

Sign up for Le Mans 24-hour



race



Opportunities to ride on the Le Mans circuit are rare (Jean-Francois Monier/AFP/Getty Images)

You've heard of the world famous Le Mans 24-hour car race? Well now you can have a go for yourself, on your bike. A new team endurance race, the 24 Heures Velo, is being staged on the infamous Bugatti track in north-west France.

The route has been used by cyclists before – notably in the annual Circuit de la Sarthe race – but this is still a rare chance to ride on a closed, floodlit circuit and follow in the tyre tracks of some famous names.

It takes place on the weekend of 22-23 August, kicking off with an hour-long morning ride. Then the main endurance event begins at 3pm, with the goal being to complete as many laps as possible within 24 hours. Between 2,000 and 3,000 riders are expected to take part.

The event has been organised by Claude Gasnal Organisation (CGO) with the support of the French Cycling Federation and in partnership with Shimano France and MSV cycling club.

A spokesman for CGO said: "Whether you are trained or amateur cyclists, colleagues or friends, be part of a real-life adventure and live the magical experience of a race around the clock. It will be the opportunity to reach a personal goal or to take on a team challenge in a warm and friendly atmosphere."

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