Great expectations for the Volkswagen Rally

The ever-popular national motorsport event that is the Volkswagen Rally takes place on Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, bringing competitors from across the country to compete in one of the best rallies on the annual calendar.

Every year the VW Rally, now running for the 34th time, relies on the support and dedication of many people in order to be a successful round of the South African National Rally Championship. When reading through this guide you will see the logos belonging to companies that support the Algoa Rally Club in its efforts - and some of these logos appear year after year thanks to unwavering support - for which we are very grateful.

What you will not see is the many names that belong on that list of supporters. Late nights, early mornings and tireless effort from individuals that put their very best into making the VW Rally what it is today.

It would be impossible to name every single person, but all of their efforts, from the smallest gesture to the commitment of all of their time is appreciated and recognised - the rally would simply not exist without all of them.

There are 12 stages of competition that will take place - each posing a slightly different challenge to the competitors. We encourage rally fans to take advantage of the various spectating points and to enjoy the Volkswagen Rally with us.

Be safe, be considerate and make sure you keep an eye on the weather. Remember that much of the rally takes place on private property, please help us make the next VW Rally possible.

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Volkswagen Rally 2016

Volkswagen Rally overview

Day One
Starting Point
Auto Pavilion

Stage One
Jachtvlakte 13:55

Stage Three
Jachtvlakte 16:05
AutoPavilion to Jachtvlakte

Two viewing options for stage one. Either spectate at the start or at the mid-point of the stage.

From VW AutoPavilion proceed towards Despatch, the direction of VW Dealer Market Square
0.00 Zero your trip at the Traffic light (Marcconi Str) and proceed STRAIGHT
0.66 Turn RIGHT to view the START of the STAGE (PeoplePavilion) - OPTION 1
1.20 Park on Left to Spectate
You may walk into the stage and view the cars make a Right sweep over a narrow bridge.
(See instructions for alternative Mid Point spectating below)

0.66 Straight on
1.15 Keep Right Lane
1.61 Straight on (Bethelsdorp M10)
2.26 Turn Right onto Gravel Road. Follow this main road until Road block – 1km
You may walk into the stage and view the cars make a 90 Right. Mid Stage viewpoint

Stage Two
Mission Road 14:31

Stage Four
Mission Road 16:50

From the Stage 1 and 3 Start viewing point.
Proceed back to T-Junction 0.00 STOP. Turn RIGHT assume 60km/h
0.55 Keep Right Lane
1.01 Stop. STRAIGHT on (Bethelsdorp M10)
1.66 SLOW DOWN. (spectating point B for stage one on RHS)

RESET your Trip at turn off to right. Proceed STRAIGHT on, follow instruction from 0.94

From Mid Stage One viewpoint. Proceed back to T-Junction (tar road)

Stage Five
Baywest Mall 18:00

Jachtvlakte to BayWest Mall
JACHTVLAKTE SS1+3 TO BAYWEST MALL SS5
via STAGE 2/4
From the Stage 1/3 Start view point.
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Proceed STRAIGHT on AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

From Mid Stage One viewpoint. Proceed back to T-Junction (tar road)
0.00 RESET your Trip and Turn RIGHT onto tar
0.94 STRAIGHT on (ESS 1+3 on RHS)
3.05 CAUTION : POSSIBLE DETOUR and pedestrians
5.93 Turn RIGHT (M10 Bethelsdorp) assume 60km/h
7.43 60 km/h
7.61 Speedbump - SLOW !!

Stage to be viewed from upper level entrance 3, and also from ground level entrance 4

Do Not Park at random places outside the Mall, security is very strict.

Best viewing choices:
Choose stage one and three
OR
Choose stage two and four

8.31 STOP. Turn LEFT (M10 Port Elizabeth) 70 km/h
10.00 STRAIGHT on (Nooitgedacht)
12.32 70 km/h
12.67 Traffic light. Turn RIGHT (Lawrence Erasmus/Mission Rd)
15.00 STRAIGHT on (Algoa Frail Care) (SSS 2 on RHS)
16.19 STRAIGHT on (Entrance 2)
17.95 Caution: Stray animals next 2 km
21.39 Stop. T-Junction. Turn RIGHT (M10 Port Elizabeth) 70 km/h
24.83 Traffic Lights. STRAIGHT on
25.56 Traffic Lights. Turn RIGHT (Baywest Blvd)
25.67 80 km/h
26.49 60 km/h
26.79 Traffic Lights. STRAIGHT on (N2 Grahamstown)
27.30 Traffic Lights. STRAIGHT on (N2 Humansdorp)
27.53 Traffic Lights. STRAIGHT on (Entrance 2)
27.68 Traffic Circle. Take 2nd Exit (Turn Right)
28.18 Turn RIGHT (Entrance 3)
Find Parking on the upper level to view stage. Stage to be viewed from upper level entrance 3, and also from ground level entrance 4

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Day Two
Starting point: Baywest Mall
The Volkswagen Rally action on day two takes place mainly in the Longmore Forest and Spekboom Lapa, both offering spectacular viewing points. Use Baywest Mall as your starting reference point and follow the directions to Point A in the Longmore Forest (the Service Park). Directions to the stages will be from this point for all Longmore stages.

From Baywest Mall, continue on N2 towards Cape Town for 31km
Keep Left Exit 702 (Hankey/ Patensie)
0.00 Stop. RESET TRIP. Turn

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Longmore Service Park (A) to spectating points

SWITCH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION

0.00 RESET TRIP at Point A
Continue on Main Road. Speed Limit 60km/h
0.60 Keep RIGHT. Point B
2.30 Fork keep LEFT. Point C - End Stage 6 / 10
3.20 Turn RIGHT. Point D
5.34 Point E - This is a Major reference point. (Concrete pipes) This point will be Spectating for Stage 11

Turn LEFT for Spectating Stage 8 (Point F) - 2km from E
Straight on will lead you to Spectating for Stage 6 (Point H)
Stage 10 (Point G)
5.34 Point E - STRAIGHT on 4.36 Fork Keep RIGHT.
End Stage 8 on Left. Also Alternative Spectating Stage 10.
6.61 Point G. STRAIGHT on.
This point will be Spectating for Stage 10.
5.40 Point H - This point will be Spectating for Stage 6.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR SPECTATORS

THE ROAD BETWEEN POINT G AND POINT H IS PART OF STAGE 10.

When Stage 6 is complete you must move to Point F

Stage Six
Culturama 07:31
Point H

Stage Seven
Lapa Tower 09:17

Stage Eight
PPC Jelley 09:43
Point F

Stage Nine
Lapa Tower 11:39

Stage Ten
PPC Rama 12:05
Point G

Stage Eleven
PPC Ultimate 14:08
Point E

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MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS REMOVED BEFORE THESE STAGES START

Stage Twelve
PEOTR SS 15:26
Spec - S33°53.913' E25°27.525'
PEOTR is located on Mission Road and hosts the final stage for competitors in the VW Rally.

Local rally fans can look out for a number of regional competitors from the Algoa Rally Club, including Rufus Neethling and Henry Adams that will compete in the Volkswagen Rally.

Photo: Morné Condon

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