



We hope you are looking forward to our Roman & Iron Age Festival on Saturday 1st August. Below is information about the event that you will find useful when planning your day.

You can also access the Festival Programme & Map [here](#):

GETTING HERE: The event takes place at the Newstead Fort Site.

- **CAR:** The event site can be accessed from the A6091 Melrose Bypass. Follow signage for Newstead B6361 & Trimontium Fort site. We advise not driving through Melrose & Newstead but accessing via the Melrose Bypass. Please drive carefully and be considerate of local residents' access.
 - Parking is available in the NHS car park & adjoining field. Please follow the instructions of the parking attendants.
 - Parking is also available at the Leaderfoot Viaduct public car park, just off the A68 Northbound. It is a 15-minute walk to the site entrance, via a moderate incline.
 - We have designated Blue Badge disabled parking. Please show your badge to the parking attendants and they will direct you.
- **BUS:** Border Buses 51 & 60 serve Newstead & stop close to the event entrance, at Rushbank.
- **CYCLE:** There will be places to leave your bike at the site. There are excellent cycling routes all around the fort site.
- **TRISHAW:** in association with Cycling without Borders, from 10am, there will be regular free trishaw journeys between Market Square in Melrose and the Fort Site in Newstead. Volunteers can transport 2 people at a time. These are on a first come, first served basis. Just ask at the museum when the next journey is leaving. They will also be available for return journeys in the afternoon.
- **WALKING:** The Fort Site is a 30-minute walk from Melrose Town Centre, via Priors' Walk.
- For additional travel information, please click [here](#)

ON ARRIVAL

- Please have your digital or paper ticket handy to access the event. Tickets will be checked at the gate.
- We have a hand stamp at check-in to allow you to move freely in and out of the event site.
- You can also purchase tickets on the day at the front gate.

ACCESS

- The event takes place in a field so there is some uneven ground and grass.
 - We have a limited number of all-terrain wheelchairs & mobility scooters available for free hire on the day, provided by Galashiels Mobility. These can be booked in 3-hour slots by emailing info@trimontium.co.uk, on a first come first served basis.
 - If you have any questions about access in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch before the event.
 - Please wear sensible footwear and be prepared for the weather. It is an exposed site so make sure you have sun cream, hats, raincoats etc for whatever the Scottish weather throws at us!
 - There is an accessible toilet available at the site.
 - Well behaved dogs are welcome. We will have water at the site too.
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FACILITIES

- There are toilets available at the site, near the front gate.
 - There are food & drink vendors at the event. You are also welcome to bring packed lunches & your own refreshments.
 - There is hay bale seating around the site. You are also welcome to bring your own chairs if you wish.
 - There is a Trimontium shop, selling themed gifts and local crafts. All proceeds go to supporting the Trust's work. You can also get information about Trimontium Membership & exciting future plans.
 - If you require First Aid at any point, please head to the Festival Office, or let a Trimontium volunteer know you require assistance.
 - We will have optional wristbands for children which you are welcome to use. These will help us reunite you, just in case you are separated during the day. These can be collected from the Ticket Office at the front gate.
 - Each vendor will have their own payment system and will accept card and/or cash. We recommend bringing some cash just in case.
 - There is no smoking or vaping allowed in the event field.
 - Please dispose of any rubbish with care so we keep our site clean, especially any glass.
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WORKSHOPS, WALKS & MUSEUM

- Divining, Iron Age Pottery and Nettle String workshops must be booked in advance. There are currently very limited spaces remaining for Nettle String.
- Pottery & Divining workshops are sold out.
- Limited spaces may be available on the day. Please ask at the ticket office at the front desk for current availability.
- Please arrive at your workshop location at least 5 minutes before it is due to start.
- If you are doing the pottery workshop, wear suitable clothing as it can occasionally get messy!
- Our Guided Walks of the Fort Site leave hourly from 1030-1430, lasting 45 minutes. There is no need to book a walk, just turn up at the meeting point.
- The Trimontium Museum will be open on the day of the event from 10am-1pm only, to allow all our volunteers to join the fun! The VR Experience will also be available during these times. If you have add-on museum tickets, please visit the museum first, or you can also use your tickets another day if you prefer.

ASSISTANCE ON THE DAY

If you require any help or have questions, please ask at our Ticket/ Festival Office and we will be happy to help you. We also have volunteers across the site, who are there to help and ensure you have a wonderful day. Your feedback is greatly appreciated so please let us know if you enjoy the day and if there is anything we can consider for any future festivals.

