

Occombe Beer Festival – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Admission

What time does the festival open, and finish?

At 4.30pm on Friday 4 June, and 11am on Saturday 5 June. The event finishes at 11pm both evenings.

How much does it cost to come in?

£4.50 each including a souvenir glass – or £2.50 for readmission if you came on the Friday and bring your glass and wrist band back on the Saturday (so £7 for both days).

Where can I get my tickets?

Online at www.occombebeerfestival.co.uk or at Occombe Farm Shop. You can buy tickets in advance for admission on Friday or Saturday evening, or for both.

How much does the beer cost?

Each token = half a pint of beer or cider, or two tokens = half a pint of Pimm's. Tokens cost £1.25 each.

What about if I don't drink, or I'm driving?

Sorry, all adults pay full admission whether they intend to drink beer or not as attendance is limited and we are providing live entertainment for everyone.

Can under 18's/children come to the event?

Yes, under 18s are allowed at the event but must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for U18's, as there's no children's entertainment. We reserve the right to refuse admission to groups of under 18's without sufficient adults accompanying them.

Can I just turn up on the evening?

Yes, as long as we still have tickets available (please check the website close to the event). To guarantee entry please get your ticket in advance.

Can I bring my dog?

No, sorry. Only assistance dogs are allowed.

2. Facilities at the Festival

Will there be seating?

Yes, we'll have a number of tables and chairs at the event but not enough for everyone so please arrive early to guarantee a chair. There is a field adjoining the farmyard where you can sit on the grass – you are welcome to bring a rug or fold-up chair with you.

Where are the toilets?

There will be portaloos inside the event area, behind one of the barns.

Can I camp on site?

No sorry, but there are campsites fairly close-by. Try searching online for campsites near to Preston Down Road / TQ3 1RN.

3. Food and Drink at the Festival

I came last year and still have some beer tokens; can I use these for this year's festival?

No, sorry. Only this year's tokens will be valid.

Can I bring alcohol with me?

No alcohol can be brought into the event – it must be purchased on site with beer tokens or in the Farm Shop/Café. We reserve the right to ask you to leave if these conditions are not met.

Will I be able to get soft drinks at the festival?

Of course! There will be a selection of hot and cold drinks available both inside the café and farm shop, and outside with the food concessions.

What food will be available?

There will be a beef burgers, pork burgers, vegetable chilli, chips, pies and a hog roast – all using locally produced and delicious ingredients.

4. Getting to the Beer Festival

Can I park nearby?

The farmyard car park next to the shop will be for disabled only. The main car park off the road will be

used for all other cars and once this is full we will park cars in a field just across the ring road. It is just a short (400yds) walk from Occombe, via the underpass.

What time are the buses?

Free shuttle buses will run on Friday and Saturday evening from 5pm at: Torquay Harbourside, outside Debenhams, and from Paignton Bus Station. Signs will point you to the correct bus.

When does the last bus leave?

The last bus leaves Occombe at approx 11.30, but this will be busy, so please consider leaving a little earlier if you want to guarantee a place.

5. General Questions

Is the event totally outdoors?

Partly – the event takes place in the farmyard with the bar and band under the cover of two facing open barns. This year we are having a marquee in the middle with open sides, to provide extra cover.

If it rains will the event still go ahead?

Yes, the marquee will provide extra cover if it rains and someone has to drink up all the beer!

What should I wear?

Whatever you like – bear in mind that Occombe is a working farm and the ground is uneven in places. If it rains we recommend you come prepared in wellies!

What happens if you run out of beer?

We won't. We have three times more supplies now than in 2007 (when we ran out) and over the years we have come to expect the large numbers that the event attracts. Plus, we have Bays Brewery on hand to supply the high demand! As with any beer festival, the most popular beers will run out during the event – but that's the idea, you just choose another instead.

What time will the music start?

The band will begin playing at around 7.30 – 8pm on Friday and Saturday evening, but this is also the busiest time at the bar – so it may be wise to arrive earlier or later than this to miss the rush. There will also be live

bands playing during Saturday daytime, starting at around midday, and then 3pm.

Can I walk the Nature Trail?

No sorry, alcohol is not allowed onto the nature trail, and it will be closed off each evening.

Have a question that isn't answered here?

Please call Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust on 01803 606035 and we will try to help you.