NEC Car Parking Update
Free Parking Events – Visitors

PARK WITH EASE: NEW IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR NEC EXPERIENCE

We're pleased to share that the NEC is investing £1.5 million to improve your event parking experience. From December 2025, a new hybrid ANPR-enabled barrier system will be in place to help streamline the parking process. Whilst it means there will be a few changes to how you park, we're here to help make that transition smooth and simple.

For the best possible experience, with no requirement to validate in the venue, please book in advance using the free parking promo code.

THE SMART WAY TO VISIT? Book online and in advance:

- We recommend **pre-booking your free parking** via the NEC's online portal for the quickest and easiest experience. Please follow the How-To Guide below.
- It only takes a moment and **you can do it any time up until midnight** the day before your visit.
- **Free parking** is available for the duration of your visit. However, please be aware that **overstays beyond 2:00am** each day may incur additional charges, unless overnight parking is selected when making the booking.

BOOKING/VALIDATION PROCESS

- For the best possible experience, **pre-book** online using the free parking promo code we will provide you in advance.

KEY BENEFITS

Effortless access

Your vehicle's number plate is recognised automatically, helping you move in and out quickly during busy periods.

Increased security

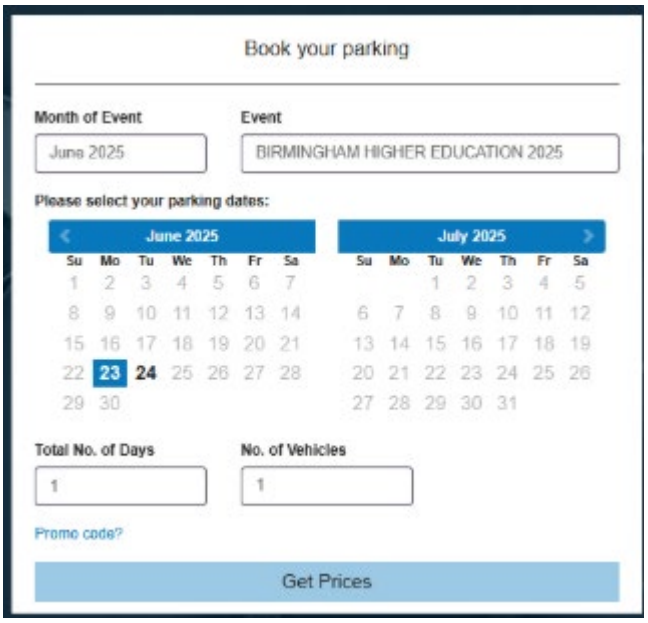
The system logs each entry and exit for peace of mind while you're parked at the venue.

Reliable and accurate

Your entry and exit times are recorded automatically to help ensure accurate and transparent tracking of your parking time.

HOW-TO GUIDE
Pre-book your free parking at the NEC

Please ensure you book in advance to activate your free parking. To do this, visit:
https://parking.thenec.co.uk/



1. Select the month and then our event from the dropdown list.
2. Select the date(s) you need parking for and whether you require single or multiple days.
3. If you select more than one consecutive day, overnight parking will be offered. If your vehicle will remain onsite beyond 2:00 AM, select 'Overnight Parking' to avoid overstay charges.
4. Click 'Promo code?'.
5. Enter the free parking promo code that we have provided.
6. Click 'Get Prices'.
7. Select your free parking product. Please note that parking upgrades may be available - if this is of interest to you, please remove the promo code and search again. (For clarity, upgrades do not include overnight parking).
8. Enter your details and vehicle registration number.
9. Press 'Book Now'.

Your booking is now complete. An email confirmation will be sent to you.

If you need to make any changes ahead of our event, simply use the 'Manage my Booking' link in your confirmation email - amendments can be made right up until midnight the day before your arrival.

Full parking terms and conditions can be found here.

DIDN'T PRE-BOOK?

- You can still **validate your free parking inside the venue** at any pay-on-foot machine by entering your vehicle registration and scanning your free parking NEC QR code issued on the day in the venue.

- No QR code? Simply collect one from the selected locations throughout the venue – please check with venue staff and security on where to find these.

- Unfortunately, if you don't pre-book or validate your free parking on the day, by scanning your NEC QR code at any pay-on-foot machine in the venue or at the car park exit barrier, your vehicle won't be recognised and the standard on-the-day rate will apply (card payment only).