



CAMPING GUIDE

2023

Arrival

You can arrive from noon on Friday and stay until 10.00 on Monday morning of the Festival weekend. Please try to arrive in daylight hours. Volunteer stewards will be on the gate to greet you up until 22.00 on Friday (if you arrive after these hours then security will be on site but will not be able to check you in, so you will need to check in the following morning to obtain your wristbands etc)

When you arrive you will be asked to:

- Park up and walk to the Check in Desk in the main car park, show your QR codes on your phone or a printed copy. In return you will receive what you have ordered eg entrance wristbands, tent or campervan tags and vehicle passes.

Camping Area

Tents

Space is very limited so we need you to squeeze up please. The whole area is on a slight slope. No cars within the tent area.

There are no allocated pitches so if you want to be in a group please arrive together. We try to allocate a family camping area. Display the Camping Tag on your tent so that stewards can check.

Campervans and Trailer Tents

Space is very limited , with your camper van you can have either your awning on the side OR a two person tent maximum. No electric hook ups. Chemical disposal tank will be available for camper van users situated by the car park gates.

CPAP/Electric Wheelchair/Medical Equipment requiring electricity

When you order your tent or campervan tag you will need to place in the additional information box if you require electricity for your tent or campervan tag and for what equipment. You will receive an email approx. 7 days before the festival explaining what you need to do on arrival.

NO CARAVANS ALLOWED ON SITE

Facilities and Equipment

Toilets

There are plenty of toilets including a disabled toilet, baby changing area and disposal bin. The main set of toilets are close to the Martyrs Marquee, additional toilets are situated at the top right of the field and a few are situated in the coach layby opposite the Martyrs Museum. All toilets are pumped out Saturday and Sunday

early in the morning and monitored throughout the days for 0730 – 2200 hours. The toilets will be available until 10 a.m. on the Monday after the festival.

Showers

We have a block of showers next to where the toilets are situated by the Martyrs Marquee which are open constantly throughout the festival weekend up until 10 a.m. on the Monday after the festival. These are regularly monitored throughout the weekend.

Washing up Facilities

There is a washing up area close to the showers which is for the use of all campers.

Drinking Water

There are plenty of water taps for drinking water around the site which are mainly signed with a blue water flag. An additional tap has been installed close to the car park gates.

First Aid

Code Blue Medical will be on site:

Friday – 1300-2400

Saturday - 0900-2400

Sunday - 0900-1800

Out of Hours – Security

Security

We have a security team on site at all times during the festival.

Fire Extinguishers

The festival site has all the relevant fire fighting equipment on site.

Mobile Phone Charging

Unfortunately there is no mobile phone charging at the festival, so you would be best to purchase a power pack.

Transport

Parking

Due to space and safety you will not be able to take your car into the camping area. It is not far to carry your tent and stuff. Some trolleys and wheelbarrows will be available and if you need special help please let us know and we can ask our volunteer stewards to assist. **£15 parking for all weekend.**

Moving your car on Sunday

If you leave the car park on Sunday the space may be gone when you get

back. You will not be able to reserve it. You may be directed to the Village Festival Car Park which is situated down by the village hall. The parking pass covers this.

Taxi's

If you need to leave site and do not have a vehicle then the following taxi companies service the Tolpuddle area over the weekend – advance booking advisable:

A Line Taxi's (24 hour) – 01305 264747

Bob's Cars – 01305 269500

Damos Taxis (latest 1a.m) – 01305 250222

Shuttle Bus Sunday - £4 each way

(Bookable ON-LINE in ADVANCE ONLY up until NOON Friday, 14 July 2023)

www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/tickets/shuttle-bus

You may be able to purchase on the day if space is available

Inbound: Dorchester to Tolpuddle

Bus 1 – Dorchester South – meeting the 10.23 train

Bus 2 – Dorchester South – meeting the 11.23 train then to Dorchester West meeting the 11.37 train

Outbound: Tolpuddle to Dorchester Train Station (layby opposite Tolpuddle Museum)

Bus 1 – 17.30

Bus 2 – 18.30

Sunday coaches arranged by trade unions/trade councils/organisations

Various unions/trades council/organisations have organised coach transport from around the country to the festival site. For all those who have informed the festival organisers these are listed here www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/coach

Dogs

Dogs are allowed but please keep them under control and on a lead at all times, and clean up after them.

No kites

Sorry! The site is crossed by a number of high voltage lines and kites cannot be flown in safety.

Family friendly

It is a very friendly event and attracts a diverse community including many families. This means that while some want to sleep others will want to party! Solidarity is about respect and care. Please remember that we are guests in a normally quiet village. The TUC Cottages are homes to retired agricultural workers. They look forward to the Festival each year but please keep the late night noise down. We would suggest a quiet time in the camping area from 11.30 although you are welcome to stay up later around the bar area. The music stops at midnight. The whole style of the Festival is informal and friendly and we want to keep it that way. We will not hesitate from ejecting anti-social campers and barring them from future festivals.

BBQ's and Open Fires

You may be camping next to a field of ripe crops, so be careful with bbqs and no open fires. Grass/weather conditions will be monitored on a daily basis and upon advise from the Health and Safety officer we may have to ban BBQs at the last moment but this will be echoed around the site.

Food

Caterers, including volunteers from the local village, will be selling hot breakfasts and a range of food throughout the weekend please see the Tolpuddle Festival website for caterers and menu's www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/food-and-drink

Help

There will be stewards about who are helping to organise the event and if you need advice please ask. The whole event relies a lot on volunteers and as you can imagine things get very busy for those involved. We will do our best to help you if we can. The Festival flier includes a map and directions to the site. There will be a lot going on even in the small space. The programme is bound to change with other activities being added.

Museum

This is closed to the public on the Sunday of the festival due to Health and Safety reasons.

Programme

Check out www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/festival for what's on over the weekend along with notice boards around the site. We will try to keep people informed of the latest news of events and activities in the programme by email, Twitter and Facebook.

Follow on:

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Green Tolpuddle

We are trying hard to make the Festival more environmentally friendly. Please reduce waste and look out for the recycling points around the site.

Refunds

Please email tolpuddle@tuc.org.uk along with your order number, and details of what part of your order you wish to cancel or whether it is the full order. Closing date is 30 June 2023 and there is a charge of £5 per order for refunds (as advertised on the Tolpuddle website)


Lost Items


These will be kept at the Information during the day and will be locked away each night. If you find once you get home from the festival that you have lost something either contact the Tolpuddle office on 01305 848237 or email tolpuddle@tuc.org.uk and send a description and photos if possible along with your contact details.

Evacuation

The Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival is a very safe, family-friendly event, and we are proud that there have been no incidents in the past. However, it is important that visitors and all attendees know what to do should organisers need to evacuate, or move large numbers of attendees away from a hazard or danger on site.

In the event of an emergency, stewards will advise attendees of the nature of the emergency and the appropriate course of action. This will be done by loud haler or via the PA system.

In the unlikely event of the whole site needing to be evacuated, please proceed directly to the assembly point in the GMB field on the opposite side of the road from the main site – marked with a  on the below plan. Stewards will guide the way and supervise road crossings.

The Kids' Area team, along with all children, parents and carers located in that vicinity, will congregate at the "Kid's assembly point" in the GMB field – marked with a  being supervised throughout the evacuation by the Kid's Area team.

Should any child be found unaccompanied during the evacuation process, an available volunteer, staff or security member will chaperone them to the Kids' assembly point, where parents can be reunited in line with the Festival's Lost and Found Policy.

Parents with lost children or who have left children unaccompanied in the Kids' Area should proceed directly to the kid's assembly point where they will need to collect their children before proceeding to the main assembly point.



Have an amazing festival