York Model Railway Show

Venue Knavesmire Suite, York Racecourse, Racecourse Road, YO23 1EX

Driving notes - Page last revised 26th March 2015

Our show is easy to get to by road from all over the North, and from the Midlands too with York (the City) and the Racecourse fully signed with both permanent and temporary event show signing.

So firstly, the sat-nav dilemma; if you do choose to use your sat-nav the venue's address is York Racecourse, Racecourse Road, YORK YO23 1EX. Please check your Sat Nav is locating Racecourse Rd as other parts of the Racecourse also use the same postcode.

However we strongly recommend that all attendees follow the temporary event signing to the venue. These signed routes may not be the shortest but they will help you avoid congestion in York City Centre.

Suggested approach routes

The main routes from the South are M1 (or A1) - A1M (Junc 45) - A64 - A1036*

From the west; M62 - M1 northbound - A1M (Junc 45) - A64 - A1036*

From the East of York use the A64, A1079 or A19 respectively then the A64 York Eastern Bypass heading towards Leeds, then A1036*

From the North East - A19 - York Western By pass A1237 - A64 east - A1036*

From Scotland and Cumbria use A1M to Junc 47 - A59 eastbound - A1237 southbound (York Western By pass) - A64 east - A1036*

All A1036 - Once on the A1036 head into York. The road layout and signing after leaving the A64 changed in 2011 and again in 2015 with the opening of the Askham Bar Park & Ride site. Older sat nav maps and directions may therefore differ from current road layout/signing.





Traditional route - After the first set of traffic lights by the petrol station stay in the left hand lane and follow the formerly signed route, now with City Centre signing, until you see the grassed, open area of the Knavesmire on your right. At the foot of the dip turn right onto Knavesmire Road and approach the Racecourse area.

Currently signposted - after the first set of traffic lights by the petrol station take the right hand lane and follow the currently signposted route to the Racecourse. You will be on the green route as per the map on the left. Carry on over the A64 bridge, then turn left into Church Lane, left again into Bishopthorpe Road and after passing the former Terry's factory building then left again into Campleshon Road.

The routes to the Racecourse via the York Inner Ring Road are not recommended although they can be used for access if you know the route.

Parking / Park & Ride options

- On street parking in the South Bank residential area of York is now Residents Only and you don't need to use it.
- Parking for over 800 cars is available free of charge.
- Disabled parking will continue to be available close to the main entrance to the Show.
- A link bus (Transdev Service 197) will run to and from York Railway Station but is not included in the show admission price.

However there is a scheduled car boot sale on the Saturday and therefore parking varies according to the day you arrive/other events on the Racecourse site:-

SATURDAY - Visitors travelling to us by car on Saturday should note a major car boot sale is scheduled to be held using one of the main racecourse car-parks. Unless signed otherwise "on the day" the Saturday car parking is expected to be on the Knavesmire with access from "the Triangle". Please do not attempt to park behind the stands on Saturday as there will be no spaces available. Please park where advised by the staff on duty.

SUNDAY & MONDAY - On the Sunday and Monday the larger Car Park should be available which is much closer to the Show. On these days please do drive along the road behind the stands to this park. Please park where advised by the staff on duty.

Park and ride options –

If you are travelling to York with a party including non-model railway orientated members you have the option of using P&R into the City from the north and then the Show shuttle bus out to the Knavesmire. (Visitors from the north or north east - The service from Rawcliffe Bar drops off/picks up at the NRM and in Station Avenue)

Alternatively park in our free car parking facilities and the remaining members of the party can use the Show link into York. Visitors from outside the N/N East should note that the York outer bypass (Northern section) near the A19/A1237 roundabout at Rawcliffe Bar does get very busy at peak/holiday times.