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find out about the torch relay and events near you
The Olympic torch relay started its 8,000 mile journey around the UK at Land’s End in Cornwall on Saturday 19 May and reaches the Olympic Stadium in London on Friday 27 July for the opening ceremony.

Here’s how to find out the places and times for the torch relay, and the BBC’s latest coverage of its progress.

First, type bbc.co.uk/2012 into your web browser address bar. This will take you to the BBC London 2012 homepage.

Underneath the main scrolling strip, there is another strip titled Torch relay. You can select from Today, Tomorrow, or the following day.

This will take you to the BBC’s Torch Relay site for the day you’ve chosen.

Across the top of this page you will see a timeline covering the 70 days of the torch relay.

You can move backwards and forwards along this by clicking or tapping on the arrows at either end. Don’t select a date yet: there’s more to see first.

Beneath this timeline, you’ll see a box for the latest video: this will be live if the torch relay is actually happening (and if the signal to relay the pictures is working!). Simply click on the arrow in the box to play the video.

See the panel at the end of this guide for hints and tips on watching video and listening to audio on BBC websites.
Under the video box, is a section called Routes. You will see a map showing an overview of the day’s route, highlighting the main places that the torch relay will pass through on that date. If you are using a PC, hover your mouse over one of these points and you’ll see the place and time the torch is scheduled to arrive on that date.

This doesn’t always work on a tablet device, but on your tablet (as well as a PC), you will find a full list of the expected times of arrival of the torch for each of the featured destinations at the foot of the map.

To find detailed maps for another part of the relay – perhaps to see when it’s coming near to where you live, click or tap the All routes link above the map.

As you move your mouse over the numbers on the map (on a PC), you’ll be given more details: the date when the torch will visit, and its start and end point that day.

You’ll see there are also two boxes to the right: one highlighting the Northern Isles, and the other, the London legs of the relay.

Find the point that you’re interested in, and hover the mouse over it to reveal the location details and then click or tap on this numbered point.

On a tablet, you can use the numbered list of destinations below the map to search for details. It will be easier to scroll up and down the list by moving the list of places with your finger rather than trying the scroll bar. Just click or tap on the bit of the route that interests you, and you’ll be taken to the relevant page for that day.
Now, scroll back up to the top of the Routes panel, and click or tap on the Street by street option for your chosen day to get even more details of the torch route on that date.

On the Street by street list, use the scroll bar on the right of the list to see all of the details for that day. Using a tablet device, again you will find it easier to scroll up and down the list by moving the list of places with your finger rather than trying the scroll bar.

Beneath the Routes box, you can find the latest Torch Relay News as well as featured video and articles.
Once you get more confident, and you know which day the torch is coming to where you live, you can scroll along the timeline at the top of the page, using the arrows, and click on that date. This will instantly bring up the relevant maps and relay timings in the Route box. Click on the arrows at either end of the timeline to find the date that you are looking for.

To quickly find out if the torch is coming near where you live, try using the search box on the right of the Routes section that has the title **Find the torch near you**. Simply put in your postcode, town or county to bring up relevant details of the torch relay schedule. It will offer you the five locations that are nearest to where you live. If you click or tap on any of these, you’ll be taken to the page showing the route for that day.

**Torch Relay events near you**

On the right of the main Torch Relay page, you will see a link to **Things To Do**. The torch relay aims to showcase the very best of the UK – from cities and towns, to areas of outstanding natural beauty. Here you’ll be able to find out about local activities – from free test sport events, to cultural events in the region where the torch is going. Click or tap on any of these activities and you will be taken to the **Things To Do** site, where there will be more information.

Once the torch has arrived at the Olympic Stadium on 27th July, the torch strip will disappear from the BBC London 2012 homepage. But you will still be able to find footage of its journey around the UK by visiting bbc.co.uk/torchrelay
Hints and Tips on watching video and listening to audio from the BBC’s sites on your computer or tablet

Getting set up

The video and audio that you can play will depend on the kind of device you are using. The iPad doesn’t work with Adobe Flash Player, so there will be some video that you won’t be able to watch on it.

Make sure your computer or tablet is connected to a broadband service (via cable or Wi-Fi). If you’re trying to watch or listen using 3G phone network you may find that the connection struggles.

On a computer, you’ll need to make sure that you have Javascript enabled and the correct version of Adobe Flash Player installed (this must be version 10.1 or higher). If either of these are not in place you will be prompted to make the relevant updates to your settings and / or programs.

Getting started

**Video**

Sometimes, the news stories or features on BBC websites, including the Olympic sites, will have an arrow in a box over the relevant story image.

That means there is video to see.

**Audio**

A loudspeaker icon means that there are radio clips or programmes to listen to.

Often you simply have to click on the arrow or loudspeaker icon, or on the image or associated heading for the story, and you’ll be taken directly to the video or audio.

**Image/Photo**

If there’s a camera symbol on the image for the story, it means there’s a selection of photographs to see.

Audio

If you’re listening to audio, there will be a ‘player’ bar with some simple control icons (sometimes located underneath a relevant still image). Click or tap the arrow on the ‘player’ bar to start.

Once it’s playing, the start (arrow) icon will change to a ‘pause’ (two parallel lines) icon. To stop the audio, tap here. When you want to re-start, click or tap in the same place (the button will now be showing an arrow again.

On a computer, you can control the volume using the loud speaker icon on the ‘player’ bar. Hover over it and a volume bar will appear. Move your cursor to the right or left (or up or down) to increase or decrease volume. On a tablet, you won’t be able to alter the volume from the screen – use the control on the device itself.
Video

On the ‘player’ bar underneath the image or video, there’s a play and pause button on the left, and volume and screen size controls.

If you want to watch the video full screen, press the icon which shows four arrows pointing outwards.

To go back to the original layout with a smaller viewing area, press the ‘Esc’ button (usually top left of your keyboard), or press the icon showing four arrows pointing inwards.

Subtitles

Many TV programmes also offer you the ability to watch with subtitles too.

If you’re watching video, and it’s a BBC news or sport clip, often the picture will appear and it will start playing without prompting.

To stop the video, as with audio, you can click or tap the pause button on the ‘player’ bar under the video.

BBC iPlayer

If you’re directed to watch a BBC programme, you will usually be taken to pages where the video or audio is displayed on a BBC iPlayer page. The principles and most of the controls are the same.

To return to the page you started from, remember; you can always use the left arrow button, at the top left hand corner of your browser page.

You can get more detailed help with using the BBC iPlayer; watching video and listening to audio online at: www.bbc.co.uk/help/iplayer

If you’re using a tablet, you can download the BBC iPlayer app first. It’s quick, free and safe. You can download it either from the Apple App Store or, if you’re using an Android tablet, from Google Play.

The BBC iPlayer app is currently supported on the Apple iPad and on some Android tablets running Android 2.2 or later.

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