



Frequently Asked Questions

We hope this FAQ page answers some of your questions about The Big Cheese in Caerphilly.

Don't forget to visit our website for more information and to download a copy of our Big Cheese Festival guide 2019 - www.bigcheesecaerphilly.co.uk

If you can't find the answer to your question on the website, please do not hesitate to contact The Visitor Centre - Caerphilly on 029 2088 0011 who will be happy to help.

1. What are the event opening hours?

Friday 26th July 3pm – 10pm
Saturday 27th July 10am – 9pm
Sunday 28th July 10am – 8pm

2. Are dogs allowed?

Yes dogs are allowed to The Big Cheese, however they are not permitted inside marquees, the beach or the funfair areas. Guide dogs have no restricted access.

3. What days will the stalls be there?

The stalls will be open on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July only.

4. Is there a Park & Ride?

Yes. A Park & Ride service will operate from St Cenydd School and Bedwas High School on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July, 10am – 8pm and will cost £5 per car.

In addition to the Park & Ride services listed above, there will also be a Park & Walk facility at Y Gwyndy School on Pontygwindy Road on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July, 10am – 8pm and will cost £5 per car.

5. Are there free buses within the county borough to the Big Cheese this year?

Unfortunately, due to ongoing budget constraints, the council has taken the difficult decision to withdraw the free bus service to the Big Cheese Festival in Caerphilly. We would encourage visitors to take advantage of the good public transport links that are available into the town centre and the event site. The council would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

View the Stagecoach Live Bus Route Finder - <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/maps>

Visit Transport For Wales for train times & tickets - <https://tfwrail.wales/>

6. Is there a charge to enter the event?

The event is FREE to enter to all weekend.

7. Do I need to pay to enter Caerphilly Castle?

No, Caerphilly Castle is free to enter on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July.

8. What time are the fireworks?

The fireworks start at 10pm on Friday 26th July and last for approx. 10 minutes.

9. What time is the Great Cheese Race?

The race starts at 6.30pm on Friday 26th July.

10. What time does the funfair open to the general public on Friday?

The funfair opens at 3pm and closes at 10pm on Friday 26th July.

11. When are the funfair rides half price?

Between 3pm and 6pm on Friday 26th July only.

12. What time is the entertainment?

All entertainment and re-enactment programmes are available to view on the website under 'Castle & Music Entertainment' here www.bigcheesecaerphilly.co.uk.

13. Is alcohol allowed?

No alcohol can be brought onto The Big Cheese event site. Security will monitor all entrances and ensure alcohol is removed from any visitors bringing in alcohol. Alcohol can be purchased for onsite consumption from the onsite bar and drunk in the designated bar drinking area only.

14. What facilities do you have?

Toilets are located at both ends of the site, including disabled access toilets. A lost children tent is located on site with baby changing and feeding facilities.

15. Is there a cash point?

Cash points are located on Cardiff Road in Caerphilly town centre, just a short 5 minute walk away.