

This year's Reading Festival will take place from Friday 25 August to Sunday 27 August 2023.

A **HOTLINE NUMBER - 0208 080 1518** has been set up for local residents to offer their comments or to raise queries during the event (please note this is a different phone number than in previous years).

The line will be answered between 09:00 and 17:00 on Wednesday 23 August, and then 24 hours from 09:00 Thursday 24 until 15:00 Monday 28 August. There is also an email [licensing@reading.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@reading.gov.uk) that will be checked regularly over the festival weekend. The standard of noise control has been reviewed for the 2023 event and the intention is to avoid unreasonable disturbance to residents.

The timetable for the event is as follows: -

Monday 24 July Site build starts

Wednesday 23 August Campsite opens to early arrivals at 18:00

(there are contingency plans in place in case the queues build up before 18:00)

Campsite opens to all at 08:00

Thursday 24 August Festival live show days

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 August

Monday 28 August Waste clearance starts

Friday 15 September Site clear

There will be sound checks at the following times:

Thursday 24 August 12:00 - 23:30

Friday 25 August 09:00 - 11:00

Saturday 26 August 09:00 - 11:00

Sunday 27 August 09:00 - 11:00

Sound tests will be conducted under the direct supervision of officers from Reading Borough Council. Every effort will be made to ensure that these tests are as brief as possible.

There will be intermittent stage effects on the evenings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday which may emit a short series of loud bangs and occur for short periods of time.

Times of entertainment during the event itself are as follows:

	Recorded Music	Live Music	Live Music*	Cabaret & Comedy	Cinema
Thursday 24	15:00 - 03:00				00:00 - 01:00
Friday 25	10:00 - 03:00	11:00 - 00:00	11:00 - 00:00	11:00 - 03:00	00:00 - 04:00
Saturday 26	10:00 - 03:00	11:00 - 00:00	11:00 - 00:00	11:00 - 03:00	00:00 - 04:00
Sunday 27	10:00 - 03:00	11:30 - 00:00	11:00 - 00:00	11:00 - 03:00	00:00 - 04:00

\* - Festival Republic Stage and MSW)

The event itself has 104,999 people attending on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The heaviest traffic will be throughout Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and the morning of Monday 28 August.

Outside of the hotline hours you should telephone Reading Borough Council officers on 01189 373737 and please ask for the Licensing department. You may also write to the Licensing Team, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU.

Please note that the Rivermead Centre and its facilities will be closed for normal activities for the event. If you have any queries concerning the Rivermead Centre, please contact the Duty Manager at Rivermead on 0118 937 5000.

There is a road closure planned for The Warren and a car access permits have been distributed with this flyer to The Warren residents, clubs, and property owners. If you require additional permits, please contact Elisa Miles on [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org).