

## **Leicester Riverside Festival 2023 FAQs**

### **When is the Riverside festival?**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### **What are the opening times?**

The parks are open at 12noon on both days

The parks close at 6pm on Saturday and 5pm on Sunday

### **Where is the Riverside Festival?**

The event takes place over 4 sites:

- Bede Park, LE2 7HN
- Western Blvd
- River Soar (Mile Strait)
- Castle Gardens, LE2 7BY

### **Do I need a ticket?**

No

Leicester Riverside is a free event and open to all.

Some stalls and activities will require payment for their services.

### **Will traders accept card?**

Some traders, but not all will have the ability to take card payments. There is a cash point on Western Boulevard if cash withdrawals are needed.

### **Where is the Main Stage?**

The piazza just outside of Bede Park next to Tesco Express

### **Where is the Acoustic Stage?**

Bede Park next to the licensed bar

### **Can I bring my bike**

As the sites can get busy, we will have 2 free secure bike parks on site: one on Mill Lane Bridge and one on the corner of the The Newarke / Western Boulevard.

To visit the festival by bike, visit [leicester.gov.uk/cycling](http://leicester.gov.uk/cycling)

### **What is there to do?**

There's a mixture of activities on and off the water including music stages, an arts & craft market, children's funfair, boats trips, kayaking, global street food, outdoor theatre, sports activities, craft workshops, bike shows, art trails, a falconry display and much more.

Please see the Riverside brochure for more information:

[Riverside Festival - Visit Leicester](#)

### **Is there food available to buy at the festival?**

Yes

There is a huge variety of street food traders at the event this year From South Asian, Caribbean, Polish Kielbasa, Classic British, Thai, stone baked pizza, Kebabs & much more including sweet treats, deserts, and hot beverage vendors.

### **Are their vegetarian & vegan options?**

Yes

There will be catering options for vegan and vegetarian diets, with some stalls offering gluten free options.

### **Is alcohol sold at the event?**

Yes,

We have a fully licensed bar on Bede Park & Castle Gardens.

There is also a Caribbean Punch and a cocktail trailer in other areas of the site.

## **Can I park on site?**

There are road closures in place to make the site safe to the public so parking around the area is limited. We recommend parking in the city centre which is a short walk from the festival.

## **Other ways to get to the festival**

To visit the festival by bus, telephone Traveline on 0871 200 2233.

We also recommend [choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://choosehowyoumove.co.uk) for advice on planning your journey.

## **What is the main stage line up?**

The mainstage will start at 12noon on Saturday with the headliner on at 6pm. On Sunday it will start at 12noon with the headline act on at 5pm:

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

HQ Showcase

Eava FM Showcase

Stevie Jones & The Wildfires

Amber Saqladi

Blues Irregulars

Jersey Budd (headline)

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

2 Funky Arts Showcase

the Deceivers

Sing for water

Sorrell

The Heartland Roots Band (headline)

## **Do you have welfare provision for visitors**

We have unisex portaloos and disabled toilets on Bede Park, Castle Gardens and Western Boulevard. Please see the event map in the brochure for specific location of the toilets.

### **Are dogs allowed?**

Dogs are allowed in the parks but in the interest of public and animal safety these must be well behaved and kept on a lead.

### **Can we use the BBQ area on Bede Park?**

The BBQ area is closed to the public across the weekend.

### **Why is the park closed on the Friday?**

The closure of the park is essential for the build of the event and for the safety of the public as we have moving vehicles in the area.

### **Where can I get more information and updates?**

A link to the programme brochure can be found here:

[Riverside Festival - Visit Leicester](#)

Social media updates will be given on our pages here:

<https://twitter.com/leicesterfest>

<https://www.facebook.com/leicesterfestivals>

<https://www.instagram.com/leicesterfest/>