

Liverpool's Most Wuthering Heights Day... Ever!

FAQs

What and where is Rimrose Valley?

Rimrose Valley Country Park, to give it its full title, is situated in South Sefton between the communities of Seaforth, Waterloo, Crosby, Thornton, Netherton and Litherland.

Unlike some of Liverpool's grand Victorian parks, it is a wild/semi wild country park with woodland, wetland and grassland, situated alongside the historic Leeds-Liverpool canal.

The event will be held in a recreational section of the park known locally as Chaffer's Running Track, with a wildflower meadow at its centre.

How do I get there?

As an environmental organisation, we would like everyone to travel responsibly and sustainably so please use public transport, or travel on foot, bicycle or scooter, wherever possible.

Plus... what a sight it will be to see hundreds of "Kates" on our trains and buses!!

The closest train station to the event location is Waterloo on Merseyrail's Northern Line.

The closest bus stops are located on the A565 Crosby Road North, which is serviced by numbers 47, 53, 54, 54A, 63 and the X2. Get off anywhere between the '5 lamps' stop (your bus driver will know what that is) and the Plaza Cinema.

Head to the **Glenwyllin Road entrance** of the park. The nearest Post Code is L22 4RN, or What3Words location [///them.doll.gravy](https://www.what3words.com/?l=L224RN)

We'll have signs and stewards on the day directing you to the event itself.

We would LOVE it if you wanted to share some photos of your journey on social media, using the hashtag #wutheringheightsliverpool and tag @SaveRimrose and @RimroseValley in any posts.

Can I drive?

Again, we discourage this wherever possible, but we do recognise that some people are less mobile than others, or have poor public transport links, and driving is their only option.

Please note that **there are no parking facilities at the event location** and Rimrose Valley is in a residential setting so we must respect the local community and residents.

If you have to drive, please park at Crosby Civic Hall & Library car park (in Waterloo), which is free on Sundays. The address is Haigh Road, Waterloo (not Crosby) L22 0LQ. What3Words location [///trunk.curiosity.miss](https://www.what3words.com/?l=L220LQ)

If that is full, please park considerately and do not block any driveways, or double-park, so access remains clear for residents and emergency vehicles.

What is happening?

As detailed on the Eventbrite page, together, we will be recreating the 1978 Kate Bush contemporary dance masterpiece, "Wuthering Heights".

I have mobility issues. Will it be suitable for me?

Please email lindag@rimrosevalleyfriends.org if you are a blue badge holder and would like us to arrange parking for you.

Even though we are in a beautiful green setting, we want to make this accessible to all, so our event will be taking place on a hard surface running track and the gates to the park will be open so both access and terrain is suitable for all.

What do I need to wear?

Wherever possible, a red dress, like those seen in the promotional videos and photos we've shared so far.

Google "Kate Bush Wuthering Heights Red Dress Version" and you'll find her frolicking in the great outdoors.

If you don't have one, come in anything red and there will be a small supply of red clothing on the day at one of our community stalls.

Is a red dress compulsory?

We won't be enforcing it, but it will make the visual spectacle so much better if as many people as possible get involved.

What about gents?

This is your big chance to wear a dress (you know you want to...) BUT we don't want anyone to feel excluded or this to put you off getting involved.

Dig out any red clothing, tie some black fabric around your waist and come along.

How do I learn the dance?

You should have received emails from us sharing 2 options of the dance – one is very simple and is great for people with limited mobility, or who want to focus on the basics.

The other is the full dance routine, and this is what we'll be attempting on the day.

Links here:

FULL DANCE ROUTINE (tutorial)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1oehKo2RZI>

FULL DANCE ROUTINE (performance)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DxiZC3eHIBA>

BASIC ROUTINE (tutorial)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0vYONYAVYo>

(NB: There are differences in this routine as it has been designed for people of all abilities)

On the day itself, we'll have a few dance leaders, so please don't worry if you're not prepared.

We've allowed plenty of time for a run through, but we're not aiming for perfection.

Come to have fun, help us to create a visual spectacle and the rest will fall into place.

Will we be Running Up that Hill too?

Kind of!

After Wuthering heights we'll play this other hit of Kate's and inviting anyone that wishes to run, jog, walk or shuffle up a gentle slope behind the main event space.

This is entirely optional so again, don't worry if it's not for you.

Will the event be filmed and photographed?

Yes, we film and photograph all our events.

Given the size of the event and that a drone will be used, we cannot guarantee that you won't be captured on film, unless you remove yourself from the event area during the performance itself.

If this is a consideration for you or your family, please give this some thought.

Will it be family-friendly?

Absolutely. We would love to see as many generations as possible attending and having fun.

Please consider the safety of young children/toddlers. We will share guidance on the day.

Will there be toilets?

Yes. We will be providing toilets on the day. We now know the number of people attending, but you may need to wait in line, so thank you in advance for your patience.

Will there be food and drink?

This is our first ever Wuthering Heights event so we're keeping things as simple as possible. There will be an ice cream van and 2 stalls selling local produce, but we aren't providing formal catering.

You are welcome to bring a picnic and blanket and sit around the wildflower meadow.

No alcohol will be served at this event.

Is this weather dependent?

As we all know, the Great British Summer can be... unpredictable.

Keep an eye on the forecast and come prepared for whatever's predicted on the day... so sunblock/hat, or raincoat/brolly.

Extreme weather conditions such as lightening, high/unsafe temperatures, torrential rain may lead to the cancellation of the event at short notice. We will communicate through your Eventbrite booking, but please also check our social media accounts on the day for any announcement.

In addition to being prepared for the weather, we recommend antihistamines for anyone who suffers with hay fever (like me) and also insect repellent. With all the wet weather we've been having, lots of insects about so it's worth doing this.

Is the event insured?

Yes, all our events are covered by our events insurance policy, but the best way to avoid needing this is for us all to act responsibly on the day.

Will bins be provided?

Yes. As with all our events, we have seen that people are great at respecting green space, so please take your litter home with you and leave as little work for our volunteers as possible.

Can I bring my dog?

Yes. As with all our events, this one is dog-friendly for responsible owners, as long as your dog is used to large crowds, music and you're happy they will be fine on the day.

However, we need the performance space to be safe and not have dogs running around so it would be great if a friend/family member can look after them during the routine.

Who are Rimrose Valley Friends and Save Rimrose Valley?

Rimrose Valley Friends (RVF) is a charity formed to protect, enhance and promote Rimrose Valley Country Park to surrounding communities and beyond.

Since 2017 RVF has also been running a campaign – Save Rimrose Valley – to stop this beautiful green space from destruction. National Highways has plans to bulldoze a dual carriageway through the length of the park to service the Port of Liverpool.

By supporting events like this one, you'll be helping us to raise awareness of our fight and doing your bit to help us secure its long-term future.

Have we missed anything?

We hope we've covered as much as possible at this stage. If you have any questions, please email lindag@rimrosevalleyfriends.org. If we get enough of the same question, we'll add them to this page.