

PARK WITH EASE: NEW IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR NEC EXPERIENCE

We're pleased to share that the NEC is investing £1.5 million to improve your event parking experience. From December 2025, a new hybrid ANPR-enabled barrier system will be in place to help streamline the parking process. Whilst it means there will be a few changes to how you park, we're here to help make that transition smooth and simple.

For the best possible experience and to take advantage of the cheapest prices, please book in advance.

THE SMART WAY TO VISIT? Book online and in advance to save £5 on the standard day rate.

- We recommend **pre-booking** your parking via the NEC's [online portal](#) for the quickest and easiest experience.
- It only takes a moment and **you can do it any time up until midnight** the day before your visit – just follow the handy How-To Guide below.

BOOKING PROCESS

- **Pre-book online in advance** (up to midnight the day before your visit) for the best rates and smoothest experience.
- However, please be aware that **overstays beyond 2:00am** each day may incur additional charges, unless overnight parking is selected when making the booking.
- Please note there are no paper tickets (unless your vehicle registration cannot be read) - your vehicle registration plate is your ticket!

KEY BENEFITS

Effortless access

Your vehicle's number plate is recognised automatically, helping you move in and out quickly during busy periods.

Increased security

The system logs each entry and exit for peace of mind while you're parked at the venue.

Reliable and accurate

Your entry and exit times are recorded automatically to help ensure accurate and transparent tracking of your parking time.

HOW-TO GUIDE

Pre-book your Parking at the NEC

Please ensure you book in advance to get the best rates for your parking. To do this, visit:
<https://parking.thenec.co.uk/>

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Book your parking". It has two dropdown menus: "Month of Event" set to "June 2025" and "Event" set to "BIRMINGHAM HIGHER EDUCATION 2025". Below these is a calendar interface for selecting dates. The calendar shows June 2025 and July 2025. In June, the 23rd and 24th are selected. Below the calendar are two input fields: "Total No. of Days" with the value "1" and "No. of Vehicles" with the value "1". There is a "Promo code?" link and a "Get Prices" button at the bottom.

1. Select the month and then our event from the dropdown list.
2. Select the date(s) you need parking for and whether you require single or multiple days.
3. When you select more than one consecutive day, overnight parking will be offered. If your vehicle will remain onsite beyond 2:00 AM, select 'Overnight Parking' to avoid overstay charges.
4. Click 'Get Prices'.
5. Select your parking product or upgrade if this interests you (please note overnight parking is not available for upgrades).
6. Enter your details and vehicle registration number.
7. Press 'Book Now'.

Your booking is now complete. An email confirmation will be sent to you.

If you need to make any changes ahead of our event, simply use the 'Manage my Booking' link in your confirmation email - amendments can be made right up until midnight the day before your arrival.

Full parking terms and conditions can be found [here](#).

DIDN'T PRE-BOOK?

- If you haven't pre-booked, you can still pay on the day at any **pay-on-foot machine in the venue** or by using the **on-the-day online portal**. Please note that if you're planning to use the **on-the-day online portal**, you can only do so once you've parked up in the car park.
- Please note that if you don't make payment before proceeding to the exit, your vehicle won't be recognised and you will be required to pay the standard on the day rate at the exit barrier (card payment only).