

Accessibility Statement

If you have a question regarding the accessibility of our venue, please contact us via access@rhass.org.uk.

Tickets for the Royal Highland Show

You can purchase tickets here:

<https://royalhighlandshow.seetickets.com/content/ticket-options>

Adult/Child Accessible Day Single – This ticket is your admission ticket and includes one companion ticket. Please be aware that, when required, our team may ask you to provide proof of accessibility when entering the event. This includes a Blue Badge, PIP (Personal Independence Payment), Letter from a Medical Professional etc.

Accessible Parking – You can purchase Single Day, 2 Day or 4 Day Parking tickets. Please note a Blue Badge is required to gain entry to the Accessible Car Park.

Getting Here

Car Parking

There are two Accessible Car Parks; one at the East Entrance and one at the West Entrance. Follow Event Signage from the A8 then follow the specific Accessible Car Park Signage.

East Accessible Car Park

The car park is across the road from the East Entrance on uneven hard standing. The walk way to the East Entrance is via a dedicated pedestrian route on flat ground.

West Accessible Car Park

The car park is across the road from the West Entrance and is on grass. You will be able to see the West Entrance from the car park. The walk way is on grass and uneven track.

Taxi Drop Off/Pick Up Point

There is a taxi drop off/pick up point right outside the East Entrance on Ingliston Road.

Public Transport

Bus Travel

Lothian Buses Service 98 - Frequent buses between Edinburgh City Centre, Haymarket Station and the Royal Highland Show East Entrance.

Holder of a National Entitlement Card (Under 22s, Over 60s, Accessible Card Holders etc.) and Children 15 and under, travel for free on this service.

Tickets can be purchased via the Royal Highland Show website

<https://royalhighlandshow.seetickets.com/content/ticket-options>.

Each Lothian Buses bus can hold 1-2 manual or motorised wheelchair/scooters or specialist wheelchair buggy which is no larger than 700mm wide, 1200mm long and 1350mm high or class 2 scooters with 3 or 4 wheels no larger than 600mm wide and 1000mm long, with a turning radius not exceeding 1200mm.

For more Accessibility Information for Lothian Buses, click here:

<https://www.lothianbuses.com/accessibility/>

There is a bus stop at the top of Ingliston Road outside the South Entrance that services the below buses –

Citylink - 900

McGill's Scotland East – 18, 20, 63, X24, X25

Stagecoach – 747

Lothian Buses - X18

Edinburgh Trams

The closest tram stop to The Royal Highland Show is Ingliston Park and Ride. Ingliston Park and Ride is a 15-minute walk from our South Entrance or there is a shuttle bus that goes back and forward from Ingliston Park and Ride and the East Entrance every 15 minutes between 07.00-21.00.

Tram stops can be accessed via gently sloping ramps or lifts with each tram having two dedicated wheelchair/buggy spaces per tram and dedicated priority seats.

For more Accessibility Information for Edinburgh Trams, click here:

<https://edinburghtrams.com/contact/tram-accessibility>

Train Travel

The closest Train Stations are Edinburgh Gateway and Edinburgh Park. Lothian Buses Service 97 stops at both stations and travels to the East Entrance of the Royal Highland Show.

For more information on the Service 97, click here:

<https://www.lothianbuses.com/royal-highland-show/>

Wheelchair and Scooter Hire

Advanced Mobility are located at both the East and West Entrances (internal) to the Showground and have scooters and wheelchairs available for hire.

To hire a scooter or wheelchair please contact Advanced Mobility direct by phone on 01274 297777 or through their website.

<https://www.advanced-mobility.co.uk/collections/the-royal-highland-show-2023>



Caravan Parks

We do not have any public caravan parks. However, we do have caravan parks for our Competitors, Members and Exhibitors.

The caravan parks are located in areas external to the main event. Travelling between the caravan parks and the event you will need to cross over live roads with pavements that do not have dropped kerbs.

Planning Your Visit

Although we usually do not publish final competition and demonstration timetables until just before the event, hopefully the information below will still allow you to plan your visit.

We would recommend downloading our Royal Highland Show app which gives you a map of the event and details all services we have on the Accessibility tab.

Busy Entrance Times

The Royal Highland Show is open 07.00-20.00 Thursday-Saturday and 07.00-18.00 on Sunday.

The busiest times and likelihood of queues at our entrance gates are between 07.00-11.00 on Thursday and Friday, 08.00-11.00 on Saturday and 09.00-11.00 on Sunday.

Timetables

Below are the Ring and Demonstration Arena opening and closing times. Please note all timings are subject to change.

Countryside Arena – 09.45-18.00

Forestry Arena – 09.00-17.00

West Stage – 11.00-17.45 (Thurs-Sat) / 10.00-17.45 (Sun)

Food for Thought Cookery Theatre – 09.00–18.00

Agri Demo Arena – 10.00-17.00

Thistle Ring – 08.00-17.30 (Thurs) / 07.30-17.00 (Fri-Sat) / 07.30-13.00 (Sun)

Jubilee Ring – 08.00-20.00 (Thurs) / 08.30-20.00 (Fri) / 09.00-20.00 (Sat) / 09.00-17.30 (Sun)

Sheep Shearing - 13.00-15.30 (Fri) / 08.30-15.00 (Sat) / 08.30-15.30 (Sun)

Sheep Rings – 09.00-19.00 (Thurs-Fri) / 10.00-16.00 (Sat) / 10.00-13.00 (Sun)

Cattle Rings – 08.30-17.00 (Thurs-Sat) / 09.30-17.00 (Sun)

Main Ring – 07.30-20.00 (Thurs-Sat) / 07.30-17.30 (Sun)

Farriery - 08.45-17.00 (Thurs) / 08.30-17.30 (Fri-Sat) / 08.30-15.00 (Sun)

Toilets and Changing Places Facilities

All our permanent toilet blocks and main halls have accessible toilets. We also have various temporary accessible toilets at the event.

We have three changing place facilities at the event. Please see a list of facilities for each location.

Cattle Hall

Changing Bench - Adult Sized
Hoist – Ceiling Track Hoist, Loop
Washbasin Fixed Height
Non-Slip Floor
Floor Space (sq. m) – 12.15
Emergency Alarm
Privacy Screen
Shower

Members Area

Changing Bench – Height Adjustable, Adult Sized, Wall Mounted
Hoist – Ceiling Track Hoist
Washbasin Fixed Height
Peninsular Toilet
Non-Slip Floor
Large Bin for Pads
Non-Slip Floor
Floor Space (sq. m) – 28
Shower

Avenue H

We will have a temporary Changing Places Toilet provided Mobiloo.
Please see a list of facilities for this Changing Place –
Hygienic Room Design
Adult size height adjustable changing/shower trolley
Full XY ceiling track & 200kg ceiling hoist
Cassette toilet with drop down bars, grab rails and space either side for self-transfer or carers.
Grab rails beside sink
Wall mounted privacy screen
Hot/cold shower/rinse down facilities
Full room climate control via ultra efficient air source heat pump
Level entry & floor design with flush floor drain
Variable height mirrors & coat hooks
Colostomy/stoma shelf near toilet
Contrasting features to aid those with sight impairment
Auditory & visual sensory provision with in room user accessible controls
Emergency panic alarm
Full room sensor lighting & extractor fan

Accessed via semi-permanent ramp with high grip mini mesh deck & full handrail system allowing for truly independent access as required

Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome everywhere at the Royal Highland Show, but please be aware that some areas of the event can be densely populated by people.

Venue

The event takes place on a 110-acre showground. The majority of pathing is tarmac roads or boardwalks. Although, our trade stands and displays are also spread over grass areas.

The Showground is made up of a grid system with each avenue being identified by a letter or number. This is shown on our RHS App, Show Program (that can be purchased inside the entrances) and on our directional signage.

Our most congested areas are around the Main Ring on Avenue O/7th Avenue, inside Scotland's Larder and on 13th Avenue which is the avenue that runs towards Scotland's Larder.

Cattle Hall (Highland Hall)

This building is accessible by wide doors with a width of 1.79m.

There will be a strong animal smell and loud noises by the animals in this area.

The flooring is flat concrete but the floor will mostly be covered in hay which could make the floor inaccessible for wheelchairs, scooters or prams.

The Cattle Hall closes to the public at various times throughout the day when animals are moving between the Hall and the Showing Rings. Closure timings are displayed in the Main Foyer of the Cattle Hall.

You can view the Clydesdale Horses in the Central Hall via an indoor ramp from the Cattle Hall.

Scotland's Larder (Lowland Hall)

This building is accessible by a lowered pavement and doors with a width of 1.66m. The doors do have a small lip on the floor but we have fire exits at the side of the building which would accommodate a wheelchair, scooter or prams.

This building is only one level. The walkway around the exhibition will be carpeted.

Scotland's Larder and the avenue that leads to the hall are one of the busiest areas during the event.

Accessible Platforms

We have two accessible platforms at The Royal Highland Show. One to view the Main Ring and one to view the Jubilee Ring. Spaces on these platform are by first come first serve and you may be asked to show your Accessible Admission Ticket on entry to the platform.

The accessible platforms are uncovered so please dress appropriately for the Scottish weather. As platforms have a limited capacity, these are strictly for access customers plus one companion. All platforms have ramp access.

Medical and Welfare Facilities

We have a Medical Centre at the top of 13th Avenue and Welfare Facility on Avenue K. For any medical or welfare requirements please speak to one of our safety stewards.

Quiet Area

We have a Quiet Area next to the Welfare Tent on Avenue K if you need some time out from the busy event.

High Signage

We have been working hard to include high level signage throughout the event.

Seating Area

We have seating areas in the Countryside Area, The Green Food Court, The Craft Food Court and East Food Court.

Animal Crossing Points

We have three animal crossing points around our Main Ring that are closed at multiple times throughout the day to manage animals crossing to and from their stabling areas to the Main Ring. When the crossings are closed, this stops public travel and causes large crowds congregating around the crossing points.

From	To	Distance (Meters)
East Accessible Car Park	East Entrance	230
West Accessible Car Park	West Entrance	220
Taxi Drop Off/Pick Up Point	East Entrance	40
Ingliston Park and Ride Tram Stop	South Entrance	1100
East Entrance	Changing Place (Avenue H)	160
North Entrance	Cattle Hall Changing Places Facility & Accessible Toilets	140
West Entrance	Accessible Toilets	20
South Entrance	Accessible Toilets	130
East Entrance	Accessible Toilets	160
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Cattle Hall	360
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Food Hall	510
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Forestry Arena	160
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	MacRobert Sheep Shearing Theatre	460
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Jubilee Ring	200
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Agri Arena	515
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Big Wheel	420
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	North Entrance	430
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	West Entrance	440
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	South Entrance	690
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	East Entrance	500
Main Ring Accessible Viewing Platform	Jubilee Ring Accessible Platform	200

Get in Touch

If you have any ideas about what we could do better, please contact us in one of the following ways:

Email us at access@rhass.org.uk

Talk to a member of staff during your visit.

You can also leave us a review on Euan's Guide.