



Sunshine Tour Championships

Parking & Camping at Hickstead

A big show, a big venue and lots of excited people, horses, friends, family, dogs, pushchairs – you get the picture - the experience of arriving and parking is likely to be different to your local show. And camping at a show may be a whole new experience for you. So, here's some guidance and advice. **There's separate guidance for stabling.**



Parking

Who would like to join the Event Parking Team????? Nobody of course, it's the hardest job at the show. Trying to keep the spaces organised, stay within safety regulations, be fast and efficient **and** keep everyone happy! We know that it's a stressful time for you too, so we employ a professional team, and they deserve medals for taking on this complicated and tricky part of the show. So, here's the Do's and Can't and Don't Even Think About Its....

All Parking – Times

- Wednesday arrival from 4pm (**earliest**) until 10pm (**latest**).
- Thursday to Sunday from 6am to 9pm.
- If you have a last-minute emergency and will arrive later (after 10pm on Weds, after 9pm any other day) you must advise via our emergency number 07904898696. This is only for unavoidable delays, you cannot just rock up outside usual admission times – you will not be able to get in.

Horseboxes & Trailers Arriving

- Allow yourself plenty of time to get parked. In busy times there can be a queue, so please allow for that. Busiest periods are likely to be Wednesday evening, Friday late afternoon/evening and weekend mornings.
- Have your horse's passport ready for inspection.
- Fill in the parking pass that you are issued with and display it in your windscreen.
- Go exactly where the lovely parking personnel direct you – or you'll be in big trouble 😞



Just so you know the parking plan: day parking is separate to overnight; electric hook-up is separate to non-electric bookings; accompanying cars are **definitely** separate to horseboxes (unless you have booked a camping slot). If you arrive early for overnight parking/stabling, you're likely to park in the daytime area until 5pm.

- You cannot park with friends **unless** you arrive with them – and by arrive with them, we mean literally **in convoy**, not arriving half an hour later, or even 10 minutes later.

Cars Arriving

- Spectators, friends and family should enter via the main Hickstead entrance just off the A23, postcode BN6 9NS.
- Cars accompanying horseboxes can enter via the horsebox entrance, postcode RH17 5NU.
- You **cannot** park cars in the horsebox parking area. Not even to unload the gazillion things that you have in the car. Really sorry, but there is not room to mix cars in with horseboxes (unless it's towing the trailer of course) and it's a huge problem to allow cars to unload, move around, repark and generally snarl up the parking area. This is a 'don't even ask'! There is a grooms car park next to the horsebox parking, so cars are not far away.
- Cars that sneak into the lorry parking overnight get towed away – you have been warned!!

Camping

The 'rules':

- You can stay in the horsebox or trailer that transported your horses without the need to book anything else.
- Each horsebox or trailer parking space has 3m next to it, you can pitch a small tent in this space. However, be very aware..... this gap is for fire safety, so you cannot build a camping village that fills up the entire space and in the case of an emergency and the fire crew needing urgent access, they will do so without asking questions first!
- You can book for a separate vehicle, including caravan or campervan or car with tent.
- You can also book for a large tent to go next to your horsebox/trailer – not available in electric hook-up slots, it's strictly 3m each here.
- You cannot have open fires or barbecues. You can have a generator but be aware of noise early and late.



Helpful Hints

We advise you to bring extra clothing layers and lots of blankets – it gets cold at night and horseboxes, tents and caravans aren't always the warmest places. A basic human first aid kit is a good idea. And of course, bring lots of snacks and drinks 😊



Solar lights round horseboxes/tents are very helpful for you. Wellies are advised - even in nice weather there can be a heavy dew, so waterproof footwear is great for that early morning dash to the loo! A torch is also useful for early or late visits to the showers, and flip flops or crocs for in the shower. There's a shower and toilet block at the top of the stable field and temporary toilets around the parking areas. There are large bins for refuse and an elsan emptying point.



Electric Hook-Up: You are advised to bring at least **two** caravan style electric leads for hook-up because your plug-in point might not be next to your vehicle. Be aware that hook-up bookings run from 5pm on the day of your booking, until 5pm the next day.

Have a good time, invite friends over and have laughs but don't forget to be neighbourly. You might want to party, but the people close by might be needing some shut eye ahead of a big day's competition. Noise must be reduced by 11pm at the latest. Absolutely no open fires or barbecues – expect to get a rapid visit from our 24-hour security if you ignore this rule!



There's a small provisions shop at the bottom of the stable field, there's a pub, a garage, and a Starbucks within walking range. Evening catering is available in the Clubhouse Thursday to Saturday, and extra special catering options will be in the stable field on Friday and Saturday nights – look out for details of "what's on" and how to book your Friday & Saturday foodie night, coming soon!

Friends & Family Checklist

- ✓ Stabling with friends. First person to arrive can claim all the stables in your group if they have deposits and passports for everyone.
- ✗ Parking with friends – unless you arrive in convoy and have same parking requirements (horsebox or car and day / night / electric booking).
- ✓ Party with friends – of course! But be considerate to your neighbours.
- ✓ Eat with friends – definitely, there's lots of catering options on site and nearby. But no open fires or barbecues.

Have a great time, you'll love it 😊