

# Listowel

## Location, Parking and Access



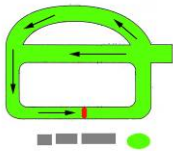
The course is located just outside the town, which is 25km from Tralee.

The nearest station is Tralee, from where a special bus service operates on race days. A special bus service also operates from Limerick.

Kerry airport is 56km away.

Parking is in the centre of the course, although there is limited parking just outside the main entrance. The former is on grass and the latter on gravel.

## Course Layout



The inner course is rectangular in shape, with a circuit of around 1m 2f. An outer track is also available to provide flexibility to allow a seven day festival to take place in September.

The track is left handed (anti-clockwise) and is generally a flat galloping track.

## Admission

Admission is €20 at the September Festival meeting, €15 at all others. OAP's and students are admitted half price and under 14's are free.

## Overview

Listowel is larger than the average Irish course. It is located very close to the town centre.

There are three stand, the New Stand Complex, the Lobb Stand and the Hannon Stand.

The New Stand is the largest and is by the winning post with the Lobb Stand adjacent, both have tiered viewing (under cover) and offer excellent viewing of the entire course. The Hannon Stand is close to the furlong marker and the only stand with seating, for which there is a €5 supplement – the seats offer viewing of almost the entire course, just the turn out of the home straight is obscured.



*The New Stand Complex*

*Hannon Stand Seating*

There are plenty of bars inside the stands and there is a self service cafeteria inside the Lobb Stand. There was an additional cafeteria and bars behind the stands.

There is a large bookmakers area in front of the Lobb Stand.

Large crowds come to the September festival but despite the numbers you do not feel cramped.

There are plenty of places to eat and drink, catering for all tastes.

A good course, with excellent viewing and, like the overwhelming majority of Irish courses, it has a brilliant atmosphere. Visiting at a festival meeting was interesting, I'm not sure if, at a more lightly attended meeting, it would feel somewhat empty.

### **Catering**

Plenty of choices catering for all tastes. At the more formal end of the market is the main restaurant, offering good viewing, meals available for €30 a head.

Less formal are the cafeterias offering a selection of hot main courses from €8 (sausage and chips) through to €13 (roast meal). For lighter appetites there was soup for €4.20 and sandwiches for €4.50

There were numerous mobile units including sausages (€5), burgers €5 (€5.50 with cheese), chips €3 and a very interesting (and tasty) chips with cheese and mayo €5.

There was a Thai stall with various options for €7.

Stout was €4.60 a pint and lager €5.

## **Ancillaries**

### ***Bookmakers***

Unbelievably there were 82 bookmakers standing, giving punters an excellent choice. Despite the large number of bookmakers they were betting to an average over round of 2.39% a runner – not at all generous.

### ***Racecard***

A standard Irish racecard, costing €3, light on editorial but the racecards were informative and clear, although with the large number of runners most races were spread over four pages.

### ***Toilets***

Just about enough to cope with the numbers present. There seemed to be more facilities for the ladies than gentlemen. What facilities there were were basic but adequate.

### ***Parade Ring***

Situated alongside the new stand, it is a rectangular ring with plenty of button seating. A large ring it copes with large fields without being overcrowded.



The winners enclosure is located inside the parade ring. There is no public access to the pre-parade ring.

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<b>Fixtures 2012</b>
June 5th & 6th September 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th

<b>Inspection Dates</b>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Weather</i>	<i>Type</i>
17/09/09	Warm and sunny	8 mixed midweek