



Collett Transport Services Bristol International Balloon Fiesta 2011 Fiesta traffic and Travel Arrangements

There are a variety of ways visitors can plan their journeys to the Collett Transport Services Bristol International Balloon Fiesta 2011.

Fiesta organisers urge visitors to plan their journeys well ahead, particularly during very busy periods such as the Night Glow events on Thursday and Saturday evenings, and the Red Arrows display on Sunday 14th August at 5.00pm.

As with previous years, the Clifton Suspension Bridge will be closed from 6pm – 2am on Thursday 11th August and Saturday 13th August for both pedestrians and vehicles, which people should bear in mind when planning their route to and from the Fiesta.

It is free to enter the Fiesta showground though there are parking charges for all vehicles except bicycles.

Pedestrians

People who walk to the event can use Gate 7 (Church Lodge), Gate 2 (Clifton Lodge) and Gate 3 (Kennel Lodge).

Bicycles

Last years popular cycle route Festival Cycle Way will be open again this year. Starting from Queen Square, it offers a safe, bike – friendly route to the Fiesta site. There will be a free bicycle park at Gate 3 (Kennel Lodge) with barriers to attach bikes to, which will be left at their owners' risk.

Motorbikes

Motorbikes enter through Gate 6 (New Dovecote Entrance) where they will be directed to their allocated parking area and parking is charged at £5.

Cars

A new tier of advanced car parking has been introduced this year. Privileged car parking is available at £10 per car per day, guarantees a space in the parking area closest to the showground, with a dedicated entrance that provides easier access on and off site and an event programme. Privileged car parking is accessed via Gate 4 (Smyth Field).

Advanced car parking is available now at the reduced cost of £6, offering a £4 discount on the £10 charged on the day, and can be booked through the Fiesta website. Advance parking is close to the Fiesta showground and cars access via the designated entrance at Gate 1.

On the day parking is charged at £10 and access is via Gate 9 (Longwood Lane).

Fiesta organisers urge visitors to use the official event car parks to assist with traffic control and because it provides valuable income to help the not-for-profit event keep going.

Disabled Parking

Disabled advance ticket holders should use Gate 4 (Smyth Field). Electric scooters are available for hire from the Shop Mobility Centre in the car park and people are advised to reserve in advance by calling 01202 661770, as there is limited availability on the day.

Pay on the day disabled badge holders can use the car park at Longwood Lane, via Gate 9.

All designated disabled car park areas are located as close as possible to the main arena and disabled badges must be displayed.

Space in both car parks is limited and allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

Taxis

Taxis are only permitted to pick up and drop off at Long Ashton Park & Ride, which is a short walk from the Fiesta showground and will be clearly signposted.

Minibuses

Minibuses up to 15 seats enter via Gate 4 (Smyth Field) if booked in advance and Gate 9 (Longwood Lane) if booked on the day. Parking costs £10.

Buses

A dedicated Fiesta bus service will be running regularly from two prime city locations to the showground, provided by South Gloucestershire Bus and Coach Company.

There will be two routes: one starting from Bristol Temple Meads train station via the city centre; the other from Clifton Village, via Blackboy Hill and Hotwells. Both drop off at Gate 3 (Kennel Lodge) and cost £2 per journey for adults, £1 for children and are free for Diamond card holders.

Buses only pick up from designated stops on the routes and people will need to request their stop, and leave plenty of time to get to their nearest Fiesta bus stop before leaving for the event. Full details of Fiesta bus timetables and routes are available on the Fiesta website.

Coaches

Coaches are only permitted to pick up and drop off at Long Ashton Park & Ride, where parking is available for £15.

For full details of Fiesta travel options, including site and access maps, please visit the Fiesta website on www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk

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