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Western Sydney set to host bumper series of major events

Over the next nine weeks, Western Sydney will host more than six major events including Kidtopia, AUS-X Open, the inaugural MotorWorld Sydney, World Time Attack Challenge, NSW Golf Championships and Coates Hire Sydney 500.

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events Stuart Ayres said for action-packed adventure experiences such as white water rafting, go-karting, and golfing Western Sydney also hosts a busy calendar of events for families, motorsports fans and arts aficionado.

“More people than ever before are coming to Western Sydney to enjoy the wealth of attractions, world-class restaurants and jam packed major events calendar set amongst the unique flora and fauna,” Mr Ayres said.

“From free outdoor family events like Kidtopia at Parramatta Park to the chance to ride the Western Sydney wave at Wet’n’Wild Prospect, there really is something for everyone to enjoy.”

FOR THE MOTORSPORTS ENTHUSIAST

- **World Time Attack Challenge: Friday 14 and Saturday 15 October**
Motorsport lovers can enjoy two days of non-stop, high adrenaline, racing action at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek as international teams compete for the quickest lap time. Purchase tickets via ticketek.com.au
- **AUS-X Open: Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November**
World Champion Supercross racers Cooper Webb, Chad Reed, and Ryan Villopoto will take on Australia’s best riders and compete for The Freestyle Motorcross ‘Best Trick’ title at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. Purchase tickets via ticketek.com.au
- **MotorWorld Sydney: Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 December**
Visitors will be able to test drive their favourite cars, compare brands and models, or enjoy live vehicle demonstrations at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. With a dedicated Family Zone, parents can drop kids at the professional child-minding centre to enjoy the event uninterrupted. Purchase tickets via motorworldsydney.com
- **Coates Hire Sydney 500: Friday 2 to Sunday 4 December**
The streets of Sydney Olympic Park will come alive over three days for the V8 Supercars grand finale. Ford, Nissan, Holden, and Volvo will go head to head to compete for the 2016 Championship. Purchase tickets via ticketek.com.au.

FAMILY FUN

- **Kidtopia: Friday 7 to Sunday 9 October**
A new three day festival held at Parramatta Park offering a smorgasbord of activities and entertainment. Highlights include a human size foosball game, Taylor Swift and Katy Perry tribute show, science masterclasses, amusement rides, giant inflatable obstacle course, theatre shows, and live music. Purchase tickets via kidtopiafestival.com.au

- **NSW Open Golf Championships: Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 November**
In 2016 NSW Open Golf Championships will return to the Greg Norman-designed 18 hole Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club in Colebee. Visitors can walk the fairways behind some of Australia's best golf players. Purchase tickets directly on the day at the gate.

GETTING THERE AND STAYING THERE

For visitors planning a weekend getaway in Western Sydney, accommodation caters for families, groups, and couples. There are a range of serviced apartments and centrally located hotels such as **Novotel Sydney Parramatta, Quest Liverpool, Autra Blacktown, PARKROYAL Parramatta** or **Mercure Sydney Parramatta**.

Western Sydney is easily accessed from Central Train Station. Visitors can also take the scenic route by catching the ferry from Circular Quay along the Parramatta River.

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