

THE 2010 ROYAL SHOW

RESPONSES TO THE MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dates of Show

Friday, 28 May to Sunday, 6 June

Hours of opening

Showgrounds: 09h00 to conclusion of Arena events

Halls & Exhibits:

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th May	20h00
Sunday 30th May	18h00
Monday, 31st May to Thursday, 3rd June	18h30
Friday, 4th & Saturday, 5th June	20h00
Sunday, 6th June	12h30

Gate/ parking charges

Adult	R35.00
Junior U/12	R20.00
Pensioner	R20.00
Pre-school children	Free
Wednesday, 27 May	R20.00 for all persons
Public Parking	R15.00

Parking

Public parking (controlled by the Royal Show) is available:

- in the grounds of the Voortrekker High School off Commercial Road beyond the Members' parking area every day of the show,
- on Wednesday, 2 and Thursday, 3 June for **buses only** at Townhill Hospital; access off Hyslop Road.

Car Watch will be in attendance.

Pass outs

Please note that the Royal does not operate a pass out system.

Special 'concession day'

The Society has chosen Wednesday, 2 June as its 'concession day.' Whilst available to all visitors, the primary intention is to assist individuals and organisations who are, for whatever reason, disadvantaged. Entry for **all** is R20.00 on this day.

School concession days

The concession available to organised school groups applies only to Wednesday 2 and Thursday, 3 June. On these days pupils in groups and under the supervision of a teacher will be permitted entry at R20 per head. In the interest of all stakeholders, schools are requested to make every effort to ensure that scholars use their visit as a project related experience as opposed to one of unsupervised frivolity.

Location of Showgrounds

Located at the extreme northern end of Commercial Road. From Durban (via the N3), take the Sanctuary/Armitage Rd offramp; and from Johannesburg, the Chatterton Rd/ City or the Peter Brown offramp. All are signposted.

Travelling time

The Showgrounds are approximately 50 minutes from both the Berea in Durban and Estcourt in the Midlands.

Catering

There are approximately 15 facilities within the Showgrounds, ranging from fast-food to good restaurant fare, several of which are licensed – but only for consumption within the facility.

Dangers – Livestock and Horses

Visitors are reminded that there are in excess of 500 cattle, horses and sheep on site and that at all times animals will enjoy right-of-way. Appropriate care is therefore required, particularly with younger children.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted, other than in the case of guide dogs, or dogs forming part of any display.

First Aid

Pietermaritzburg Medi-Clinic and ER24 occupy a permanent facility (next to The Witness stand).

Security

For the duration of the Show, there is a fully operational SAPS presence operating from the charge office located behind Hall 3 – this to complement extensive in-house security. The public are, however, advised to adopt the standard precautionary measures applicable to any environment where crowds gather.

Prohibited Items

The public is prohibited from bringing into the Grounds alcohol, 'laser lights', firearms (including air guns), knives or any other items deemed, at Security's sole discretion, to be a weapon or an item that could possibly hurt or interfere with visitors and/or livestock.

Banking

FNB, Standard, and Absa are represented on site.

Limited Activities

Please note that certain activities, such as cattle breed judging and sheep-shearing are limited to certain days and times. Should you wish to visit the Show for a single, specific purpose, we suggest that you contact the offices on 033 – 345 6274 to avoid disappointment on arrival.

Disabled persons

Bona fide disabled persons will be permitted to park in a designated area on the Voortrekker sports fields but remain liable for the standard parking fee of R15.00.

Whilst most facilities within the Showgrounds cater for the disabled, the Royal has yet to attain a target of total 'user-friendliness.'

Quieter times to visit the Show

Based on past experience, Monday, 31 May and Tuesday, 1 June are expected to be the least frenetic. Also, a visit on these days is recommended if you have a particular interest in livestock.

Ukhozi FM Concert

The Ukhozi FM concert will take place on Sunday, 6 June. Please note all halls and exhibits will close at 12h30 on this day.

Lost children

Please ensure that all children under the age of 13 have on their person a contact address and telephone number. Parents are urged to keep a watchful eye on their children at all times – but if lost, youngsters and/or parents are asked to report to the SAPS Charge Office behind Hall 3.

Fairground and Children's entertainment

The Royal Show incorporates a small but up-market fairground located to the east of the main arena in the vicinity of the SANDF stand.

Membership of the Society

Membership is open to all, and this can make your visit to both the Royal, as well as the Sunday Tribune Garden & Leisure Show a more pleasurable experience in terms of the facilities available. Please enquire at the Society's office or telephone 033-345-6274.

Who runs the Royal Show?

The Royal Agricultural Society of Natal, a private non-profit organisation, run largely by unpaid volunteers who of their own volition have a tradition – extending for 160 years – of hosting a show in support of agriculture and broad economic activity within the province of KZN.

What happens to any generated profits?

Any profits generated by the Royal Agricultural Society of Natal are expended **solely** on agriculturally related service activities and on maintaining the Society's facilities. **No surplus funds are not made available for distribution to any individual or organisation by way of a profit share or dividend.**