- Check the weather forecast and your route before you set out

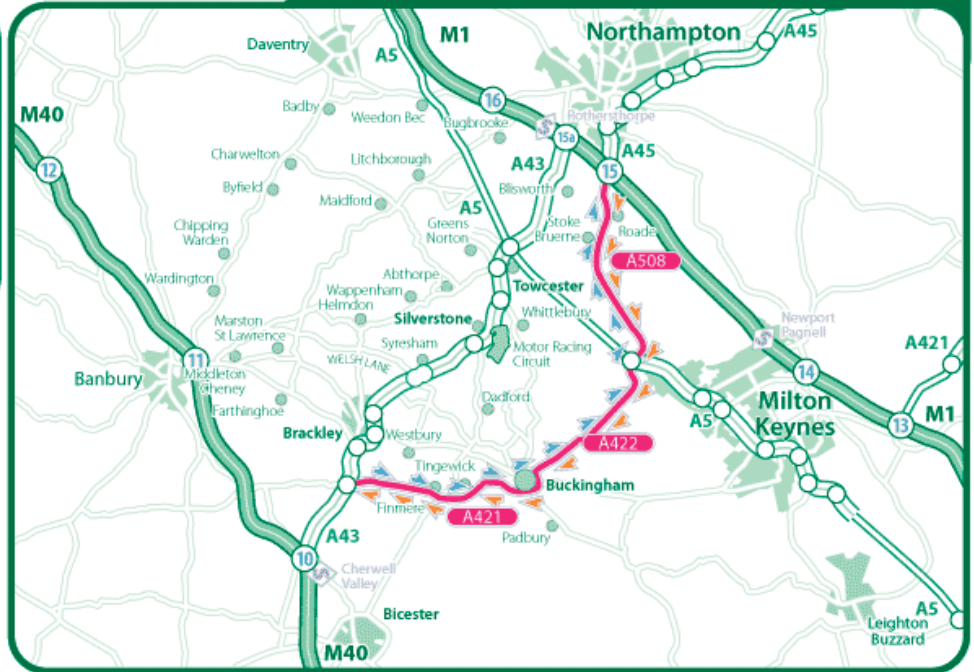
# Diversion Route

## Heading South

-  ● A508 from M1 J15 to A5
- A422 to Buckingham
- A421 to rejoin A43

## Heading North

-  ● A421 from A43 to Buckingham
- A422 to A5
- A508 to M1 J15



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Police Traffic Management Information:

[www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)

Silverstone Circuit Information:

[www.silverstone.co.uk](http://www.silverstone.co.uk)

This leaflet is one of two highlighting the arrangements for local and national traffic for the 2009 British Grand Prix weekend. Further copies are available from Highways Agency Publications

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## Safety at roadworks



**The Highways Agency is working with the industry and road users to reduce the risks of working on the roads.**

For the safety of roadworkers and all road users, when you are approaching roadworks:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.



**Switch off** before you drive off