



The Cotswold Water Park Society Ltd

improving the Cotswold Water Park for wildlife and people

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BUSA ROWING – SPRINTS REGATTA

- The Cotswold Water Park Society and British Universities Sports Association are delighted to be able to welcome you to the first rowing regatta to be held in the Cotswold Water Park.
- This year's event is being organised by the WAGS region of the ARA and will be hosted at Keynes Country Park.
- The reason for holding this sprints event in the Cotswold Water Park for the first time is to support the continued development of Cleveland Lakes (just a few miles down the road) into a multi-lane regatta course.
- Cleveland Lakes is still an active gravel extraction site but restoration commenced in 2007 to create an initial 1,500m course which in future phases can to be upgraded to a full 2,000m FISA B course.
- Once landscaping has been completed and there is access to a useable stretch to water we hope to be able to hold regattas at Cleveland Lakes.
- Cotswold Rowing Club is the perspective host club at Cleveland Lakes and will be rowing on a temporary basis on this regatta lake from May 2008.
- In the meantime we all want this event to be a success and hope to be able to invite you back in future years.

More information about Cleveland Lakes can be found overleaf



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Cleveland Lakes *the perfect place for water sports and wildlife*

Cleveland Lakes is an exciting new venture to establish a world-class water sports facility and wetland nature reserve within one of England's most outstanding wetland areas, the Cotswold Water Park. The scheme will provide an international standard rowing, sprint canoeing and dragon boat racing course. A variety of wetland habitats will be created as a sanctuary for wildlife with access for people.

Cleveland Lakes will become an outstanding water sports centre catering for everyone; from complete beginners to top athletes, a place anyone could find themselves on the water alongside a future Olympian. The course will be designed to meet the latest international standards for rowing, sprint canoeing, dragon boat racing and triathlon providing a much needed facility for South West England, the West Midlands and the Upper Thames..

What makes Cleveland Lakes special is the way the project embraces and enhances the natural environment throughout. Over half of the site will be designated and managed as a nature reserve where access by people will be allowed through specially screened footpaths and viewing hides.

In developing plans for the site, there has been extensive consultation with, and support from, a variety of organisations. These organisations range from national sport governing bodies to local clubs, from key conservation agencies to local wildlife groups. Over four miles (6.5 kilometres) of new multi-use paths are planned at Cleveland Lakes, these link in to local footpaths and national rights of way, such as the Thames Path and the National Cycle Network, giving easy access to the site from local villages and towns. The first development phase; nature reserve landscaping and the first 1,500m of water sport course has begun and is expected to be completed in 2008/9.

For more information please visit the Society's website: <http://www.waterpark.org>

