

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I purchase tickets for the Event?

- Tickets MUST be purchased in advance ONLINE at www.npa.ie to guarantee entry on your chosen day. NPA can only guarantee entry for pre-purchased tickets.
- Tickets may be available at the gate ONLY if the event is not sold out. Gate price €30.
- Tickets are DAY SPECIFIC. Visitors are required to attend on the date shown on their ticket. NPA can only guarantee entry for the selected date.
- **IMPORTANT:** Tickets must be scanned upon entry. NPA strongly recommends that visitors either PRINT their ticket or take a SCREENSHOT of the ticket barcode on their phone to facilitate quicker entry and avoid delays at the gate.

How much are pre-purchased e-tickets for the event?

- Adults €25 - 10% discount applies for orders of 10+ Adult tickets purchased in a single online transaction.
- Senior Citizens €20 - ID may be required at the gate.
- Secondary School Students €20. A discounted rate of €16 applies on orders of 10+ when purchased online only through group bookings.
- College Students €25 - 10% discount apply on orders of 10+ Adult tickets purchased in a single online transaction.
- Children under 12 go free once accompanied by a paying adult.
- Campervan Site parking bays MUST be pre-booked online at www.npa.ie . Flat rate for parking is €60, which covers you to stay for up to 5 nights (from Sun 14th Sept. to Fri 19th Sept.). There is no per night rate available.

When will I receive my pre-purchased e-tickets?

- E-Tickets will be sent directly to your email address after purchase. Please allow up to 2 hours for your e-tickets to arrive, especially during busy periods.
 - If you cannot find your e-tickets in your inbox, NPA recommends checking your junk or spam folders. If they are still missing, please contact NPA HQ and we will re-send your confirmation email.
- IMPORTANT:** Tickets must be scanned at entry. NPA recommends printing your ticket or taking a screenshot of the barcode for quicker entry and avoid delays at the gate.

Can I purchase tickets for the event at the gate?

- Tickets may be available at the gate ONLY if the event is not sold out.
- Gate price €30.
- NPA cannot guarantee ticket availability at the gate, we recommend purchasing tickets in advance.

Is my ticket valid for any day?

- Tickets are day specific.
- Visitors must select the desired attendance day when purchasing tickets. NPA can only guarantee entry for the selected date.
- Tickets are valid for one day only.

What about Group Bookings?

- Pre-purchased group bookings of 10+ Adult tickets purchased in a single online transaction are eligible for a 10% discount, online only.
- Secondary school student group bookings of 10+ tickets purchased in a single online transaction are eligible for a discounted price of €16 per student ticket. Tickets are day-specific. Schools must complete their bookings online at www.npa.ie

When does it all kick off?

- Trade Exhibition Arena Open: 9.00 - 18.00. Visitors are not guaranteed access to site after 3pm due to traffic plan restrictions & gates will close at 4pm.
- Ploughing Competitions: 10.30 - 14.30
- Entertainment Programme: 10.00 - 18.00
- Fashion Shows: 11.30/ 13.30/ 15.30

Do I have to queue to enter the event?

- The National Ploughing Championships attracts an average of 80,000 visitors daily. NPA recommends arriving with plenty of time to spare and allowing extra time for queuing when attending the event.
- Buy tickets in advance for fast-track entry to the site.
- Gates open to the public at 9am. For early arrivals, toilet facilities will be available in the car parks.

Is the event suitable for children?

- The National Ploughing Championships is a family-friendly event, with free entry for children under 12 when accompanied by a paying adult.
- The event features picnic areas, a playground, baby changing & feeding facilities, a funfair and bandstand entertainment to cater for our younger visitors.
- In addition to these amenities, the event hosts over 1,400 exhibitors, many of whom provide entertainment on their own stands for children of all ages, so there is sure to be something for everyone in the family.
- FBD 'Keeping You Safe' wristbands serve as a reassurance for those bringing children to the event. Available at all entrances, these wristbands allow a contact number to be written on them in case the wearer gets separated in the crowd.

Can I bring my dog?

- Guide dogs and assistance dogs are welcome at the National Ploughing Championships. However, due to the large crowds of approximately 80,000 people per day, NPA kindly requests that patrons do not bring family pets.
- For safety reasons, NPA does not allow animals to be kept in vehicles in the car parks, as this poses a risk of heat exhaustion.

How do I get to the event?

- The NPA works closely with An Garda Síochána to develop a comprehensive event traffic plan, ensuring safe and efficient access to the event. All attendees driving to the event should review the traffic plan before departing and follow the designated route for their direction.
- Upon close arrival to the event, please follow only the directional signage, as road closures and alternative routes may be in place for the event.
- The event traffic plan can be downloaded from the NPA homepage at www.npa.ie. Be sure to check you are downloading the **2025 NPC Traffic Plan**.
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How do I get to the nearest car park?

- A wide range of car parks are located near the Trade Exhibition Arena to accommodate traffic from all over the country. Upon arrival, visitors will be directed to the nearest available car park.

Are there Electric Car charging facilities in car parks?

- Electric car charging facilities will not be available in the event car parks, as these are temporary parking areas set up for the duration of the event. For the exact locations of the nearest charging points to the event, visit <https://chargemap.com>

Is there bicycle parking?

- A designated bicycle parking area will be available in car parks on either side of the event site. Please follow the directional signage for bicycle parking upon arrival.

Is there hard-core parking?

- There is no hard-core parking at the event; all car parks are stubble or grass fields, so please wear appropriate footwear!
- In case of wet weather, stewards will be available to assist you if needed.

How much is it to park at the event?

- Parking is free of charge at the National Ploughing Championships!

What if I can't find my car park when leaving the event?

- NPA understand that with an event of this size, it can be difficult to remember where you parked. To help, NPA have put measures in place to assist you as best we can. Each car park is colour coded in the event Traffic Plan, based on the route you are travelling. For example, vehicles on the brown route will be directed into the brown car park on arrival, and so on. All routes to the event are colour coded with matching car parks for each route.
- Colour-coded signage is displayed at the entrance and exit of each car park. Take note of the image on the sign when you enter or leave, e.g. this could be a blue bear. NPA recommend taking a picture of the car park signage if possible.
- Multiple maps are available throughout the site to help guide you to each car park.

Can I avail of public transport to the event?

- Bus Éireann will be running shuttle bus services from Tullamore & Portarlinton train stations to the event. Bus Éireann charge a fee for this service. For details on purchasing shuttle bus tickets and operating times, visit www.expressway.ie
- Train & Shuttle Bus combo tickets will also be available to purchase through www.irishrail.ie
- NPA recommends checking local media for information on coach companies bringing tours to the event.

Are there designated taxi drop off / pick up points for the event?

- Due to high traffic volumes accessing the site, there will be several one-way routes in operation, and as such, there will be no designated taxi drop-off or pick-up points.

What provisions are in place for Disability Access?

- Dedicated disability parking is available in designated car parks. To ensure proper access, the official Government issued Disability Parking Permit must be clearly displayed in the front windscreen of your vehicle upon arrival, so stewards can direct you to the correct car park.
- All internal roadways within the Trade Exhibition Arena are double-tracked to facilitate disabled access around the site.
- Disability access toilets are provided in every toilet block and in each Disability Car Park. Additionally, two Accessoloo Welfare Units are available in the trade exhibition arena, equipped with an electric hoist, adult-sized changing bench, toilet, and washbasin to accommodate all visitors. For exact locations, please refer to the Trade Exhibition Arena Map when published.

Can I leave & re-enter the event during the day?

- If you need to leave the event and plan to return, please ask the gate stewards to stamp your hand when you depart. Without this hand stamp, you will not be able to re-enter the event free of charge.

Are there baby changing and feeding facilities?

- Baby changing and feeding facilities will be available in a designated area at the event. See Trade Exhibition Arena Map for exact location.

What Visitor Amenities are provided at the event?

The event features over 140 acres of Trade Exhibition with track access to all exhibits. Additional amenities include free Site Map & Stand Listing, Information Guides, Picnic Areas, Food Courts & Bars, Disability Welfare Facilities, dedicated Disability Parking, Medical Centre & First Aid, Baby Changing and Feeding Facilities, a Media Hub, Playground and Campervan Parking (pre-booking essential).

Where are the toilets located?

- Toilet facilities are available in each of the main catering blocks, as well as throughout the Trade Exhibition Arena.
- Disability welfare units are located at both ends of the trade exhibition arena. These units are equipped with an electric hoist, adult-sized changing bench, toilet, and washbasin to accommodate all visitors. For exact locations, refer to the Trade Exhibition Arena Map when published.

What type of stands exhibit at the event?

- The event showcases exhibits in;
Livestock, Machinery, Construction, Agri-Business, Forestry, Sustainability, Motor, House and Home, Food and Beverage, Health and Wellness, Lifestyle and Tourism, Information Technology, Business and Education.

Where can I find the Programme of Events?

- There is a jam packed schedule of events lined up. Please visit www.npa.ie regularly for updates to the event programme. Event schedules will also be displayed on signage at the bandstand and throughout the site.

What are some of the exciting highlights to look out for at the event?

Machinery Exhibition, Livestock Showcase, Food Fayre, Celebrity Chefs, Cookery & Craft Demonstrations, Motor Show, Fashion Shows, Tented Trade Village, Innovation Arena, National Brown Bread Baking Finals, Sheep Shearing, Ploughing Competitions, Best Dressed "Ploughing Style", Hunt Chase & Pony Games, Treshing, Vintage Show, Funfair, Loy Digging, Meggars Competition, Live Radio & TV and much more.

What is the Innovation Arena, in association with Enterprise Ireland & NPA?

- The Innovation Arena, in association with Enterprise Ireland and the NPA, is an unmissable showcase for Ireland's cutting-edge agri-tech innovations. Exhibitors enjoy prime visibility at Europe's leading outdoor agricultural event, drawing tens of thousands of visitors over three action-packed days. The Innovation Arena is the perfect place to demonstrate groundbreaking developments, whether they are

homegrown inventions or professional innovations. It is set to be a highlight of the Ploughing Championships. For more information, visit <https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/innovation-arena>

Everything to Know about the National Brown Bread Baking Competition

- The National Brown Bread Baking Competition, sponsored by Euronics and run in association with NPA & the ICA, is a major highlight of the event.
- Watch the finalists showcasing their baking talents live on stage at the Brown Bread Baking Tent during the National Ploughing Championships on September 16th and 17th, with the winner announced on September 18th.
- The winner will be awarded a fantastic €5000 cash prize and a premium NEFF Slide & Hide oven. Additionally, the three runners-up will receive a €500 Euronics gift card each, and all other finalists will take home a €250 Euronics gift card and a delightful Neff hamper.
- For more information and details on how to enter visit <https://euronics.ie/pages/brown-bread-competition>

What about food and beverages?

- There are three catering blocks within the Trade Exhibition Arena, featuring over 50 food stands offering a variety of options to suit all visitors.

Can my Club/Charity fundraise at the event or in the car parks?

- Fundraising is not permitted on-site or in the event car parks, except for a small number of charities that have received prior written permission from the NPA.

When are the results of Ploughing Competitions announced?

- The results of the Ploughing Competitions will be officially announced from the Bandstand at 6pm each evening of the event. They will also be displayed later on the side of the NPA HQ stand. See Trade Exhibition Arena Map for location of NPA HQ.

What if I get lost in the Trade Exhibition Arena?

- Attendees will receive a free map upon entry to the event, and Information Guides are stationed throughout the Trade Exhibition Arena who are happy to help.
- The NPA HQ marquee is located in the centre of the site, see trade exhibition arena map for location. NPA recommend setting somewhere like NPA HQ as a meeting point in case anyone in your group gets separated. If you are lost, or have lost someone and need assistance, please visit NPA HQ at any time during the event, where the NPA team will be ready to help.

What if I become unwell during the event?

- First Aid posts are located throughout the Trade Exhibition Arena and Ploughing Competition fields, trained medical staff on mobile First Aid patrols and ambulance services available on-site at all times.

- The event has a purpose-built Medical Centre, fully staffed with a doctor, nurses and paramedics ready to assist if further care is needed.
- If you require medical assistance, please ask one of our Information Guides for directions to the nearest First Aid post or refer to the map for exact location of the Medical Centre.

How do I enquire about exhibiting at the event?

- If you're interested in exhibiting, please complete and submit the online exhibitor questionnaire, available at www.npa.ie.
- Exhibitor questionnaire is not a booking for exhibition space, but rather an expression of interest. Once submitted, it will be reviewed by the NPA exhibition team, which typically takes 5-10 days, though it may take longer during busy periods.
- If approved, you will receive access to the Exhibitor Online Booking Portal, where you can book your exhibition space.
- NPA will determine whether your company is best suited for indoor or outdoor exhibition space (note that there are certain restrictions for outdoor exhibits).

Are there Campervan/Caravan Parking Facilities?

- The NPA offers an un-serviced grass field site (no hard-core, water, or electricity supply) dedicated to Campervan/Caravan parking for patrons of the National Ploughing Championships. This area will be accessible from Sunday, September 14th to Friday, September 19th, 2025. To guarantee a parking space, bays must be pre-booked online at www.npa.ie.
- Campervan / Caravan parking site will be in proximity to the event and will have portaloo facilities only, visitors are advised to bring their own water and other essentials.
- As this is a grass field site, in case of inclement weather or events outside of NPA control, visitors may be directed to alternative parking areas.
- Flat rate fee for a parking bay is €60, which covers you to stay for up to 5 nights. A nightly rate is not available.
- No pitching of tents allowed.
- Access to the campervan/caravan site will only be granted with a valid pre-purchased ticket.
- Park At Your Own Risk – the official NPA Campervan Parking Site is provided for your convenience and you park at your own risk. The National Ploughing Association Company Ltd. by Guarantee assumes NO responsibility for personal injury, loss or damage to vehicles, campervans, caravans parked in the dedicated Campervan Site.
- Fire Safety is of the utmost importance. Download the Caravan Fire Safety leaflet on www.npa.ie
- Visitors and Exhibitors are not permitted to stay overnight in the trade exhibition arena, as the site is in shutdown for repair works.

What about accommodation?

- If you are local to the event and have extra rooms or a property available for rent, get in touch with NPA to inquire about listing your private unregistered accommodation on our website.
- If you are seeking accommodation to rent, please reach out to the local tourist office for more information.