

Olympic Delivery Authority
The Lee Valley White Water Centre – complete
December 2010



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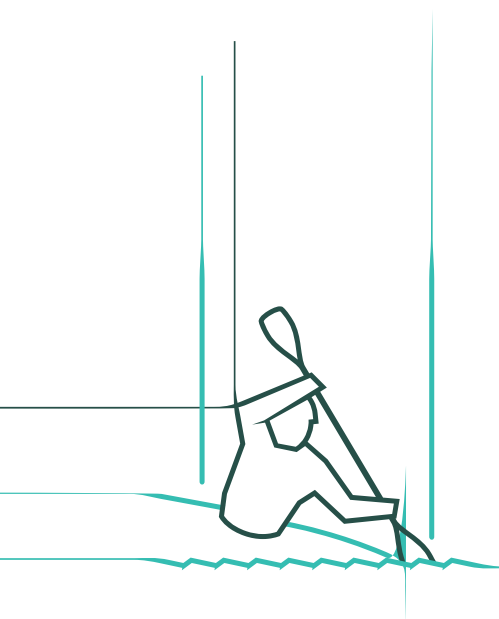
Introduction

The Lee Valley White Water Centre – the venue for the London 2012 Olympic Games Canoe Slalom event – is complete. It is the first brand new sporting facility to be completed, and it will be open to the public in spring 2011 – more than a year before the London 2012 Games. People of all abilities will be able to raft or canoe down the two white water courses.

The two courses were built from scratch: a 300m competition course and a 160m training course. A new starting lake has been also been constructed. The white water for the courses is created through a system of pumps and obstacles placed along the courses.

There is also a two-storey facilities building, which contains a cafe, changing rooms, offices and spectator viewing facilities.

The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority will own and operate the White Water Centre.



April 2009

The site of the London 2012 Olympic Games Canoe Slalom event, ahead of construction work starting.

The course is part of a wider parkland area. New path and bridge networks throughout the venue will help spectators get close to the action.





June 2009

Construction work begins on site. Works include soil and other fill material being used to form the canoe course embankments and the landscaped areas of the venue.

Around 150,000 cubic metres of material will be used on the landscaping – enough to fill the Royal Albert Hall.

November 2009

Piling work is now underway to form the foundations of the starting pool and the venue's facility building.

More than 500 concrete piles will be driven up to 16 metres into the ground to form the foundations.



March 2010

The starting pool of the competition course is complete and the main structure of the facilities building (pictured) begins to take shape.



August 2010

The taps are turned on and water flows down the courses for the first time at the new White Water Centre.

The white water is created through a system of pumps and obstacles placed along the courses.



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The White Water Centre is finished and handed over to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. It will be opened to the public in spring 2011.



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