

Beverley

Location, Parking and Access

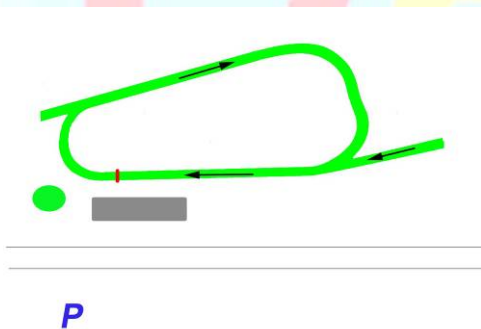


Located 10 miles north of Hull and the Humber bridge, the racecourse is on the western outskirts of the town. From the M62 leave at J38, then take the B1230. From York take the A1076 followed by the A1035.

Parking is across the road from the course and is on grass. Slightly worryingly is the car park seems to be shared with a herd of cattle who, when I parked my car, were freely roaming amongst the parked cars, although by the end of racing they had disappeared.

The nearest railway station is Beverley, two miles from the course. There is no bus from the station to the course. Trains run from Hull to Beverley every 20 mins.

Course Layout



Beverley is a flat track 1 mile 3 furlongs round, with a chute providing an extension to the home straight for 5 furlong races. The back straight is downhill and the final 3 furlongs in the home straight are distinctly uphill. The course is right handed (clockwise).

The 5 furlong sprint course is particularly testing and if there are any stamina doubts about a runner then it should be avoided.

Beverley is another of those courses where jockeyship is important and jockeys who have previous form at the course should be considered.

Draw Advantage: In 5f races a low draw is a considerable advantage, with a lesser advantage up to 1m 2f. The one exception being when the going is very testing, in those circumstances there is usually a faster strip of ground on the stands side in which case high drawn horses may be able to counteract the high draw advantage. Having said that in 2008 the course appear to have introduced a somewhat controversial watering policy in an attempt to even out the draw bias. (was the opposite way round prior to the 2011 season when the stall numbering system changed)

Admission

Beverley operates a three enclosure system. The Premier enclosure charges £20 - £24, the Grandstand enclosure £13 - £15 with seniors / students admitted for £9 and the course enclosure a bargain basement £5 (£3 for seniors).

There is currently a five year waiting list for annual membership, to join the queue please contact the course.

Dress Code: Smart casual in Premier. Jeans and trainers are acceptable as long as they are clean and tidy.

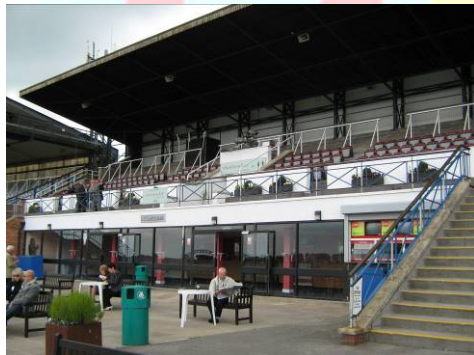
(2011 prices)

Discounts: Seniors **Student** **Group**

Overview

An attractive course, Beverly is one of those courses very much constrained by its physical location, with a main road running immediately behind the stands. As a result the enclosures are very narrow. The advantage is that wherever you are in the main enclosures you will be close to the action.

The members enclosure has a raised terrace in front of a grandstand, with the lower part of the grandstand consisting of seating and a standing area to the rear. Viewing is excellent.



Members Stand



Main Stand

The main enclosure has almost the same configuration, minus the terrace.

There is a second tiered viewing stand beyond the main stand. Viewing is, once again, excellent.

The narrowness of the track provides for excellent viewing. Indeed apart from being in line with the winning post there is, arguably, little advantage in upgrading to the members enclosure. It depends if you consider extra bar facilities to be important.

The course enclosure, in the centre of the track, is an open area with the only cover being provided by a single café / bar / tote building. There is an open, tiered viewing, area.

For myopic racegoers a big screen is provided.

Beverley is a popular course with the members enclosure frequently selling out in advance, accordingly advanced booking is strongly recommended on the feature days.

As I have already stated, viewing is very good, probably amongst the best in the country.

In an earlier review I described Beverley as an "average" course, this is perhaps an unfair assessment. I have to confess each time I visit Beverley it grows on me that little bit more. My most recent visit was my first to a weekend meeting and I found a lively atmosphere. Yes plenty of drink was being consumed and the crowd was a little noisy at times. Having said that the atmosphere remained good and there wasn't the feeling of intimidation felt at some other courses.

If you are ever in Yorkshire when there is racing at Beverley make a point of going. Indeed I would even say it is worth making a special visit. You are unlikely to be disappointed.

Catering

The main restaurant is Attractions on the first floor of the members stand. Admission is not included and the a la carte menu works out at around £16 - £20. Advanced booking is recommended.

The Jockey's Loft is a cafeteria style restaurant at the rear of the main stand, offering reasonably priced food, the setting is a bit basic and offers no viewing of the racing. However the food is good value, I had an excellent, well filled, beef roll for £4.25. Main courses were available for £5.50 through to £5.95.

Elsewhere the bars offer a variety of food options, including sandwiches (from £2.30) and hot meat rolls for £4.50.

Bitter is £3.30, lager £3.40 and water £1.30.

A mobile fish and chip vendor had fish and chips for £5.50, sausage and chips £4.50 and fishcake and chips £4. Chips were £2 with gravy £1.

Overall a reasonable range of good value food, although not a great deal in the healthy eating line.

Ancillaries

Bookmakers

Around 30 standing in the main enclosure and eight in the course enclosure. Betting was to an over round of 1.63% per runner.

Racecard

Only £2 and perfectly adequate. No frills but good enough.

Toilets

Adequate, clean with no major queues.

Parade Ring

An attractive oval parade ring, including the winners enclosure and overlooked by the paddock bar. Surrounded by some button seating, although it is very low so if you are average height you will have the rail in front of your eyes.

The pre-parade ring is a short walk away from the parade ring itself.

Non Racing Attractions

If there on a Saturday there is a nice market in the town, otherwise the only real attraction is the historic Minster.

If you like the seaside Bridlington is not too far away.

Contact Details

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Ownership	Private
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Fixtures 2012

April 18th & 26th
May 5th , 15th & 30th (eve)
June 2nd , 13th & 26th
July 6th (eve) , 7th , 17th , 23rd (eve) & 31st
August 15th , 16th & 26th
September 1st , 19th & 25th

Inspection Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Weather</i>	<i>Type</i>
17/07/07	Showery	7 flat midweek
24/05/08	Sunny becoming overcast. Cold wind.	7 flat weekend
10/06/09	Overcast with some spits and spots	6 flat midweek
22/06/10	Hot and sunny	7 flat midweek

