

Frequently Asked Questions

We hope this page answers some of your questions regarding the Caerphilly Cheese Festival 2025.

Don't forget to visit our websites and social media for more information - www.caerphillycheesefestival.co.uk / www.visitcaerphilly.com / @VisitCaerphilly

If you cannot find an answer to your question here or on the website, please contact events@caerphilly.gov.uk or call 01443 866390.

1. What are the opening hours of the event?

Saturday 30th August, 10am – 7pm Sunday 31st August, 10am – 5pm

2. Is there a charge to enter the event?

No, this event is **FREE** to attend.

3. Are dogs allowed?

Yes, dogs are allowed to attend the event, except for the funfair area. Guide dogs are permitted everywhere.

Please note: while dogs are welcome at the Caerphilly Cheese Festival, we advise owners intending to bring their dogs to exercise caution due to the higher volume of people. We ask that owners please consider both their dogs' and other attendees' welfare.

Owners bringing dogs to the event do so at their own risk and liability.

4. Where can I find the cheese stalls, food halls and funfair?

The cheese stalls, food halls and funfair can be found at the rear of Caerphilly Castle alongside Crescent Road. The rear of the castle for the Cheese Festival activities in that area can be accessed from the town centre either via Dafydd Williams Park or along the Fisherman's Walk around Caerphilly Castle. There is no access directly through Caerphilly Castle.

5. Is there a Park and Ride?

There is no park and ride to the event, however, there are **FREE** Park & Walk facilities at St. Martin's School, Hillside, CF83 1UW and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni y Gwyndy, Pontygwindy Road, CF83 3HG.

6. What parking is available at the event?

As well as the free Park and Walk facilities listed above, public car parks can be found at the following locations:

- Station Terrace car park, CF83 1HD (pay-and-display)
- Caerphilly Park and Ride, CF83 1HD (free)
- Crescent Road car park, CF83 1AB (pay-and-display)
- Morrisons / Castle Court Shopping Centre, CF83 1XP (free, maximum stay 3 hours)
- Overflow parking, Owain Glyndwr Playing Field, CF83 1AB (free, weather-dependent)

Please also see the parking map located on the <u>Caerphilly Cheese Festival</u> <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>, as well as the <u>Visit Caerphilly website</u> and social media pages, which includes disabled parking locations and bike rack locations.

7. Do I need to pay to enter Caerphilly Castle?

Yes, charges will apply if you wish to visit the Castle during the event.

Category	Price
Members	FREE
Adult	£12.40
Family	£40.00
Disabled person and companion	FREE
Juniors (Aged 5-17) / Students	£8.60
Seniors (Aged 65+)	£11.10

For more information, go **here**.

8. Are there any fireworks?

There will be **NO** fireworks at this event.

The next firework display will take place following the **River of Light Lantern Parade** on **Friday 21**st **November 2025.**

9. When is the funfair open?

Saturday 30th August, 10am – 7pm Sunday 31st August, 10am – 5pm On both days from 10am to 11am there will be a quiet hour in the funfair with no music being played on the rides.

10. How do I attend the event as a trader?

Please email <u>events@caerphilly.gov.uk</u> or call 01443 866390 for all trade enquiries.

11. When and where is the entertainment?

There is live music and entertainment throughout the town centre and at the rear of Caerphilly Castle. All entertainment programmes are available to view on the Caerphilly Cheese Festival website, Visit Caerphilly website, and information will be posted via the Caerphilly Cheese Festival and Visit Caerphilly social media pages. There are 3 music areas at the event:

- Area A The Green Lady Stage (Cardiff Road)
- Area B The Castle Moat Stage (Crescent Road, rear of Caerphilly Castle)
- Area C The Leaning Tower Main Stage (The Twyn Car Park)

12. Is alcohol allowed?

No alcohol can be brought to the Caerphilly Cheese Festival. Security staff will monitor site entrances and ensure alcohol is taken away from any visitors who attempt to bring any in. Alcohol may be purchased for on-site consumption from the on-site bars within Twyn Car Park and on Crescent Road. Any alcohol bought in the food halls is for offsite consumption.

13. What toilet facilities do you have?

Portable toilets can be found throughout the event site in the town centre and at the rear of Caerphilly Castle, with a hub at Twyn Car Park.

Toilets are also available at Caerphilly Library and Ffos Caerffili during these sites' opening hours.

Other public toilet facilities can be found using the **National Toilet Map**.

14. Is there a cash point?

Cash points are located throughout the town along Cardiff Road.

15. I have a question that wasn't answered in this document.

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