

# NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019

## TRAFFIC PLAN



**Ballintrane, Fenagh, Co. Carlow**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

## BLUE ROUTE

### Blue Route - Traffic travelling from Cork/Munster area

- Traffic travelling Northbound on the M8 will exit at Junction 4, Urlingford. Traffic will then proceed to Johnstown and Durrrow via the R639.
- At Durrrow traffic will proceed towards Ballyragget via the N77 and continue on the N77 to the Kilkenny.
- Traffic will travel on the Kilkenny ring road to the Hebron Road Roundabout turning left onto the N10, direction M9 Dublin/Carlow.
- Traffic will keep Left at the fork and join the M9 at Junction 8, signposted M9/Dublin/Carlow.
- Continue on M9 and exit at Junction 6, Powerstown and continue on R448 (Old Kilkenny Road) towards Carlow.
- Turn Right at Milford Cross to Ballyloo Cross Roads and continue onto Graiguenaspiddogue Cross.
- At Graiguenaspiddogue Cross turn right on the N80 and **Blue Car Park** entrance will be on the right.

#### **Parking:**

Patrons on the Blue Route will be directed to the designated **Blue Car Park** on the right hand side. Traffic will also be directed to turn right at Fighting Cocks towards Nurney to the designated **Blue Car Park** where patrons will be parking on the left.

#### **Return Journey:**

Patrons on **Blue Route** will return on Blue Route staying on N80 to Junction 5, M9 South (Kilkenny).

## YELLOW ROUTE

### Yellow Route – Traffic travelling from Waterford

- Traffic travelling Northbound on the M9 from Waterford will exit at Junction 9, Danesfort. Traffic will then proceed towards Bennettsbridge.
- Traffic will proceed through Bennettsbridge and onto the Gowran Road.
- Traffic will be diverted right in Gowran and travel towards Goresbridge via the R702.
- Traffic will continue through Goresbridge to Borris and turn left at Kavanagh's Public House onto the Fenagh Road.
- Traffic will continue to Fenagh and will be directed through the village of Fenagh to Lumcloon and onto the event site.

#### **Parking:**

Patrons on the Yellow Route will be directed to the designated **Yellow Car Park** on the right hand side.

#### **Return Journey:**

Patrons on Yellow Route will return on Yellow Route to Gowran, turning right and continuing to Paulstown following signage to Junction 7, M9 towards Waterford.

## Brown Route

**Brown Route** – Traffic travelling from Limerick

- Traffic travelling Northbound on the M7 will exit at Junction 21, Borris-In-Ossory. Traffic will then proceed to Ballacolla via the R434.
- Traffic will turn left at traffic lights in Ballacolla and travel towards Abbeyleix via the R433.
- Traffic will turn left off the R433 in Abbeyleix and continue towards the traffic lights.
- Traffic will then turn right onto the Carlow Road, R430 and proceed towards The Swan.
- Traffic will travel through The Swan towards Newtown Cross.
- At Newtown Cross traffic will turn left and take an immediate right at Flemings Public House, signposted Carlow.
- At Molloys Cross, Tolerton, traffic will turn right onto the R431, signposted Castlecomer.
- Continue on the Castlecomer Road before taking a left onto the L3896, signposted Rossmore.
- Traffic will travel through Ballinabranagh towards Milford.
- At the T-Junction at Milford Lough traffic will turn right, signposted Leighlinbridge and continue straight to the T-Junction with the R448, the old Carlow/Kilkenny Road, opposite The Arboretum Garden Centre.
- Traffic will then turn left towards Leighlinbridge and then turn right at the R705, signposted Leighlinbridge.
- Traffic will continue into Leighlinbridge before turning left onto the Tullow Road at The Lord Bagenal Hotel.
- Traffic will continue on the Tullow Road towards the Harrow Cross and onwards towards Nurney.
- Traffic will continue through Nurney Village and will be directed towards the event site.

**Parking:**

Patrons on the Brown Route will be directed to the designated **Brown Car Park** on the right hand side.

## GREY ROUTE

**Grey Route** – Traffic travelling from Wexford

- Traffic travelling from Wexford will travel on the N80 towards Bunclody.
- Traffic will enter Bunclody and continue straight through Bunclody towards Carlow.
- Traffic will continue through Ballon on the N80 and continue past Ballykealey House on the left.
- Traffic will be directed towards the event site.

**Parking:**

Patrons on the **Grey Route** will be directed to the designated **Grey Car Park** on the left hand side.

## PURPLE ROUTE

**Purple Route** – Traffic travelling from Dublin/Northern Route

- Traffic travelling from Dublin/M50 will travel on the M7, Naas, exiting onto the M9 at Junction 11, signposted Waterford/Kilkenny/Kilcullen.
- Traffic will continue on the M9 and exit at Junction 4, Prumplestown, signposted Carlow/Castledermot.
- Traffic will enter the roundabout and take the third exit and continue towards Carlow on the R448.
- Traffic will continue on the R448 to the roundabout at MSD and take the first exit, signposted Hacketstown/Tullow.
- Traffic will continue to the T-Junction with the Hacketstown Road and turn left travelling to Bennekerry Cross and turning right.
- Traffic will continue to next T-Junction at Kernanstown and turn right to Sion Cross.
- At Sion Cross traffic will turn left, signposted Rathoe.
- Traffic will continue to Kellistown Cross turning right, signposted Fighting Cocks and will be directed towards the event site.

### **Parking:**

Patrons on the Purple Route will be directed to the designated **Purple Car Park** on the right hand side.

### **Return Journey:**

Patrons on **Purple Route** will return on Purple Route to Staplestown where they will be diverted left to Kilmeany and onto M9.

## GREEN ROUTE

**Green Route** – Traffic travelling from Galway/West

- Traffic travelling from the West will exit M6 at Junction 5 and travel the N52 to Tullamore.
- Traffic will travel on the N52 to the Clonminch roundabout taking the first exit onto the N80, signposted Portlaoise/Mountmellick.
- Traffic will travel through Mountmellick towards Emo on the R422.
- Traffic will continue through Emo to New Inn Cross roundabout at Finline Furniture and turn left onto the R445, signposted Vicarstown.
- Traffic will continue past The Gandon Inn and take the second exit off the roundabout, following the signs for Vicarstown R422.
- Traffic will continue to Vicarstown, taking caution over the bridge, and continue along the R427 to the Cloney Cross Roads T-Junction with the R417.
- Traffic will then turning right and travel towards Kilberry as far as Bert Cross.
- At Bert Cross traffic will turn left onto the L8067 and continue to Russlestown Cross.
- Traffic will turn right at Russlestown Cross towards Athy.
- At the roundabout in Athy take the first exit, signposted Ballitore N78.
- Traffic will travel towards Ballitore/Timolin and turn right onto the Castledermot Road, R448.
- Traffic will continue through Castledermot and turn left at O'Neill's Public House for Tullow.

- Traffic will continue through Killerrig Cross to Bohernabeakey T-Junction, turning right for Grangeford.
- At Grangeford T-Junction traffic will turn right and then left and travel to Rathoe.
- Traffic will travel through Rathoe and will continue towards Carlow Precast turning right onto the N80 and will be directed towards the event site.

**Parking:**

Patrons on the Green Route will be directed to the designated **Green Car Park** on the right hand side.

**ORANGE ROUTE**

**Orange Route** –Wicklow Traffic

- Traffic travelling on the N81 from the Blessington direction will continue to Baltinglass.
- Traffic will travel through Baltinglass to Rathvilly and continue on the N81 to Tullow.
- Traffic will travel through Tullow and over the bridge to Closh Cross on the N81.
- Traffic will turn right at Closh Cross onto the N80 and will continue through Ballon past Ballykealey House on the left.
- Traffic will be directed towards the event site.

**Parking:**

Patrons on the **Orange Route** will be directed to the designated **Grey Car Park** on the left hand side.

**\*ALL RELEVANT JUNCTION AND CAR PARK ENTRANCES/EXITS WILL HAVE APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND WILL BE CONTROLLED BY GARDA PESONNEL.**

**\* AS N80 IS CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC PATRONS MUST FOLLOW A DESIGNATED ROUTE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE EVENT SITE.**

**\* MOTORWAY JUNCTION 5, M9 EXIT RAMPS ARE CLOSED TO ALL MOTORISTS FOR THE DURATION OF THE NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

## EXHIBITOR, COMPETITOR AND HUNT CHASE/SHEEPDOG PARKING

### EXHIBITOR PARKING

**Exhibitors displaying a field pass will be directed to the Trade Arena up to 8am only**

**Blue Route:** Exhibitors on **Blue Route** will turn right off N80 at Fighting Cocks towards Nurney. **Blue Route** Exhibitors will then turn left to park in **Blue / Brown Exhibitor Car Park**.

**Grey Route:** Exhibitors on **Grey Route** will turn left off N80 into **Grey Car Park**. Exhibitors will be directed through **Grey Car Park** and continue on to the **Grey Exhibitor Car Park** opposite entrance gate 6.

**Yellow Route:** Exhibitors on **Yellow Route** will proceed on **Yellow Route** through Fenagh and will be directed right into **Yellow Exhibitor Car Park** opposite entrance gate 9.

**Brown Route:** Exhibitors on **Brown Route** will proceed through Nurney Village. Exhibitors will be directed right into **Brown Exhibitor Car Park** at entrance gate 12.

**Purple Route:** Exhibitors on **Purple Route** will proceed to Kellistown Cross Roads where they will turn left for Rathoe. At Rathoe traffic will turn right joining the **Green Route** and continue to the site. Exhibitors will be directed left to **Grey Car Park** and continue through **Grey Car Park** into **Grey/Green Exhibitor Car Park**.

**Green Route:** Exhibitors on **Green Route** will proceed north on N80 towards the site. Exhibitors will be directed left into **Grey Car Park** and continue through **Grey Car Park** into **Grey/Green Exhibitor Car Park**.

**Orange Route:** Exhibitors on **Orange Route** will travel from Tullow to Clish Cross where they will turn right joining the **Grey Route** turning left into **Grey Car Park** and through to Exhibitor Car Park opposite entrance gate 6.

### COMPETITORS PARKING

The Ploughing Competitors' Assembly Area is located on the **Yellow Route** off the Fenagh Road on Kilbrickan Lane. This entrance will be clearly marked.

The following will apply in relation to Ploughing Competitors:

**Blue Route:** Competitors on **Blue Route** will to Milford Cross Roads turning right and taking the next right at Hayes Cross and continue straight to The Harrow Cross and continue to Rathwade Cross Roads turning left and continue to Newtown. At Newtown traffic will turn left to Lumcloon Cross Roads where they will turn left and join the **Yellow Route** towards event site and turn right down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

**Grey Route:** Competitors on **Grey Route** will will travel north on N80 to Ballon turning left in Ballon Village, opposite the primary school, and continue to Taylors Cross turning right to Fenagh and merge with the **Yellow Route** and travel towards the event site. Then turn right down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

**Yellow Route:** Competitors on **Yellow Route** will travel from Fenagh towards site, and will turn right down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

**Brown Route:** Competitors on **Brown Route** will turn right at The Harrow Cross and continue to Rathwade Cross Roads turning left and continue to Newtown. At Newtown traffic will turn left towards Lumclon Cross Roads where they will turn left and join the **Yellow Route** towards event site and turn right down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

**Purple Route** Competitors on **Purple Route** will travel to Kellistown Cross where they will turn left and travel to Rathoe Village turning right and take the first left and continue towards the Bang Up Cross turning right and merging with the **Orange Route**. Competitors will travel to Closh Cross turning right onto N80 to Ballon Village. Competitors will turn left in Ballon Village, opposite the primary school, and continue to Taylors Cross and onto Fenagh turning right and merging with the **Yellow Route** and travel towards the event site. Then turn right down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

**Green Route:** Competitors on **Green Route** will travel through Rathoe Village and take the first left and continue towards the Bang Up Cross turning right and merging with the **Orange Route**. Competitors will travel to Closh Cross turning right onto N80 to Ballon Village. Competitors will turn left in Ballon Village, opposite the primary school, and continue to Taylors Cross and onto Fenagh turning right and merging with the **Yellow Route** and travel towards the event site. Then turn right down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

**Orange Route:** Competitors on **Orange Route** will join **Grey Route** at Closh Cross. Competitors will travel north on N80 to Ballon turning left in Ballon Village, opposite the primary school, and continue to Taylors Cross and onto Fenagh. Competitors will turn right in Fenagh and merge with the **Yellow Route** and travel towards the event site. Then turn left down Kilbrickan Lane to Assembly Area.

### **HUNT CHASE/SHEEPDOG PARKING**

The Grounds for the Hunt Chase are located inside Gate 1, N80, on Trade Arena.

The following will apply in relation to Hunt Chase, Sheepdog Competitors:

Hunt Chase Competitor Traffic on the; **Purple Route**, **Green Route**, **Brown Route**, **Blue Route** and **Yellow Routes** will travel along their respective Bus Routes (See Bus Routes below) and travel on the N80 towards the event site where they will enter the Trade Arena via Gate 1.

**Grey Route:** Hunt Chase Competitor Traffic on the **Grey Route** will continue past **Grey Car Park** on N80 and turn left into Trade Arena via Gate 1.

**Orange Route:** Hunt Chase Competitor Traffic on **Orange Route** will join **Grey Route** at Closh Cross and proceed to Trade Arena entering through Gate 1.

## DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking for the **Brown Route** and **Blue Route** will be facilitated in **Brown Car Park 19** outside entrance Gate 12 of event site.

Disabled Parking for **Purple Route** will keep right at Tracey's Cross and continue along this route to the N80 and turn left. They will continue onto The Fighting Cocks turning right and will be facilitated in **Brown Car Park 19** outside entrance Gate 12 of event site.

Disabled parking for **Yellow Route**, will be facilitated on event site through Gate 9 on Fenagh Road.

Disabled parking for **Green Route**, will travel through Rathoe Village and take the first left after the village and continue towards the Bang Up Cross turning right and merging with the **Orange Route**.

**Green Route**, **Orange Route** and **Grey Route** will travel on N80 to Ballon Village turning left in Ballon and continue to Taylors Cross and onto Fenagh, turning right in Fenagh and merging with the **Yellow Route**. **Green Route**, **Grey Route** and **Orange Route** will be facilitated on event site through Gate 9 on Fenagh Road.

## BUS PARKING

### **BUS PARKING:**

All Buses on **Purple Route** will travel to MSD Roundabout. Buses will take second exit off the roundabout towards Carlow Town to Deerpark Road Roundabout taking the first exit and travel on the N80 ring road to event site (signposted N80/Rosslare). Buses will turn right at Fighting Cocks and right into Leinster Hills Golf Club to Bus Park.

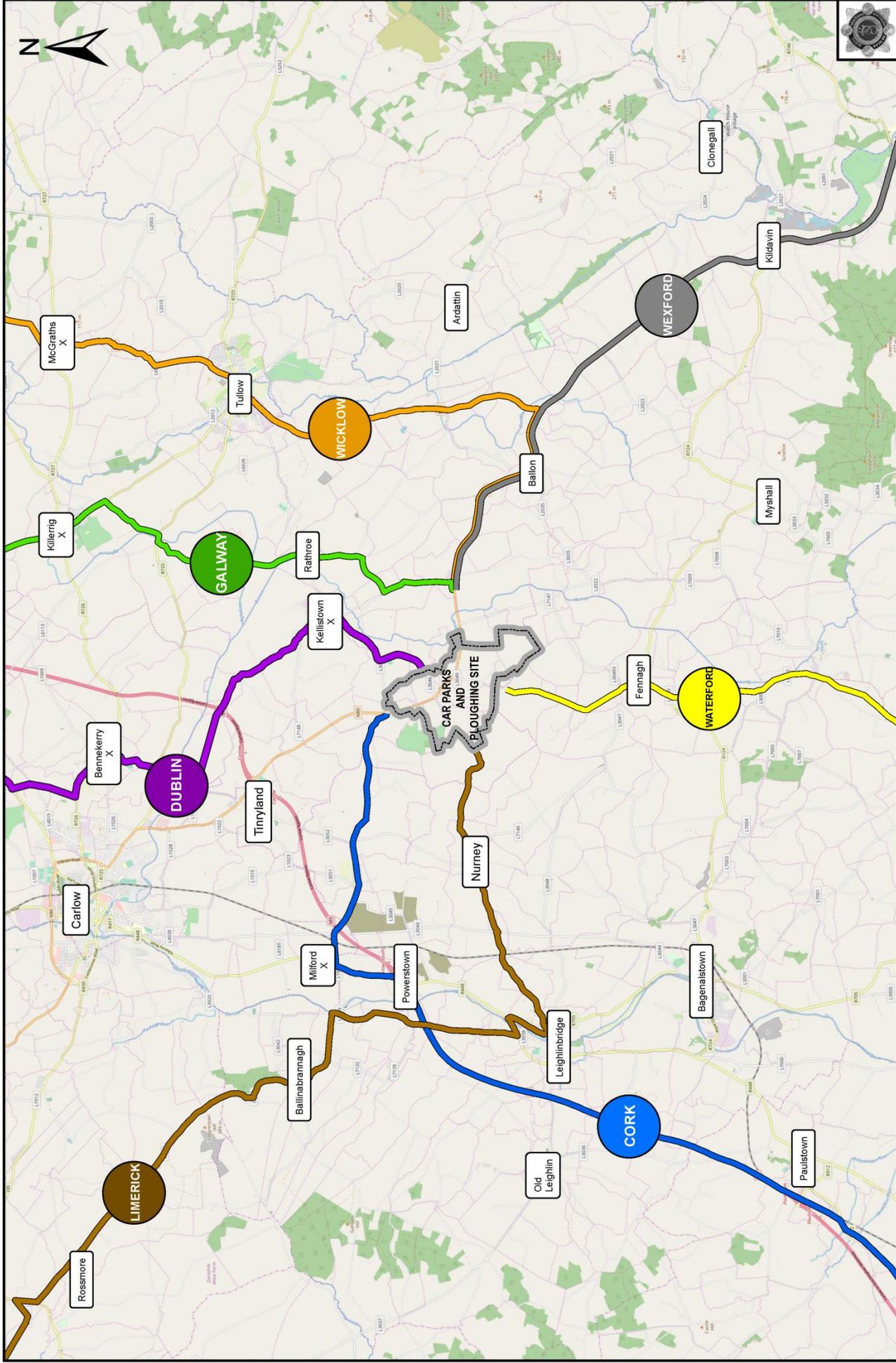
All Buses on, **Blue Route** and **Yellow Routes** will proceed on M9 to Junction 6, (Powerstown) and exit onto the R448 (Old Kilkenny Road) and travelling straight to Carlow Town. Buses will turn right at Hanover Cross, at Aldi, and will be directed through the roundabouts to join the N80 at the Tullow Road Roundabout. Buses will continue on the N80 (signposted N80/Rosslare) towards the event site. Buses will turn right at Fighting Cocks and right into old Golf Club to Bus Park.

All Buses on the **Brown Route** will continue to Molloy's Cross, Tolerton, turning left onto the R430, signposted Carlow and continue to Castlecomer Road Roundabout taking the first exit. Buses will continue straight through the roundabouts to Deer Park Road Roundabout and travel on the N80 ring road to event site (signposted N80/Rosslare). Buses will turn right at Fighting Cocks and right into Leinster Hills Golf Club to Bus Park.

All Buses on the **Green Route** will continue to New Inn Cross Roundabout, at Finline Furniture, and buses will diverge from Green Route taking the third exit off the roundabout and continue on the R445 towards Portlaoise. Buses will travel on the R445 turning left at T-Junction, signposted N80 Carlow/Stradbally. Buses will continue along this route to roundabout taking the first exit, signposted N80, Carlow. Buses will continue through Stradbally on the N80 to the Portlaoise Road Roundabout in Carlow. Buses will continue on the N80 (signposted N80/Rosslare) towards the event site. Buses will turn right at Fighting Cocks and right into old Golf Club to Bus Park.

All Buses on **Grey Route** and **Orange Routes** will park in **Grey Car Park 6**, left off N80.

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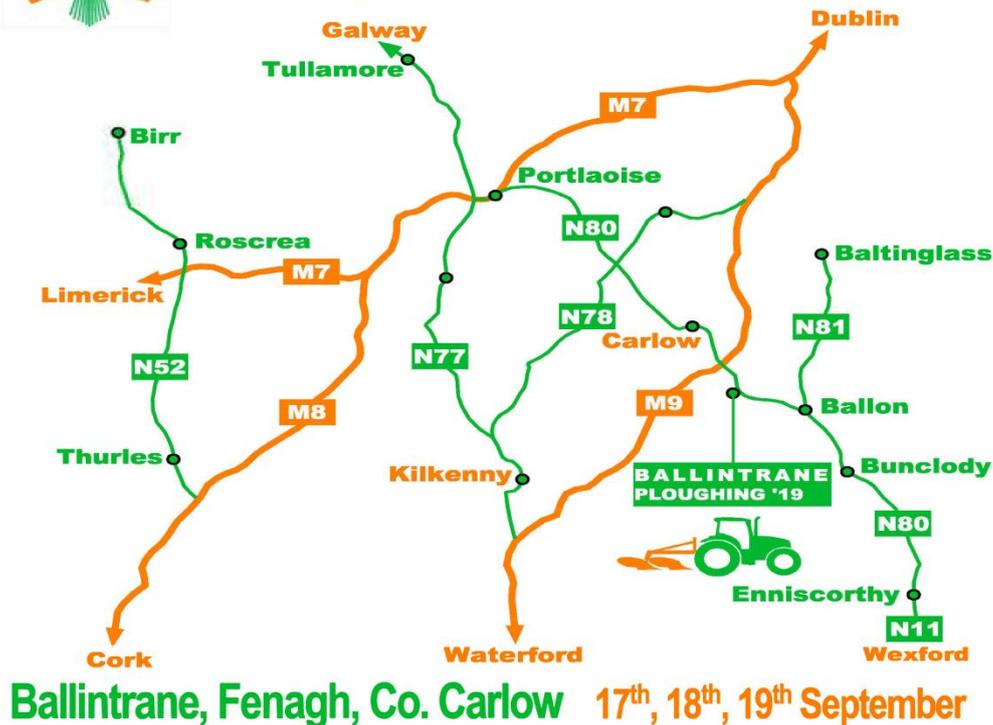


## Checklist for travelling to Ploughing 2019

- ♣ If you can take the train do – Carlow Train Station is 15 minutes from the site and a Bus Eireann shuttle bus will drop you at the entrance gate
  - Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus fees;    €5 Children return ticket (under 16)
  - €9 Adult return ticket
  - €20 Family return ticket (2 adults & max. 3 children)
- ♣ If you are driving to the event we advise you to factor in at least double the normal journey time due to heavy volumes of traffic
- ♣ Read the traffic plan and know the route you are travelling
- ♣ Bring drinks and snacks especially if you are travelling with children
- ♣ **'FBD: Keeping You Safe'** child safety wristbands will be available at every entrance to the event and within the event grounds
- ♣ If you have a vehicle pass make sure it is clearly displayed on the front windscreen of your vehicle as vehicles not displaying passes clearly may be directed into outer car parks
- ♣ The NPA provide an un-serviced Campervan / Caravan parking site for the event, accessible from Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019. This site is for Campervan / Caravan parking only – pitching of Tents not permitted. Online Campervan Registration for the event is available on [www.npa.ie](http://www.npa.ie)
- ♣ Its Autumn, its outdoor, its Ireland – dress for Irish weather
- ♣ Wear good footwear suitable for rough terrain
- ♣ Follow directional signage to venue – do not use GPS
- ♣ Note the colour of the over-head flying blimp and the number/colour /animal sign in your car park on entrance in order to find it easily on exit
- ♣ Download the Garda Traffic Map App and the Ploughing App for live event and traffic updates
- ♣ Event opens to the public at 9am and closes at 6pm
- ♣ Important contacts for traffic updates;
  - www.npa.ie, @npaie
  - www.garda.ie, @gardattraffic
  - www.theaa.ie, @aaroadwatch



# 2019 National Ploughing Championships Machinery & Livestock Exhibition



## WHERE IS THE PLOUGHING

- 105 km from Dublin
- 190 km from Cork
- 265 km from Belfast
- 78 km from Rosslare

## BE AWARE

If you choose to drive instead of using the train or bus, expect traffic delays and try to avoid travelling during peak hours

## BE PREPARED

The ploughing is a fantastic family day and will be worth the wait but make sure you are prepared. Flash points – full tank of fuel, drinks, snacks, entertainment for the kids.

## HERE TO HELP

The Gardai have the biggest concentration of Gardai at the ploughing than any other event so take their advice, follow the signs and have a great day.