

Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in our show.

By Rail

Wakefield has two railway stations, Westgate and Kirkgate. Westgate is much closer to the show venue and it is served by excellent regional, trans-Pennine and intercity train services. Many services are direct to Wakefield, but you may need to change trains, at Doncaster, Huddersfield, Leeds or Sheffield.

The show venue is only 10 minutes walk from Westgate station, or a short bus or taxi ride. There will be Free shuttle mini-bus service between Westgate Station and the show venue

The Metro website at: <http://www.wymetro.com> has up to date information on all rail and bus services.

Kirkgate station is small, unmanned and about a mile away from the show. The slow hourly First NW services from Manchester Victoria via Huddersfield reverse at Kirkgate and continue to Westgate.

Many local Metro trains to Kirkgate from Barnsley and Sheffield, continue on to Leeds without stopping at Westgate. In these cases you have the choice of walking or you can ring for a cab.

THE SHOW

The show will be held at the Thornes Park Athletics Stadium off Horbury Road close to the centre of Wakefield. The opening times are:

Saturday 21st May 10:00 – 17:00

Sunday 22nd May 10:30 – 15:30

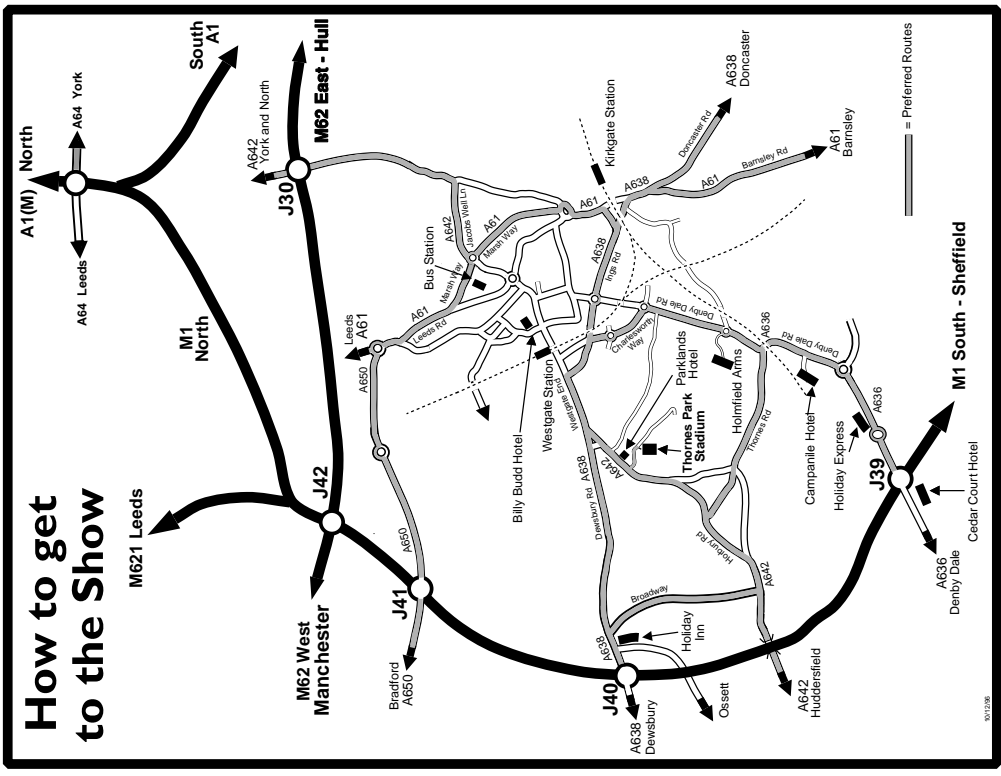
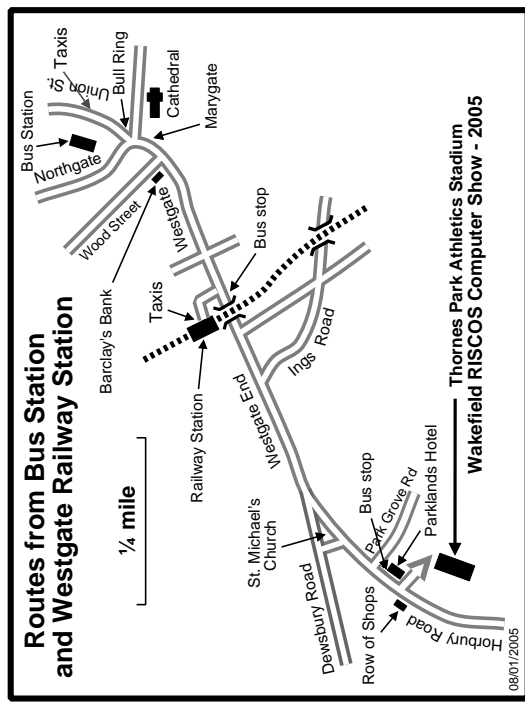
FREE MINI-BUS TO SHOW

We will be running a free mini-bus service from Westgate Station to the show. It will run at frequent intervals.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE SHOW

The plan below shows the location of the show in relation to the city centre and the following sections give details of how to get to Thornes Park by public transport.

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you miss the first sign which is very close to the junction, follow the signs for A642 Huddersfield into Ings Road (dual carriageway).

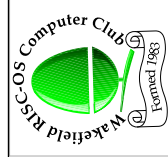
Approaching South by the A1(M) follow the new extension of the M1 to Junction 40.

The best routes are to approach from Junctions 39 and 40 on the M1 and Junction 30 on the M62. In all cases leave the motorway following signs towards Wakefield.

There will be yellow AA road signs after you have turned off the motorway at junctions 39 & 40 which will lead you directly to the show.

If you leave the motorway at either Junction 30 on the M62 or Junction 41 on the M1 follow the signs towards Wakefield and then towards the A61 to Barnsley and you will pick up the AA signs as you get to the Marsh Way ring road in the City.

Beware: There are now lots of speed cameras on A636, A642 and A638 into the city. You have been warned.



Show organised by the Wakefield RISC OS Computer Club
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Visit our Web Site at: <http://www.wakefieldshow.org.uk/> for latest information

By Bus or Coach

Wakefield has a busy bus station in Union Street, served by buses from around the area and also from other major towns and cities, including London. For information on bus and coach services and timetables, contact your local bus station, or call 'Metro' on 0113-245-7676 between 08:00 and 20:00 Monday to Saturday, or check the website at:

<http://www.wymetro.com>.

There is an excellent local service from the bus station to the show venue. There is a taxi rank nearby or you can walk it in 15 minutes.

By Local Buses

The show venue on Horbury Road is extremely well served by buses travelling from Wakefield Union Street bus station, and/or Wakefield Westgate railway station. The frequency of service, and the number of different routes, ensure that you should not have to wait more than 15 minutes.

From Westgate railway station, cross the road to the opposite side from the station, turn right and walk down Westgate towards the railway bridge. There is a bus stop just before the bridge.

From Bus Station via Westgate

126 & 127 go from Bus station via Westgate railway station every 10 minutes.

There are others 128, 231, 232 which are hourly.

For detailed bus timetables, call 'Metro' on 0113-245-7676 and ask them to post you the appropriate timetable leaflets. There is no charge for this service.

Also look at:

<http://www.wymetro.com/BusTravel/MapsAndGuides.htm>

Tell the driver you wish to alight at Thornes Park Athletics Stadium. The bus stop is outside the Parklands Hotel, and the park entrance is immediately adjacent to the right hand side of the hotel. *See plan on page 3 for more detail.*

By Taxi

From the city centre

There is a minicab taxi rank in Union Street, right behind the bus station, and there is also one immediately outside the doors at Westgate station.

The Show venue is less than five minutes drive away, so the fare shouldn't be too steep. Tell the driver you wish to go to Thornes Park Athletics Stadium.

From Kirkgate Station

Greenline Taxis – 01924-363-939

Fleet Taxis – 01924-379-615

By Walking (from the city centre)

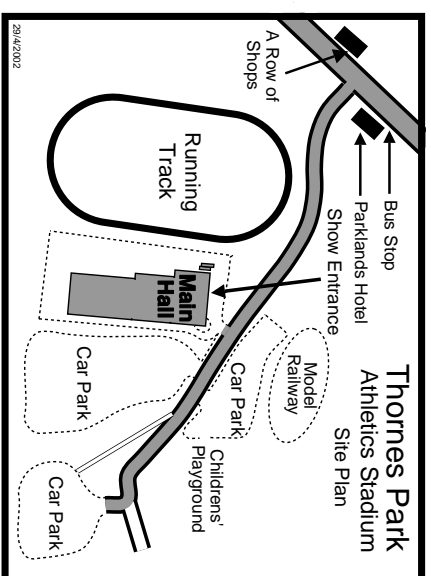
The show venue is only 15 minutes walk from Wakefield Union Street bus station, and 10 minutes from Wakefield Westgate railway station.

From Bus Station via Westgate

Wakefield has a smart new Bus Station adjacent to the old site in Union Street. As you enter the Bus Station from your bus, leave by the doors at the left hand end into Union Street, and go straight over the Bulling traffic junction, passing Queen Victoria's statue and the pedestrian precinct on your left. Proceed through Marygate, past Barclays Bank on your right, continuing into Westgate, and down the slope towards the railway bridge. Then follow route below:

From Westgate Railway Station

Cross the road to the opposite side from the station, turn right and walk down Westgate towards the railway bridge. (There is a bus stop just before the bridge if you do not wish to walk.) Continue down Westgate (which becomes Westgate End) for about half a mile, and then bear very slightly left towards Horbury and Huddersfield as you pass St Michael's church on your right. The park entrance is on the left, immediately after the Parklands Hotel.



SHOW FACILITIES

The plan above shows the general layout of the park around the Athletics Stadium.

Car Parking

Parking is free. When you arrive you will be directed to the nearest car park where space is available.

Please note that the car park immediately to the right of the hall compound on the plan is grass and if conditions are wet this may be closed.

The only vehicles which will be admitted to the compound around the hall will be those of disabled drivers plus exhibitors' and official vehicles.

Outside Facilities

The childrens' playground is provided by Wakefield MDC and is open to the general public.

The miniature steam railway railway belongs to the Wakefield & District Model Engineering Society and will be operating on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons provided that the weather is suitable.

Please note that these facilities are not directly connected with the show and we can not be held responsible if one, or both, are not available on the day.

Catering

The buffet will be located on the first floor of the main hall. There is access by staircase and a lift.

The buffet will be open during show hours and will provide hot and cold snacks and drinks.

If you bring your own sandwiches will you please consume these outside the hall.

To safeguard the floor of the exhibition hall, which is an indoor running track, food and drink are not allowed in the main hall.

Smoking

Please note that in the interests of public health and safety, smoking is not allowed within the stadium building.

Disabled Facilities

As mentioned earlier, helpers will direct cars with disabled visitors to suitable parking locations within the main hall compound.

There is wheelchair access through the main entrance to the hall and all the exhibition stands and Show Theatre are on ground floor level.

Catering is on the first floor. A lift suitable for wheelchairs opens off the entrance foyer.

Disabled toilets are available both inside and outside the hall at ground level.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Wakefield is well provided with hotels of all categories as well as many small guest houses and B&Bs.

The Wakefield Tourist Office publish a leaflet with a full list of recommended accommodation of all types. You can also see also a selection on show website (www.wakefieldshow.org.uk).

You can obtain a copy by sending a stamped and addressed envelope, at least 220x110mm, to The Tourist Information Centre, The Bull Ring, Wakefield. (www.wakefield.org.uk/VisitWakefield/TouristInformation).

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