

Royal Highland Show 2025 Driver Guide



ROYAL
HIGHLAND
SHOW

Welcome

Each year over 800 trade exhibitors, over 2000 livestock competitors entering into 900+ competitions (with over 4000 animals) and tens of thousands of visitors come to the Royal Highland Show to experience the best of farming, food and rural life.

As a long-standing partner of the Royal Highland Show, *this ain't our first rodeo!*

Lothian is once again preparing to provide Royal Highland Show visitors a five-star service, making bus travel part of the show experience. A network of three routes connected to train services will make travel easy to and from the show.

In this guide, you will find all the information you need regarding the operation of Royal Highland Show services. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your manager, Control or the events team.

Thank you for taking part in it this year. Drive safely, smile and have fun!

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RHS services 2025

- **Service 97:** Royal Highland Show <> Edinburgh Gateway Station <> Edinburgh Park Station
- **Service 98:** Royal Highland Show <> Edinburgh City Centre (**Waverley Station & Haymarket Station**)
- **Service N98:** Royal Highland Show <> Edinburgh City Centre [*Nightbus*]

Additionally, regular Lothian services serve bus stops near the Royal Highland Showground:

- **Lothiancountry X18:** City Centre <> Bathgate/Whitburn stops on A8 (south entrance)
- **Lothiancountry X19:** City Centre <> Bathgate/Winchburgh stops on A8 (south entrance)
- **Airlink 100:** Edinburgh Airport <> City Centre stops at Airport Hotels
- **Lothian 17:** Edinburgh Airport <> Ocean Terminal stops at Airport Hotels
- **Lothian 18:** Edinburgh Airport <> Fort Kinnaird stops at Airport Hotels
- **Edinburgh Trams:** Ingliston Park & Ride <> Newhaven [A free shuttle bus operated by Ratho Coaches between the park & ride and the Royal Highland Show]

and other operator's services:

ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE PUBLIC TRANSPORT MAP



Bus Timetables 2025

Service 97

Thursday Friday Saturday

Departures from Edinburgh Park Station: 0825, 0840, 0855 then every 15 minutes until 1340, 1401, 1416, then every 15 minutes until 2031, 2058, 2118, 2138.

Departures from Royal Highland Centre, East Gate: 0846, 0901, then every 15 minutes until 1216, 1234, 1249, 1304, 1321, 1341, 1356, 1411, then every 15 minutes until 2011, 2026, 2040, 2100, 2120, 2140, 2200.

Sunday

Departures from Edinburgh Park Station: 0818, 0923, 1000, 1038, 1108, 1138, 1202, 1232, 1300, 1330, 1400, 1422, 1452, 1512, 1542, 1612, 1642, 1712, 1742

Departures from Royal Highland Centre, East Gate: 1001, 1035, 1100, 1130, 1200, 1225, 1253, 1328, 1358, 1428, 1452, 1522, 1552, 1622, 1652, 1722, 1752, 1812, 1850

Service 98

Thursday

Departures from George Street: 0625, 0645, 0700, 0715, 0730, 0740, 0750 then frequent departures until 2125.

Departures from Royal Highland Centre, East Gate: 0705, 0725, 0740, 0755, 0810 then frequent departures until 2220.

Friday

Departures from George Street: 0625, 0645, 0700, 0715, 0730, 0740, 0750 then frequent departures until 2125.

Departures from Royal Highland Centre, East Gate: 0705, 0725, 0740, 0755, 0810 then frequent departures until 2202.

Departures from West Gate (for the Royal Highland Hoolie): frequent departures between 2230 and 2250.

Saturday

Departures from George Street: 0625, 0645, 0700, 0715, 0730, 0740, 0750 then frequent departures until 2125.

Departures from Royal Highland Centre, East Gate: 0700, 0720, 0735, 0750, 0805 then frequent departures until 2220.

Departures from West Gate (for the Royal Highland Hoolie): frequent departures between 2230 and 2250.

Sunday

Departures from George Street: 0630, 0700, 0720, 0740, 0755, 0810, 0820 then frequent departures until 1830.

Departures from Royal Highland Centre, East Gate: 0705, 0735, 0755, 0815, 830, 0845, 0855 then frequent departures until 1900, 1915.

Service N98

Saturday and Sunday (mornings)

Departures from Fairview Road (RHS Showdance): 0140, 0200, 0220.

Service 98: RHS <> Edinburgh City Centre (George Street Assembly Rooms)

[MAP on next page]

98 route: George Street, Frederick Street, Princes Street, Shandwick Place, West Maitland Street, Haymarket Terrace, West Coates, Roseburn Terrace, Corstorphine Road, St John's Road, Glasgow Road, [access/exit routes on page 9](#).

Please note the location of low bridges in the vicinity of the route:

Russel Road (4.1m or 13'-6"), Roseburn (3.9m or 12'-9"), Balgreen (4.2m or 14'-0"), Craigeith Drive (3.9m or 13'-0").

If for any reason you go off-route, STOP and call control.

Stopping pattern



Journeys to Ingliston:

George Street (Assembly Rooms), Shandwick Place (Airlink stop SD), Haymarket (Airlink stop HH) then all stops to Maybury. This service now operates as **pick-up only**. You should only uplift customers going to the Show.

Journeys to City Centre:

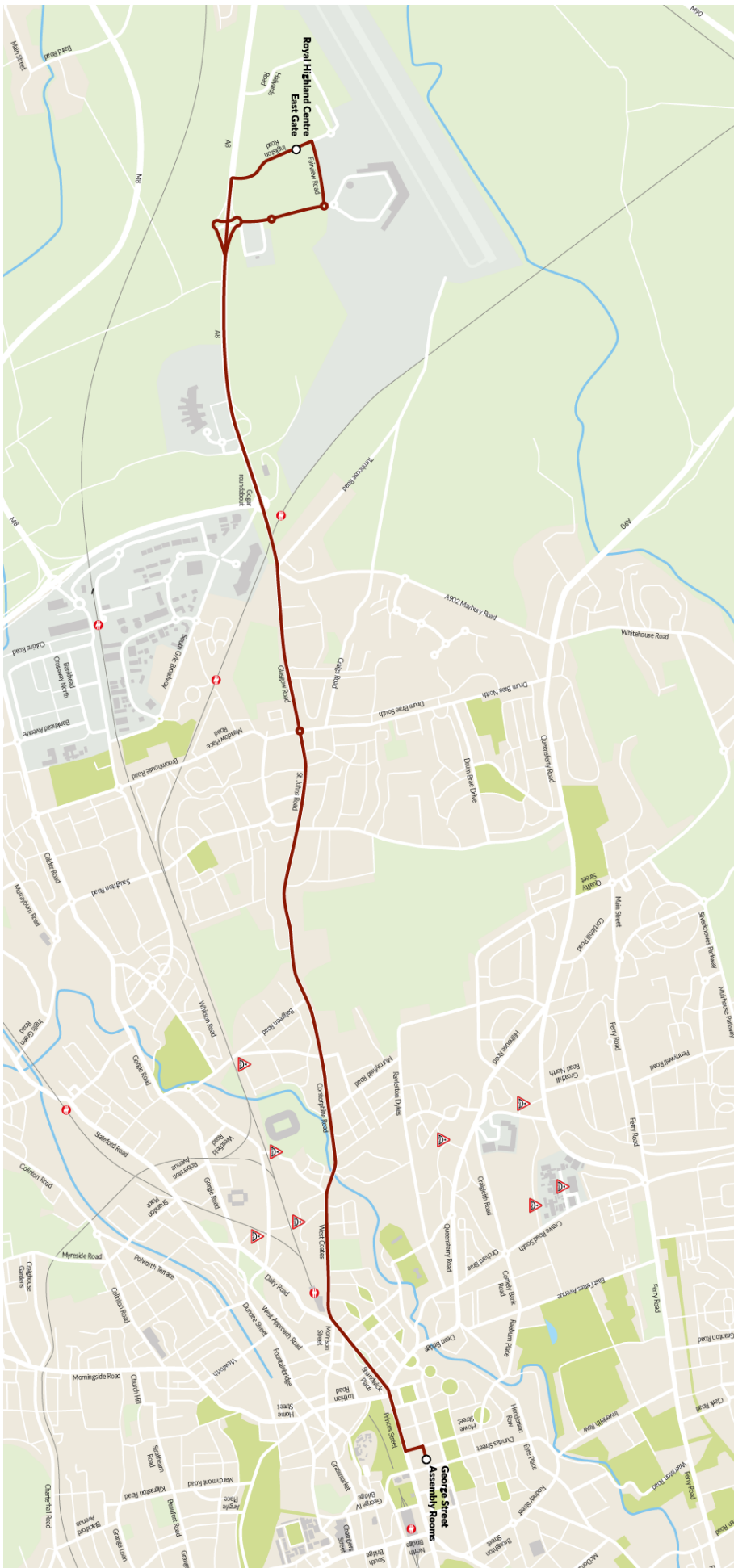
All stops from Maybury to Haymarket, Shandwick Place (stop SC), Princes Street (stop PF), George Street (Assembly Rooms – you can drop-off on the north side of George Street especially when you are heading back to the depot). This service now operates as **set-down only**. You must not stop to uplift passengers between Ingliston and the City Centre

George Street (Assembly Rooms) terminus

Service 98 departs from the Assembly Rooms on George Street, westbound stop. Parking and loading will be restricted between Hanover Street and Frederick Street. Please turn off engines at all times when waiting on George Street.

Space will be limited in the morning so please **turn-up to the bus stop a maximum of 15 minutes before your timetabled departure**, unless instructed otherwise by control or a supervisor. If you come a bit too early you may be requested to drive around the block/find a place to sit. Also please try to keep the same order of buses when driving back from the Show to George Street in the morning, to make things easier at the Assembly Rooms 😊

Waverley Sign on: to access the building by the door at the corner of Market Street. The door should open with your staff Ridacard, if you does not work phone the Waverley Desk at 0131 475 0613 for assistance.



Service N98: RHS <> Edinburgh City Centre (Nightbus)

This is a Nightbus numbered **N98** to facilitate revellers of the Show dance on the Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday morning with buses running frequently between the Royal Highland Show and Edinburgh City Centre at 01:40, 02:00 and 02:20.

Route and stopping pattern: same as 98.

Departure point: RHS Show Dance, on Fairview Road.



Screen bus for “N98 City Centre” but log your wayfarer to Service 98.

Same fares as daytime 98 apply on this service.

Destination Screens

Please select the correct destination screens:

Journeys to Ingliston	Journeys from Ingliston
97 RHS	97 EDINBURGH PARK STATION
98 HIGHLAND SHOW	98 CITY CENTRE
	N98 CITY CENTRE

Fail To Clear

All fail to clear must be immediately reported to Control. This is to allow us to dispatch any spare bus to the location as quickly as possible.

On service 98, once your bus is full, please change the destination screen to “98 Bus Full” available on the service 98 list. This is only available for buses fitted with a Hanover destination screen.

Please only use this screen on journeys towards Ingliston and not towards the city centre.



RHS Bus station Operations

At the Royal Highland Showground our bus terminal will be located on the BCA car park right by the show's East Gate. We will use this space to uplift & disembark passengers and park spare buses. Lothian Buses supervisors and Show stewards will be on site to assist drivers and passengers.

Please read carefully especially if you've done RHS before:

the bus station access, exit and layout for 2025 is different from RHS 2024!

Passenger boarding/disembarking will be done on the wall side of the BCA instead of the fence side.

If you are spare at the RHS Bus Terminal or if you have a long layover, you will be requested to reverse your bus on the west side of the car park. Our staff will be here to assist.

Lothian Buses staff taking part of event buses are accredited to enter the Royal Highland Show via trade gate 20 (east entrance), so feel free to enjoy what the Show has to offer during your break!

There are 3x different phases in operation described in the following pages

- Before 08:00
- Between 08:00 and 13:00
- After 13:00

Before 08:00

Access via A8, Eastfield Road, Fairview Road, Ingliston Road. Enter the BCA via the South of the car park.
Exit via Ingliston Road, A8.

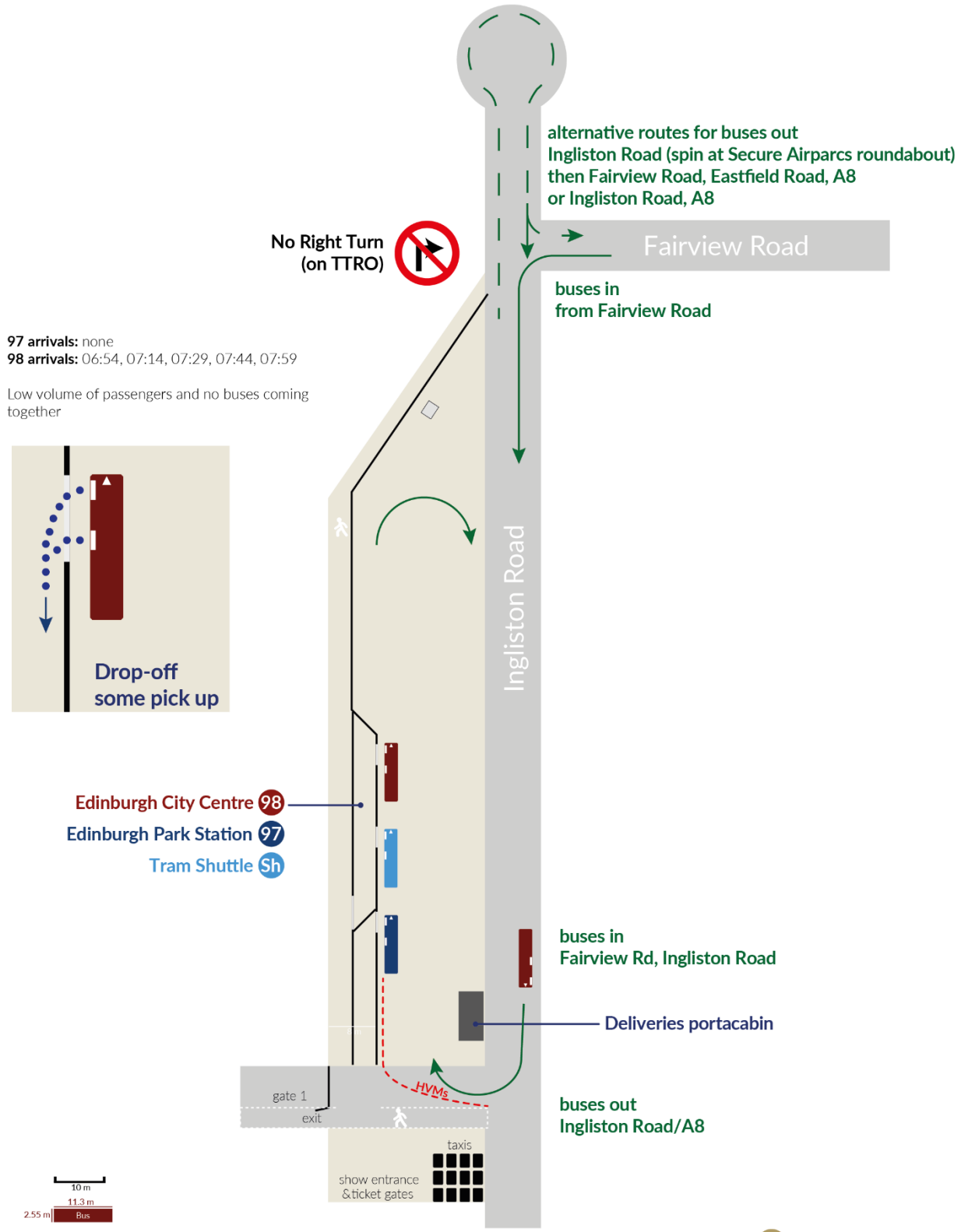
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routes
Services 97/98**

before 08:00



BCA Bus station

before 08:00



Between 08:00 and 13:00

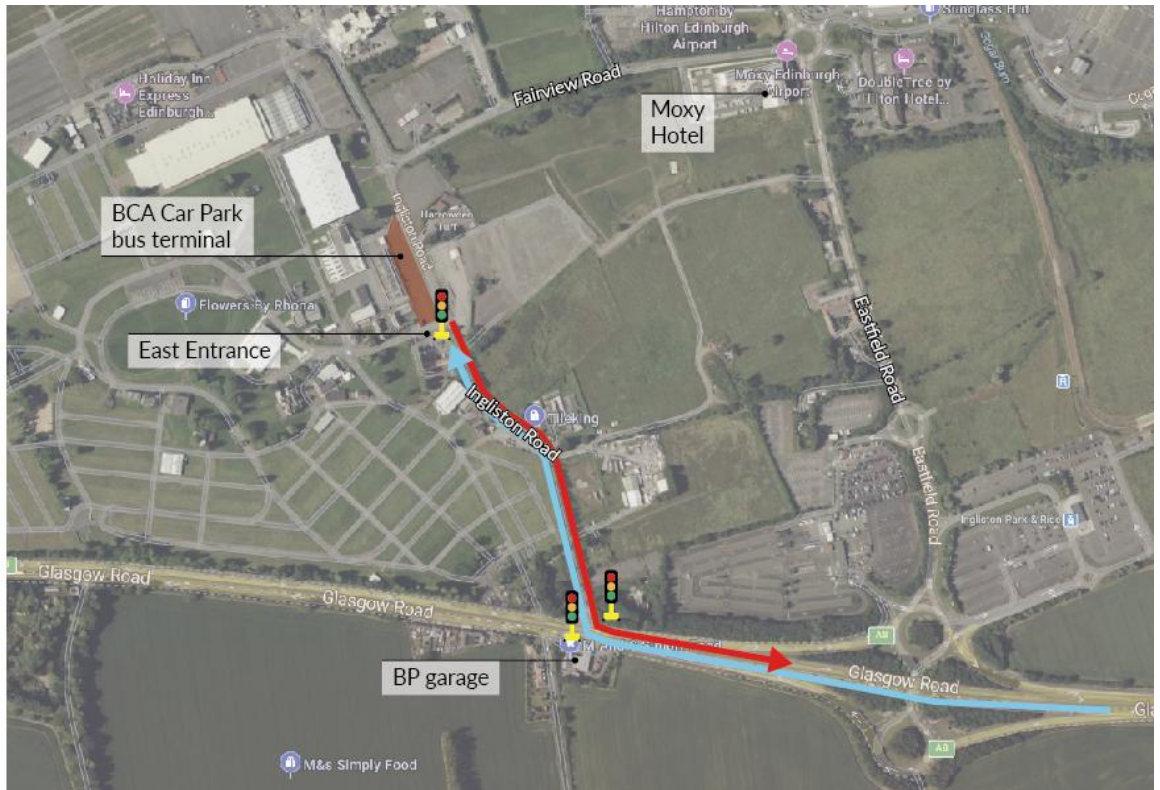
Ingliston Road becomes available to event related buses only in both directions.

Access via A8 to the BP Garage, turn right on Ingliston Road and access BCA via the South of the car park.

Exit via Ingliston Road and A8.

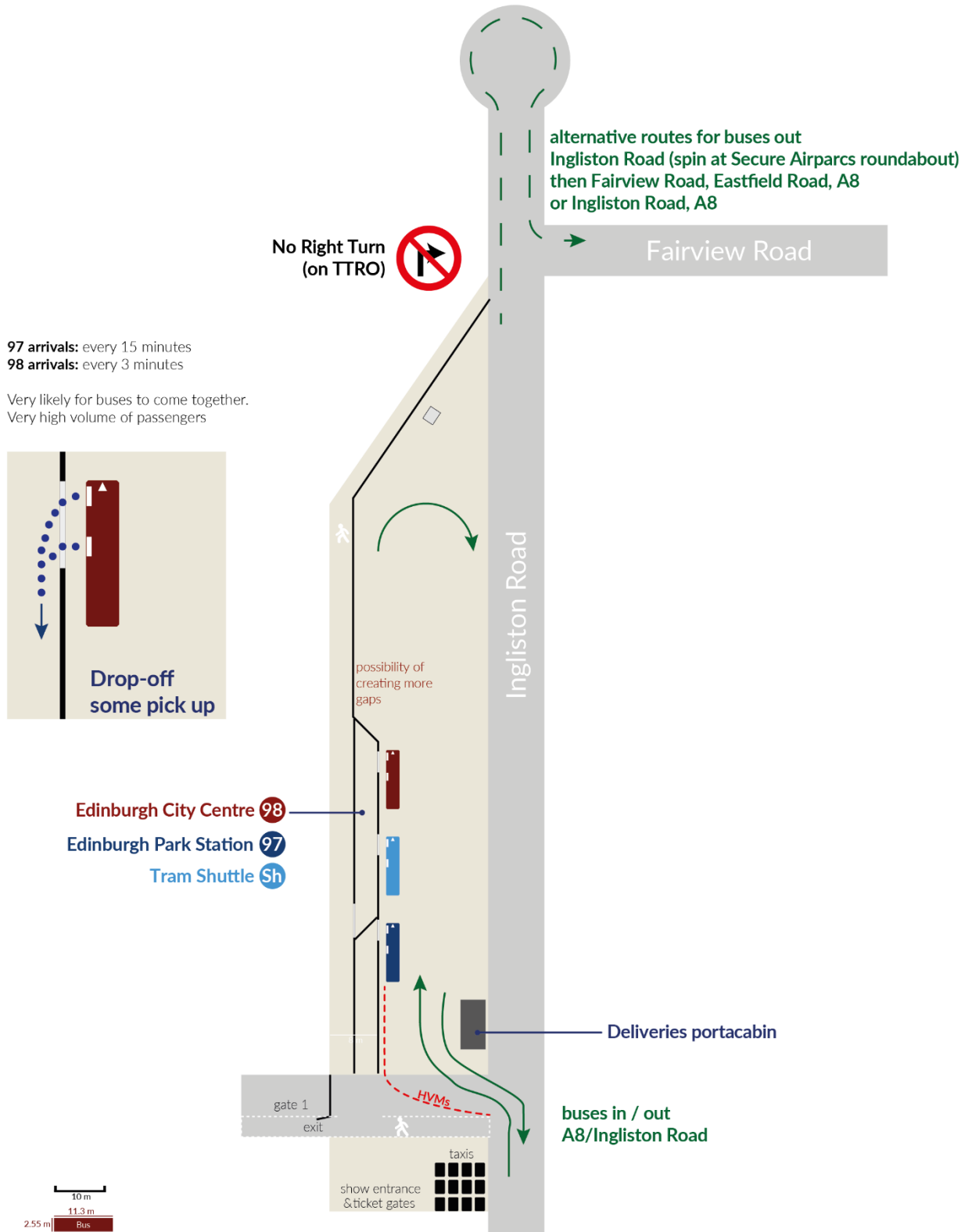
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Services 97/98**

**08:00
to 13:00**



BCA Bus station

08:00 - 13:00



After 13:00

Ingliston Road is now for Southbound traffic only.

Access via A8, Eastfield Road, Fairview Road, Ingliston Road and access to the BCA via the South of the car park. To make the turn onto the BCA, you'll need to be on the left lane, Traffic Management Company will stop traffic on the right lane to help you.

Exit via the North of the car park. Operate on Ingliston Road to the mini-roundabout by Secure Airparcs, turn around back on Ingliston Road. From there there are two routes available:

- Turn left on Fairview Road, Eastfield Road, A8
- Continue on Ingliston Road to the A8

**RHS
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Services 97/98**

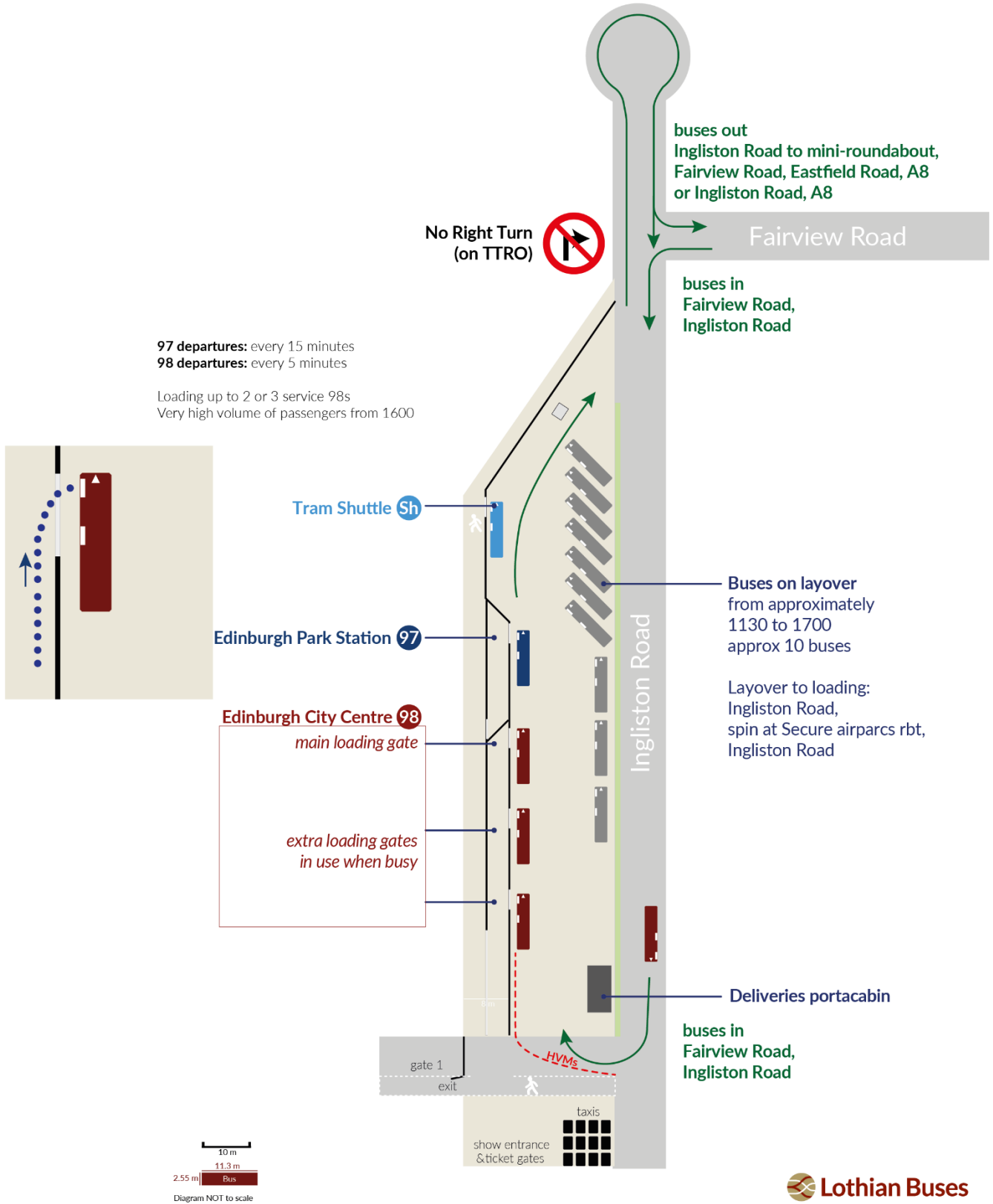
**after
13:00**



BCA Bus station

from 13:00

When buses from city can no longer access via A8/Ingliston Road



The Royal Highland Hoolie – Friday & Saturday night

On Friday and Saturday evening the Royal Highland Hoolie will take place on the West Arena. We are running the 98 service after the concert.

Buses for the concert are included as part of our Royal Highland Show offering, however both the Show and Concert take place at different locations within the Royal Highland Showground. Concerts will take place in a big tent located by the West Car Park of the Royal Highland Centre.

Tickets for the Hoolie are only sold as an upgrade to the Royal Highland Show, so we are not running Service 98 right to the West Car Park before the concert as customers can walk into the Showground with their RHS ticket.

Buses after the Hoolie:

To access the area operate off-service along the A8 to Newbridge Roundabout, turn around back on Glasgow Road towards Edinburgh. Access the Royal Highland Centre via the first opening past Lochend Road and follow the tracks to our bus holding area.

You will then be called to load passengers in the loading area, and then will proceed via Hallyards Road as a normal 98 to George Street.



Ticket and Fares

SERVICE 98 / N98 between City Centre and Ingliston	Single Ticket	Adult £5.50	Child £2.75
	Return Ticket	Adult £8.00	Child £4.00
SERVICE 98 between Maybury and Ingliston only	Single Ticket	Adult £3.50	Child £1.75
	Return Ticket	Adult £6.00	Child £3.00
ON RETAIL MODE ONLY, not available with TapTapCap			
SERVICE 97 between Edin. Park and Ingliston	Single Ticket	Adult £3.50	Child £1.75
	Return Ticket	Adult £6.00	Child £3.00



Royal Highland Show services are advertised as card only services, however if someone wishes to pay cash, they can do so by placing money into the hopper, and no change will be offered.



Contactless capping on services 97 & 98.

Customers simply have to tap the same card for both journeys to and back from the show and the cheapest fare will be charged (return or network day ticket or even Lothian Week Cap).

When a customer is buying a SINGLE or RETURN ticket by contactless, you do **NOT** need to use retail mode. TapTapCap will automatically calculate the correct fare! For a RETURN advise the customer to simply tap their card/device on the way back.

RETAIL MODE should only be used when multiple tickets are being purchased.

If you are driving a bus without an AVL, make sure your ticket machine is staged at the correct location.

Service 97	Edinburgh Park - 1	Royal Highland Centre - 3
Service 98	City Centre - 1	Royal Highland Centre - 114
	Maybury - 11	

Ticket validity

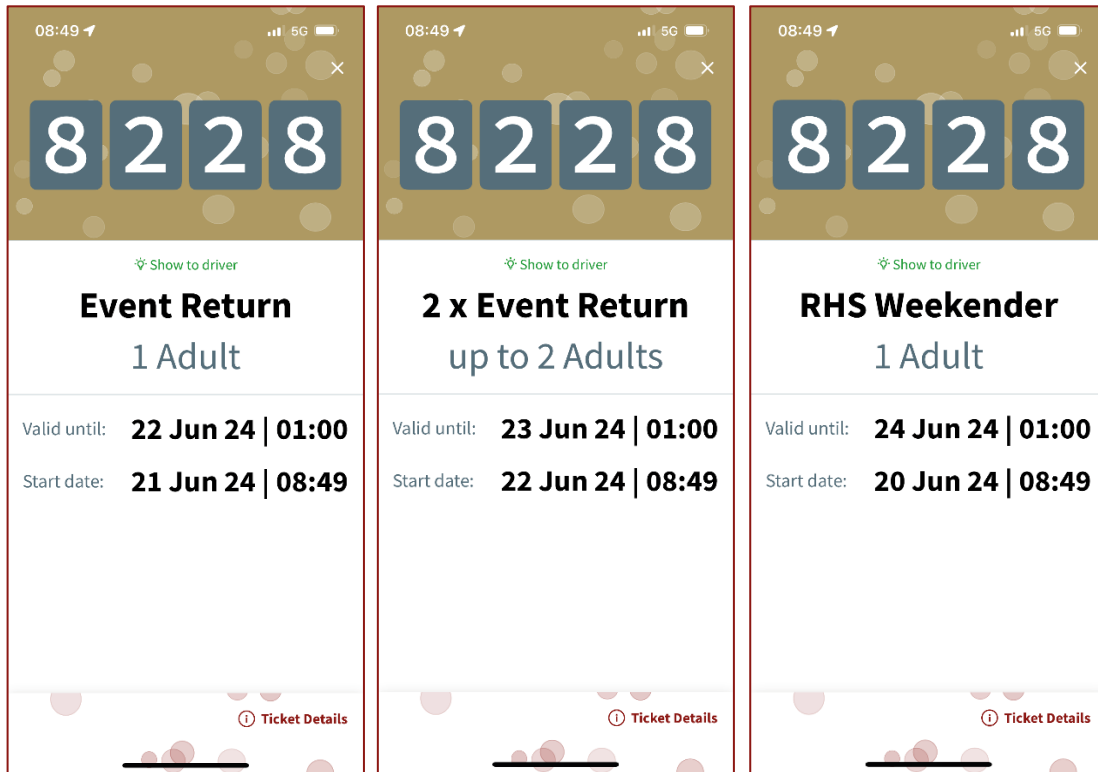
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m-tickets (only available on the app)

Event Return 1 Adult
Event Return 2 Adults

RHS WEEKENDER unlimited travel on 97, 98 and N98 for four days

New app:



e-tickets

Customers are able to purchase bus Adult Return Tickets on the Royal Highland Show website.

These are only valid on Service 98, however if a customer wants to use it on Service 97, please accept it, they have paid a higher fare.

Each ticket is **valid for a specific day** shown on the ticket:

- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

Tickets can be shown either on **paper** (you do not need to keep them) or on an **electronic device**.

Please verify the validity of the voucher and record the journeys by pressing **Adult Return COUNT** on the ticket machine.

Royal Highland Show
Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh
Thurs 20th June - Sun 23rd June Doors at 07:00

THURSDAY LOTHIAN BUSES SERVICE 98 - ADULT RETURN
£8.00

Customer: **Mrs Ima Nailius** Reference Number: **42837013**

Barcode: \$242870617

QR Code

Lothian logo

Royal Highland Show
An event by RHASS

QR Code

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THURSDAY LOTHIAN BUSES SERVICE 98 - ADULT RETURN

This ticket is only valid for a return journey on Lothian Buses Service 98.

DATE
Thurs 19th June - Sun 22nd June, Doors at 07:00

CUSTOMER LOCATION
Ima Nailius Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh

FACE VALUE ORDER REFERENCE
£8.00 42837013

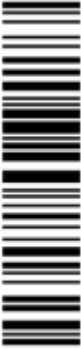
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Volunteers & Showmakers Free Travel

In partnership with the Royal Highland Show, we agreed to transport volunteers for free on service 97 & 98. These volunteers will help visitors inside the showground with directions and information.

Each volunteer can travel for free on our services 97 and 98 by presenting the driver their voucher looking exactly like the e-ticket shown on the previous page.



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Royal Highland Show

Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh

Thurs 20th June - Sun 23rd June Doors at 07:00


THURSDAY LOTHIAN BUSES SERVICE 98 - ADULT RETURN

£8.00




Customer:
Mrs Ima Nailius

Reference Number:
42837013



Royal Highland Show

An event by RHASS




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DATE
Thurs 19th June - Sun 22nd June, Doors at 07:00

CUSTOMER Ima Nailius	LOCATION Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh
FACE VALUE £8.00	ORDER REFERENCE 42837013



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Ticket Machine

Special Wayfarer Screens are set up for services 97, 98, N98. They work the same way as regular services, but there are a few things to remember. Instructions below are for service 98 but are similar for service 97.



This is the main ETM screen for services 97/98, for recording journeys and issuing cash fares.



This is the RETAIL mode screen to issue group tickets.

On service 98, the contactless reader is always set up to charge £5.50 single (capping is then applied to customers by the back-office software). Fares such as the £3.50 Maybury Single are only available on RETAIL MODE.

When a customer is buying a SINGLE or RETURN ticket by contactless, you do NOT need to use retail mode. TapTapCap will automatically calculate the correct fare! For a RETURN advise the customer to simply tap their card/device on the way back. RETAIL MODE should only be used when multiple tickets are being purchased.

Please make sure your ticket machine is staged at the correct location.

- **RETURN tickets:** when issuing a RETURN ticket, the first part of the return comes already cancelled, you don't need to do anything. Please DO NOT PRESS the Return COUNT button when issuing a new ticket!
- **RETURN tickets:** when a passenger presents you a valid RETURN ticket please punch a hole and record it by pressing the Return COUNT button.
- **m-tickets** only special RHS tickets are valid on 97, 98. Please record them using the RETURN COUNT.
- **Other tickets and vouchers** should be recorded using the RETURN COUNT.



<https://qrco.de/bf8oHB>



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Service 97 Route Risk Assessment on MyLothian
Service 98 Route Risk Assessment on MyLothian

Contacts

If you have any question regarding Royal Highland Show services, speak to:

- Thomas Edde – Network Planning Officer – tedde@lothianbuses.co.uk – 0131 475 0146
- Your garage manager
- Control
- Any supervisor on-site during the Show



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