

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026

HEATHER ON THE HILL FESTIVAL

FOR YOU AND ALL THE FAMILY



ESSENTIALS GUIDE

HELLO!

Welcome to **Heather On The Hill Festival**, a brand-new family focused one day festival taking place at the Royal Highland Showgrounds on **Saturday 22 August 2026**. Created by **Nathan Evans & The Saint Phnx Band**, the festival has been designed for all the family, bringing together a lively mix of live music, entertainment and unforgettable experiences for festivalgoers of all ages. We hope everyone attending has an amazing day of music, fun and community celebration.

Young festivalgoers can enjoy face painting, story sessions, arts and crafts, circus workshops, kids' yoga, messy play, silent discos, funfair, and a cast of roaming entertainers who will bring the event to life from start to finish. The festival will also feature a wide range of delicious food and drink options, offering plenty of family favourites, meal deals and local treats to keep everyone fuelled throughout the day.

This guide has been created to help you make the most of your visit to **Heather On The Hill Festival**. Inside, you'll find useful information to help plan your day, including event timings, site facilities, travel guidance, and key festival information. We hope it answers any questions you may have before arriving and helps to ensure you and your family enjoy a safe, fun and memorable day at the festival. If you have any further questions, we are happy to help, and you can contact us through the form [here](#).

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KEY			
	TOILETS AND ACCESSIBLE TOILETS		FIRST AID
	FOOD		WELFARE
	FACE PAINTING		FAN MEETINGS POINT
	MERCH		STREET SOCCER
	WATER POINT		ACCESSIBLE ACTION
	VIP WRISTBAND EXCHANGE		LOST PROPERTY
	SENSORY ROOM		MINI ROYAL SHOW AND LAND
	SOFT PLAY		CINEMA ROOM
	COCKTAIL BAR		FAN HUB
	?		WELFARE

KEY TIMINGS

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST '26	OPENING	CLOSING
CAR PARKS	10:00	00:00
EVENT OPEN	12:00	22:30
VIP	12:00	23:00
BOX OFFICE	11:00	21:30
MAIN STAGE	12:00	22:30
HEATHER BELL STAGE	12:00	19:15
HAPPY WEE PLACE	12:00	22:30
GARDENER'S COTTAGE	12:00	18:30
MILARROCHY BAY STAGE presented by CLYDE 1 & FORTH RADIO	12:00	20:30
ARABELLA'S HIDEAWAY	12:00	19:00

WHAT'S ON

MAIN STAGE

The heart of Heather on the Hill and our biggest festival stage. This is where you'll find the main line-up, big performances and plenty of festival energy, giving younger music fans the chance to experience live music on a spectacular scale.

START	ARTIST
20:45	NATHAN EVANS & THE SAINT PHNX BAND
19:15	CIAN DUCROT
17:45	SKERRYVORE
16:30	BROOKE COMBE
15:20	CAMMY BARNES
14:15	ROSE BETTS
13:15	NATI
12:45	NATHAN EVANS & THE SAINT PHNX BAND ACOUSTIC OPENING

MILARROCHY BAY STAGE PRESENTED BY CLYDE 1 & FORTH RADIO

Set beside the lake in our countryside area, the Milarrochy Bay Stage is the place for DJs, dancing and feel-good tunes throughout the day, presented by Clyde 1 and Forth Radio.

START	ARTIST
19:00	LYNNE HOGAN
17:30	CASSI
16:00	GBX (GEORGE BOWIE)
15:00	JOHN MILNE
14:00	VASS
13:00	JACOB JUKES
12:00	CALLUM RICHARDS

HEATHER BELL STAGE

There's nothing quite like live music under the roof of a big top. Step inside the Heather Bell Stage for the atmosphere of an intimate venue and a programme showcasing brilliant local talent. It might just be where you discover a new favourite.

START	ARTIST
18:45	CALUM MACPHAIL
17:15	SCRATCHCARD WEDNESDAY
16:00	JARAD ROWAN
14:50	THE LAURETTES
13:45	EWAN MCKENNA

HAPPY WEE PLACE

Come rain or shine, Happy Wee Place is the perfect spot for families to play, dance and enjoy the festival together. Inside the large blue and white striped big top, you'll find a stage, big screen, seating and beanbags, with activities running throughout the day. Outside you will find giant games, seating and space to play.

Join Artie's Singing Kettle for an interactive singalong designed for children aged 0-5, or get everyone moving at the all-ages silent disco and Ceilidh Kids sessions.

From 7pm, settle into a beanbag and enjoy a live stream of the Main Stage on the big screen. It's a covered, quieter place to catch the evening performances when younger festivalgoers need a rest but aren't ready to miss out.

Activity	Ages	Times			
Silent Disco	All Ages	12:00 - 13:00	14:00 - 15:00	16:00 - 17:00	18:00 - 19:00
Artie's Singing Kettle	0-5	13:00 - 14:00		15:00 - 16:00	
Ceilidh Kids	All Ages	17:00 - 18:00			
Main Stage Live Stream	All Ages	19:00 - 22:30			

GARDENER'S COTTAGE

Tucked amidst the apple trees, Gardener's Cottage is a small, welcoming space where younger festivalgoers can slow things down for a while. Inside the rustic cottage, children can get creative with crafts or join a Story Corner session featuring stories and singalongs for little ones aged 0-5.

All activities are included with your festival ticket, but space inside the cottage is limited, so you may need to wait during busier sessions.

ACTIVITY	AGES	TIMES			
STORY CORNER	0-5	13:00 - 13:30	14:00 - 14:30	15:00 - 15:30	16:00 - 16:30

REST & BE THANKFUL

Take a breather at the top of the hill in our giant tipi, with beautiful views across the lake. Join a laughing yoga or kids' yoga session, find some space for a few roly-polys, or simply pause and relax between festival adventures.

For an extra moment of calm, adults aged 16+ can retreat to one of our private bell tents and enjoy a relaxing massage before heading back into the festival. Massages are available at an additional cost.

ACTIVITY	AGES	PRICE	TIMES
LAUGHING YOGA	ALL AGES	FREE	EVERY 30 MINS FROM 12:30 - 14:00 AND 15:00 - 16:30
MASSAGES	16+	FROM £20 PER TREATMENT	FROM 12:00 - 18:00 BY APPOINTMENT

THINK CIRCUS

Drop into the star-shaped tent beside the lake and have a go at juggling, hula-hooping and a range of other circus skills with the team from Think Circus. The sessions are relaxed, accessible and open to all ages, whether you're trying something new or showing off skills you already have.

There's no need to book. Simply drop in, join the fun and see what you can do.

ACTIVITY	AGES	TIMES
CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP	ALL AGES	FROM 13:00 - 15:00 & 16:00 - 18:00

THE CASK COLLECTIVE

Step inside our comfortable whisky tipi, settle into a Chesterfield and enjoy a little grown-up time away from the festival bustle. In groups of up to 10, our experienced whisky ambassador, Jo, will guide you through five carefully selected drams, exploring their flavours and stories along the way. Whether you're a whisky enthusiast or simply curious, the tasting offers a varied line-up designed to intrigue and delight.

Sessions last 30 minutes and can be booked on the day from 12:00, starting from 14:00. Places are limited and available at an additional cost for adults aged 18+ only.

ACTIVITY	AGES	PRICE	TIMES
WHISKY TASTING	18+	£20 PER PERSON	14:00 - 17:00 30-MINUTES PER SESSION LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE PER SESSION SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

FACE PAINTING & BRACELETS

Add a little extra sparkle to your festival day with professional face painting, featuring colourful designs for children and grown-ups alike.

For something longer lasting, visit our permanent jewellery station and choose a custom-fitted welded bracelet. Pick your favourite style or create matching bracelets with family and friends as a special reminder of your day together.

Face painting and welded bracelets are available at an additional cost. Please check any age requirements with the team before taking part.

ACTIVITY	AGES	PRICE	TIMES
FACE PAINTING	ALL AGES	FROM £4	12:00 - 17:00
WELDED BRACELETS	ALL AGES	PRICED BY DESIGN	12:00 - 17:00

THE HIGHLAND HALL

There's plenty to discover inside the Highland Hall, a huge indoor space where families can drop in and explore at their own pace. Meet farm animals, get creative with crafts and take a turn on the toy tractors at our Mini Highland Show.

Younger festivalgoers can settle down with a collection of film favourites in the cosy cinema room, while the staffed sensory room offers a calm, supportive space for children who need some sensory support or time to decompress.

Outside on the lawn, join the Street Soccer team for keepy-uppies, football skills and plenty of active fun. All activities are drop-in, so come and go whenever it suits your festival day.

ACTIVITY	AGES	TIMES
MINI HIGHLAND SHOW	ALL AGES	12:00 - 17:00
CINEMA ROOM	3+	13:00 - 19:00
SENSORY ROOM	ALL AGES	OPEN ALL DAY
STREET SOCCER	ALL AGES	12:00 - 19:00
SOFT PLAY	0-5	12:00 - 19:00

ARABELLA'S HIDEAWAY

Calling all mini musicians! Step inside Arabella's Hideaway for a hands-on opportunity to explore and play a variety of instruments with the charity Music Broth. Stay, play and jam, show off your skills or pick up some new ones along the way.

On the other side of the tipi, join artist Aimee Dinsdale to help create a giant festival tartan tapestry. Choose from recycled fabrics and add your own piece to our growing patchwork masterpiece.

Both activities are open to all ages, with no experience needed. Simply drop in and get creative.

ACTIVITY	AGES	TIMES
MUSIC BROTH WORKSHOPS	ALL AGES	12:00 - 19:00
TARTAN TASTIC	ALL AGES	12:00 - 19:00

THE BLUE FEATHER TRAIL

Stevie and Al would like to introduce you to the characters from their brand new children's book, *Take Me To My Happy Place*. Say hello to Heather the Highland cow, Hamish the haggis, Nathan the Wellerman, and the boys themselves. All four are hiding somewhere on site. Be the first to find them!

Scan the code on each one you find to get early access to pre-order the book. Collect all four and you go in the draw to win a Happy Place Workshop delivered at a school of your choice!

VIP AREA

Nestled amongst the trees between the Main Stage and the impressive Ingliston House, the VIP area is also conveniently located close to the East Entrance. If you're arriving from the West or North Entrance, look out for the clock tower to help guide you there.

Open from 12pm until 11pm, the area includes a covered indoor space with seating, outdoor areas, food and bars, and flushing toilets.

Views of the Main Stage are not guaranteed from within the VIP area. Access to the front standing area is not included with a VIP ticket and is available to all ticket holders on a first-come, first-served basis.

FRONT STANDING AREA

The Front Standing Area is the viewing space closest to the Main Stage and is available to all ticket holders on a first-come, first-served basis.

You'll be given a wristband when you enter the area. This provides priority re-entry if you leave to visit the toilets, food traders or bars, helping you return to your party. However, a wristband does not guarantee re-entry if the area has reached capacity. Once it's full, further access will be paused until space becomes available.

FOOD AND DRINK

We have worked closely with our food and bar traders to create an affordable offering for families and children attending. Children's meal deals will be available from our food traders as well as a range of food and drinks for the whole family to enjoy.

GETTING HERE

TRAIN

ScotRail operates regular services to Edinburgh Waverley and Haymarket Train Stations. From Haymarket you can then take a Lothian 98 bus directly to the venue, or a tram to Ingliston Park & Ride.

ScotRail also operates regular services to Edinburgh Gateway or Edinburgh Park train stations. From here you can then take the tram to Ingliston Park & Ride.

You can check the timetables at www.scotrail.co.uk

TRAM

Trams will run every 7-10 minutes to bring you to the event. The nearest tram stop to the Royal Highland Showgrounds is Ingliston Park & Ride, approximately a 10-15 minute walk from the venue. A free shuttle bus will operate between Ingliston Park & Ride and the event site throughout the event. The journey takes approximately 5-10 minutes.

Please note:

Trams continue to serve the event as normal from the West End. However, tram services are not currently operating between Edinburgh City Centre and the West End.

Customers travelling from the City Centre or east of Edinburgh will therefore need to use an alternative method of transport to reach the West End, where they can continue their journey to the event by tram. Alternatively, customers may wish to use other public transport options for their full journey.

For the latest tram service information, please visit: www.edinburghtrams.com

PARKING

Parking is available at the Royal Highland Showgrounds. Car park tickets cost £15 (plus booking fee) in advance and £20 on the day. It is strongly recommended that tickets are purchased in advance, as they may sell out.

Tickets can be purchased via [Ticketmaster](https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk).

BUS

Lothian Buses run frequent services with stops near the venue. They also operate a dedicated service for the event - the 98 - which operates frequently between George St and the venue. Please visit the Lothian Buses website to plan your journey.

Citylink operates several services that stop along the A8, within a few minutes' walk of the venue. You can find timetables on the Citylink website.

Happy Bus are running services from across Scotland to/from the venue. This service must be pre-booked.

For timings and tickets, please visit www.happybus.co.uk

BIG GREEN COACH

Big Green Coach is providing hassle-free and sustainable coach returns from Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Perth and Sunderland direct to the festival gates.

Your carbon-neutral coach will arrive at Royal Highland Showgrounds' official coach park before the music starts and return to your pick-up location after the show. You won't miss a minute of the action.

Guarantee your seat with the UK's largest events travel company from £40 at www.biggreencoach.co.uk

ACCESSIBLE PARKING & PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

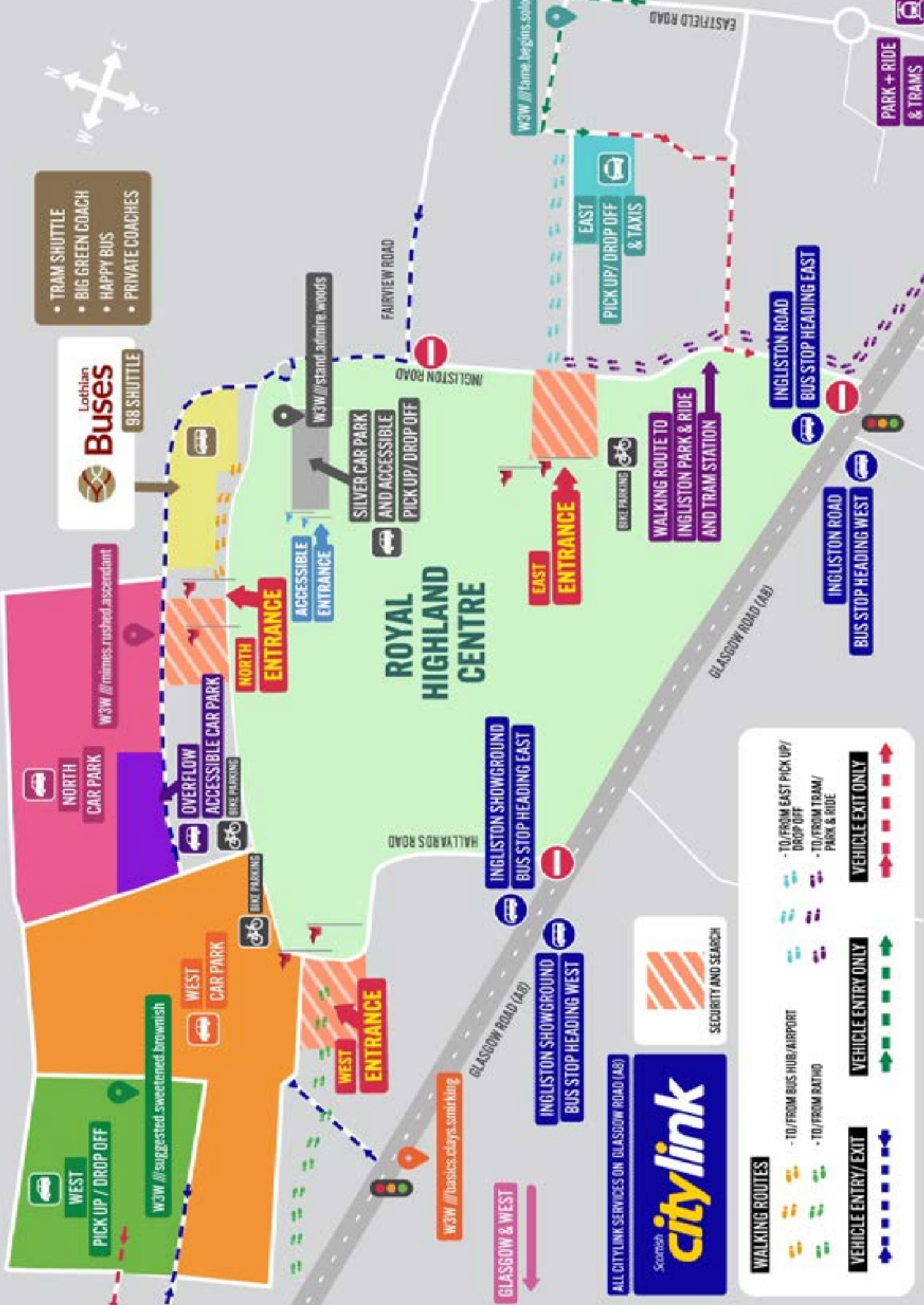
Dedicated accessible parking and an accessible pick-up and drop-off point are available at the event.

Accessible parking must be arranged in advance with our Accessibility Team. To request a space, please complete the Accessible Application Form.

For any other accessibility enquiries, email accessed@smmrsessions.com



- TRAM SHUTTLE
- BIG GREEN COACH
- HAPPY BUS
- PRIVATE COACHES



WALKING ROUTES

	TO/FROM BUS HUB/AIRPORT		TO/FROM EAST PICK UP/DROP OFF
	TO/FROM RATHO		TO/FROM TRAM/PARK & RIDE

VEHICLE ENTRY/EXIT

VEHICLE ENTRY ONLY

VEHICLE EXIT ONLY



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W3W //suggested:sweetened.brownish

W3W //minnies.rushed.ascendant

PARK + RIDE & TRAMS

WELFARE & WELLBEING

THE FAN HUB

The Fan Hub is located to the east of the site and is a welcoming and inclusive space at the heart of the festival, designed to support families throughout the day. Whether you need a moment of calm, a private place to feed your baby, or access to first aid services, the Fan Hub provides a safe and comfortable environment away from the excitement of the main event. Featuring a dedicated quiet room, breastfeeding room and first aid facilities, it offers families a chance to recharge, regroup, and take a break. Our friendly team will be on hand to help ensure that everyone can enjoy the festival experience in a way that feels comfortable and supportive.

The festival will also have a sensory room located in The Highland Hall which provides a calm, welcoming space where children and adults can take a break from the festival fun. Designed to support a range of sensory needs, it offers a quiet environment with comfortable seating, gentle lighting, and sensory resources to help visitors relax and recharge.

LOST CHILDREN & GUARDIANSHIP WRISTBANDS

At busy events, children and young people can sometimes become separated from their family or friends. This can be stressful for everyone involved, so there will be three designated Meeting Points across the site to help reunite people quickly. Their locations will be shown on event maps displayed throughout the festival.

We also operate a guardianship wristband scheme. If you are attending with someone under 16, we encourage you to collect a wristband from any entrance or one of our Meeting Points or the Fan Hub.

Write your phone number on the wristband and fit it securely to the person in your care. If you become separated, our Welfare team can then use the number to contact you.

If you become separated:

1. Check the person's last known location.
2. Speak to the nearest member of staff, who will be happy to help.
3. Our team will help you find and reunite with them.

ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

We want this event to be accessible for all so we have a dedicated Accessibility Team working all year round to constantly improve the experience for accessible customers. We welcome and encourage feedback from our attendees on our accessible facilities.

Please note the access facilities are not for the use of people with temporary impairments or circumstances such as broken bones, healing wounds or pregnancy. Customers concerned with any of these points can contact our Accessibility Team on **accessed@smmrsessions.com** for further advice.

Please let us know in advance of the show if you have any specific access requirements for attending the show.

Important Information:

Please note, the Raised Platform and Ground-Level Viewing Area are at full capacity for Heather On The Hill, but you can contact us to be added to the waitlist.

LOST PROPERTY

We know how important your belongings are, and we'll do our best to help reunite lost items with their owners. If you find or lose an item during the festival, please visit the Fan Hub, where all recovered property will be securely stored and managed throughout the event.

At the end of the festival, any unclaimed items will be transferred to TLC Welfare and registered through the NotLost system. If you realise something is missing after you've left the site, you can search for your item and arrange collection or postage through the TLC Welfare Enquiry Page:

www.notlostenquiry.com/tlc-welfare/

Our team will work hard to ensure all lost property is carefully logged and returned wherever possible, so you can focus on enjoying a great day with your family.

WHAT TO BRING

A little preparation goes a long way towards a brilliant festival day. Check the lists below before setting off to see what you can bring into the festival and which items are best left at home.

We know every family's needs are different, so essential items including baby food, formula milk and pushchairs are welcome. You can also bring a reusable water bottle to refill for free at water points across the site.

Please check the permitted bag size and full list of prohibited items below before you pack.

THE SAFETY & SECURITY OF EVENT-GOERS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US

WHAT CAN YOU BRING INTO THE EVENT



WHAT CAN'T YOU BRING INTO THE EVENT



PLEASE NOTE, THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE. THE FULL LIST OF PROHIBITED ITEMS IS CONTAINED IN THE EVENT [T&Cs](#)

Management may confiscate any item that is deemed/suspected illegal or unsuitable. Anyone found in possession of any illegal items may be arrested or refused entry to the event.



WARNING CCTV IN OPERATION

CCTV and a number of security measures are in operation at this event. A search will be conducted as a condition of entry.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

What are the age restrictions and guardianship rules?

Anyone aged 15 or under must attend with a responsible adult aged 21 or over. Each adult can be responsible for a maximum of two children or young people aged 15 or under.

Does my baby or young child need a ticket?

Yes. Everyone attending needs the correct ticket for their age:

Child ticket: ages 0-4

Kid ticket: ages 5-13

Adult ticket: ages 14+

Please remember that everyone aged 15 or under must attend with an adult aged 21 or over.

What time is last entry?

Last entry to the festival is at 21:30.

What size of bag can I bring?

Bags must be no larger than A3 size. All bags may be searched on entry, so please check the prohibited-items list before packing.

Can I bring my own food and snacks?

Baby food, formula milk and food required for specialist dietary needs can be brought into the festival. Other food and drink will be available to purchase from traders across the site.

Can I bring a buggy or pushchair?

Yes, buggies and pushchairs are welcome.

Can I bring a picnic blanket?

Yes. Picnic blankets are welcome and are a great way to create a comfortable base for your family.

Can I bring a folding chair?

No. To give everyone room to move around safely, folding chairs are not permitted. Keeping walkways and viewing areas clear helps make the festival safer and more comfortable for everyone. Please note that some customers are permitted by our Accessibility Team to attend with folding chairs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

AT THE FESTIVAL

Can I leave and re-enter the festival?

Yes. Re-entry is permitted if you need to hand children over to a parent or relative. Please speak to a steward at the entrance before leaving so they can help you.

Do I need cash?

No. Heather On The Hill is a cashless festival, so please bring a debit or credit card or use contactless payment.

Where is the Fan Hub?

The Fan Hub is behind the clock tower, near the Main Stage. It offers information and support, as well as a quieter place to take a breather. You can find it on the festival map.

Are there places to sit in the shade?

Yes. Although Heather On The Hill is an outdoor festival, there are several covered spaces around the site, including indoor venues, big tops and tipis. Please still check the forecast and come prepared for changing weather.

Is drinking water available?

Yes. Free drinking-water points are available across the site, so bring a reusable bottle to refill throughout the day. Water-point locations are shown on the festival map.

Are there lockers or phone-charging facilities?

There are no lockers at the festival. Portable phone-charging packs are available to hire from the Lifesaver Vending units inside the Fan Hub.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAMILIES AND YOUNGER FESTIVALGOERS

Where can I collect a guardianship wristband?

Guardianship wristbands are available from all festival entrances and at our Hub. Write your phone number on the wristband and fit it securely to the child or young person in your care.

Are baby-changing facilities available?

Yes. Baby-changing facilities are available throughout the site, with additional facilities at the Fan Hub.

Is there somewhere to breastfeed?

Yes. You are welcome to breastfeed anywhere at the festival, and a quieter space is also available at the Fan Hub.

Can I bring baby food and formula milk?

Yes. Baby food and formula milk are welcome. Please check the permitted and prohibited items list before packing.

Can I warm a baby's bottle?

Yes. Hot water for warming bottles is available at the Fan Hub. Please ask a member of the team for assistance.

What food is available for children?

Children's meal deal boxes will be available from food traders across the site, alongside a wide variety of other food and drink options.

Is there a quiet or sensory space?

Yes. A staffed sensory room is available inside the Highland Hall for children who need sensory support or some time to decompress.

SAFETY, WELFARE AND LOST PROPERTY

Is first aid available?

Yes. There are two First Aid points, as well as roaming first aiders throughout the festival. Speak to any member of staff if you need assistance.

What happens if I lose something at the festival?

Visit the Fan Hub, where all items handed in will be securely stored during the event. After the festival, unclaimed property will be transferred to TLC Welfare and registered with NotLost. You can then search for your item and arrange collection or postage through the TLC Welfare enquiry page:

www.notlostenquiry.com/tlc-welfare/

ACCESSIBILITY & ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Is there accessible viewing for wheelchair users?

Yes. An accessible viewing platform is available beside the Main Stage. Spaces must be arranged in advance through our Accessibility Team and are currently fully allocated. To join the waiting list or discuss your requirements, email accessed@smmrsessions.com

Are accessible toilets available?

Yes. Accessible toilets are available at every toilet block across the site. Additional adult changing spaces are available in the Highland Hall and VIP areas.

Can I bring essential medication or medical equipment?

Yes. If you need to bring specialist medical equipment or have particular access requirements, please contact our Accessibility Team in advance at accessed@smmrsessions.com

Are ear defenders or sensory packs available?

A limited number of ear defenders will be available to buy from the merchandise stands. A limited number of sensory packs will also be available from the Accessibility Team at the accessible viewing platform.

