

# Thurles

## Location, Parking and Access



Situated 1.5km outside the town of Thurles, which is found just off the main Dublin to Cork road.

Thurles is 16 km north of Cashel, 48 km west of Kilkenny and 64 km east of Limerick.

The nearest station is Thurles, from where there is a free minibus transfer available.

By air Shannon (approx 80 km away) is the nearest airport but is about a 90 minute drive away.

The early racegoers seem to park either side of the road. The later arrivals park in one of the two official car parks, either adjacent to the course or over the road.

## Course Layout

The course is an undulating right-handed oval course of one mile and two furlongs with an uphill climb to the winning post.

## Admission

Admission is €15. Discounts are available for seniors and families and accompanied under 14's are admitted free.

## Overview

As is the case with a large number of Irish courses signposting is not a strong point. The best way to describe how to find the course from the N8 is to head for Thurles town centre. At the T junction in the town turn left. Then take the right lane, turn right then take the left hand fork and follow the road which will pass the Greyhound stadium and about ½ a mile further on the course is on your right.

The course has two stands both of which have, arguable seen better days. They offer tiered viewing with corrugated iron canopies. One of the stands houses a cosy but basic bar, the other has a betting shop and Gents toilets underneath.

Although basic both stands offer great viewing of the entire course.



**Stand with Bar**

**Main Stand**

There are some buildings behind the stands, one of which is the Tote building. The other houses a bar and self-service restaurant.

There is a large betting ring situated between the two stands and the parade ring is located behind the main stand.

Rustic is probably the best description for the course. First impressions may be disappointing but don't be put off. Viewing is good and, like most Irish courses, the atmosphere is good and the locals very friendly.

### **Catering**

The first thing that strikes you at Thurles is a distinct lack of mobile catering units.

There was a stall, basically a number of trestle tables where they sold confectionary, cold drinks and fruit.

There was a stall selling beef rolls for €7 and sandwiches for €3.50.

The self-service restaurant was very popular with four hot meal options available. Roast Dinner €15, Stuffed Chicken Breast €13.50, Beef stew €12.50 or sausage and chips €7.50

There are two bars one on top of the smaller stand and the other in the complex with the restaurant.

### **Ancillaries**

#### **Bookmakers**

Although a small mid-week meeting, there were 40 layers in the very lively betting ring.

### ***Racecard***

A standard Irish Horseracing racecard. Full colour card but light on the editorial. Cost €3.

### ***Toilets***

Old fashioned, reminiscent of school toilets, but large enough to cope with the numbers present.




### ***Parade Ring***



Rather basic, not particularly attractive and not very large.

It is very popular however and was packed up to six deep before most races.

### **Contact Details**

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### **Fixtures 2012**

January 19th  
February 9th & 23rd  
March 1st  
April 3rd  
October 25th  
November 8th , 22nd & 29th  
December 23rd

### **Inspection Dates**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Weather</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>
26/02/09	Overcast with some drizzle	8 jump midweek