



This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

## **Access Statement for RNAS Yeovilton International Air Day**

### **Introduction**

Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton is situated 6 miles north of Yeovil in Somerset surrounded by beautiful countryside. For 2 days of the year this operational airfield, home to the Lynx and Commando Helicopter Forces, is transformed into a showground for its annual military air show. The event attracts an audience of 30,000 visitors and significant foreign military participation as well as good support from the RAF and Army. The 5 hour flying display consists of historic warbirds, classic jets, helicopters, fast jets, and formation aerobatic teams from military and civilian participants. On the ground there is an extensive static aircraft display along with a whole host of attractions.

The showground is flat with access routes on hardstanding. Details of facilities include designated disabled parking, mobility hire service, disabled toilets and designated viewing enclosure with seating. Service personnel will be happy to assist upon request throughout your visit.

Comprehensive information about the show, display acts, online booking, visitor information, etc can be obtained by visiting the official website at [www.yeoviltonairday.co.uk](http://www.yeoviltonairday.co.uk) which is optimised for accessibility.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 08445 780 780 or email [info@yeoviltonairday.co.uk](mailto:info@yeoviltonairday.co.uk).

### **Pre-Arrival**

- In order to take advantage of discounts and fast track entry to the showground it is strongly advised that tickets are purchased in advance, although tickets are available on the day if required.
- Advance tickets can be purchased by credit/debit card over the phone by calling 08445 781 781 or online by visiting the Air Day website. Tickets are also available over the counter from over 50 Tourist

Information Centres (TIC). A full list of participating TICs is available on the 'Ticket' page of the website.

- For full details and traffic plan of how to reach us please see the 'Plan Your Visit' section of the website. Alternatively, you can plan your journey by car or public transport using [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info); simply enter your postcode and ours, which is BA22 8HT to get directions.
- The nearest train stations are Yeovil Pen Mill (7.5 miles) and Yeovil Junction (9 miles). The main bus station is Yeovil (7 miles).
- There is a special shuttle bus service, operated by First Buses, to and from the event stopping at Yeovil Bus Station and Yeovil Pen Mill and Yeovil Junction train stations throughout the day. For details on charges and a full timetable please visit the 'Plan Your Visit' page of the website.
- There are 3 entrance gates to the event however the Fleet Air Arm Museum Gate is the most suitable and closest entrance point for disabled visitors as the disabled car park and public transport drop off points are located in this area. Other entrance gates service car parks (farmers' fields) located some distance away from the showground.
- The showground covers an area of approximately 350,000 square metres comprising of taxiways which act as pedestrianised routes and grass areas which are used as picnic/viewing areas.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

- If travelling by car please follow the temporary Air Day traffic signs depicting the Blue Badge disabled symbol as you approach the Air Station. This route will directly take you to the disabled car park known as Fury Car Park. Please ignore satellite navigation directions once you see the Air Day traffic signs.
- All car parking is free of charge with a capacity of 12,000 vehicles spread over 5 car parks.
- The dedicated disabled car park has ample parking on a flat grass surface conveniently located opposite the Fleet Air Arm Museum (large blue building).
- Service personnel will be on hand to assist visitors with unloading vehicles upon request.
- An information point and disabled toilet is also located within the car park.
- Pre-booked electric scooters and wheelchairs should be collected from 'Wheels for Freedom' who operate the facility. To book equipment

please contact them on 01202 661770 or visiting [www.pooleshopmobility.org.uk](http://www.pooleshopmobility.org.uk) .

- Adjacent to the car park is a tarmac road which will be pedestrianised and leads to the entrance point which is 50m to 100m away depending on where you join the road.
- On departure, please expect some delays as we try to clear 10,000 vehicles in a very short space of time.

### **Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area**

- At the entrance point there will be a fast track lane on the left handside for disabled ticketholders and their carers. Please note you may be asked to have your bags searched before entry is permitted.
- If you need to purchase a ticket please stay on the right hand-side where you will be directed to a pay booth followed by a search area followed by a ticket checking area before gaining access to the showground. The pay booths have glass screens that can be partially opened to aid lip reading and visitors with a visual impairment.
- All security checks, ticket sales, ticket checking at this gate are conducted on a large flat hardstanding area.
- Security staff will guide visitors accordingly to minimise waiting times and keep queues moving. However, please expect some delay if the establishment is placed on a heightened state of alert.

### **Attraction (displays, exhibits, rides etc.)**

- 400m south of the entrance point is a viewing enclosure for disabled visitors and their carers. The enclosure is situated in the centre of the crowdline for optimum viewing and has trestle tables, chairs and disabled toilets. Cadets are on hand to assist if required. Entry is free of charge for the disabled person and one carer with a charge of £5 per person for any additional members in the party.
- Traders and exhibitors have been positioned such that they are accessible by all. The only exceptions are the main food courts and large funfair rides which are located on grass. However, a good choice of mobile caterers have been positioned in more convenient positions within 50m of the viewing enclosure.
- Visitors utilising any of the hospitality packages need to be aware that all enclosures have carpet ground coverings and the outdoor areas are grass.

- All visitors need to be aware that many of the aircraft displays will generate considerable noise particularly modern fast jets. Ear defenders are recommended for those with sensitive hearing and can be purchased from many of the traders on the day.
- Air Day is an outdoor event with limited areas for shelter. All visitors are advised to check the forecast and come suitably prepared.
- Static aircraft will be cordoned off and manned by aircrew. They will be happy to answer any of your questions and in some instances will allow a closer look at the aircraft upon request.
- The Fleet Air Arm Museum is open and access is discounted by 25% to Air Day ticketholders. For further details on their accessibility please visit [www.fleetairarm.com](http://www.fleetairarm.com) .
- There are 4 information points within the showground manned by service personnel on hand to assist.

## **Public Toilets**

- The main public toilets are situated in 6 key locations across the showground. At any point on the showground there will be toilets within 150m of your position.
- Each location has a combination of toilet types consisting of portaloos, trailer units and disabled portaloos. The portaloos are unisex.
- A wheelchair friendly portaloos unit is located at each of the key locations in addition to the units in the disabled viewing enclosure, the disabled car park and the hospitality enclosures.
- Trailer units are elevated to a height of 3 steps, with a handrail, to reach the entrance and contain a mixture of urinals and/or lockable cabins. The trailer units are not unisex.
- All toilets have hand sanitising gel.

## **Catering**

- There are approximately 45 food and drink outlets including bars, ice cream, hot and cold, savoury and sweet food units. The operators come in all shapes and sizes with many utilising mobile catering trailers whilst some have a gazebo set-up.
- The outlets are conveniently located throughout the site including two dedicated food courts comprising of 6-8 units each. These are positioned in the main picnic areas on grass.

## **Additional Information**

- Pedestrian routes can become congested at times.
- There are evacuation procedures in place and service personnel will be on hand to assist and guide you to a safe location in case of an emergency.
- Site maps are available from the information points and within the official programme. A copy is enclosed at the end of this document for reference.
- Assistance dogs are allowed but strictly no other pets are permitted on to the airfield or car parks.

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