

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the Horse Fair?

Horse Fair lasts from the Thursday before, and until, the second Wednesday in June.

However **THE MAIN DAYS FOR VISITORS** are **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** .

If you come on Monday or Tuesday you may be disappointed as there will be VERY little to see.



Are there any special days or days when certain things happen?

Appleby Fair is **not an organised event** and as such there is no set programme for anything happening. It is a traditional gypsy fair, more like a big family get together. The horses are washed, and trotted up and down the flashing lane most main days.

There is a market on Jimmy Winter's Field selling a variety of goods - some traditional to the Gypsy travelling community - and other. To arrange to sell

on that field please contact Jimmy Winter on 017683 51456. There is a market held in the Public Hall If you would like to arrange a stall please contact Caroline Dodgeon on 017683 51177 ext 3 or email clerk@applebytown.org.uk. Also there are stalls in the Market Square in Appleby. To sell on those please contact Eden District Council 01768 817817.

How can I find somewhere to stay in Appleby within walking distance?

Accommodation within walking distance will be rarer than hen's teeth. Most accommodation is booked up for the following year when visitors leave. There will be accommodation at <http://www.visiteden.co.uk> and <http://golakes.co.uk> . If you have a tent you may be able to camp at Holme Farm Field. Speak to Mrs Bousfield.

If you wish to camp on the Fair Hill with the Gypsy Community please speak to Mr Billy Welch or Mr Bill Lloyd. Penrith Tourist Information Centre is 01768 867466 and Barnard Castle Tourist Information Centre is 01833 696356.



How can I buy a horse? Is there an auction?

There is no auction at the Fair. Arrangements are made buyer to seller for cash. The price will usually include extra for Luck Money. If you need livery locally with a view to exporting your new horse abroad, please contact Appleby Tourist Information.

How can I get there on Public Transport?

You can come on the train. Appleby station is on The Settle-Carlisle line voted one of the most scenic and beautiful lines in the world. Timetables can be viewed on <http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk/>

Where can I park my car?

There will be approximately eleven car parks in Appleby, including the Castle, (and the Sports Centre at the weekend), so whichever direction you approach from (South, East or West) you will get parked. Please see <http://applebyfair.org/> for a map There are also spaces for 50 cars at the Railway station.

How much is the parking?

It tends to vary between £5.00 per car per day and £10.00 per car per day. This is because each car park is owned by different owners, and some car park tenants pay rent.

I am bringing a coach of visitors - where do I park?

There is space for two coaches to drop off outside the Moot Hall in the town Centre.

There is usually space at the Appleby Grammar School for 10 coaches on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) for parking. There will be a fee of £25.00 for coaches and £15.00 for mini-buses. Please speak to Lynne to pre-book on 07972576307

Also there will be coach parking for 6 coaches at the Railway Station. Again fees apply. Contact 017683 53200

To park a coach or car at Appleby Castle will cost approximately Coaches £25 and cars £5.00 8am-8pm.

I have a disabled parking disc - where should I park?

There are some disabled parking spaces at the Moot Hall in the centre of town. If you wish to park up nearer the field, please speak to the Police on duty.



What will I see at the Fair?

The Fair is a sight to see. It is a traditional Gypsy fair, but the biggest in Europe. If you don't like crowds you should give it a miss. You can see a taste of it if you go on to www.YouTube.com People particularly enjoy sitting on the river bank and watching the horses be washed. The horses look very smart pulling sulkies up Battlebarrow and the colourful dress of the Gypsy and Traveller women in all their finery. The atmosphere is one of good humoured holiday banter and

people come to enjoy themselves.

Where can I get Wi-Fi?

There is complimentary wi-fi in the Tufton Hotel, the Royal Oak Inn, The Midland Hotel and the Hare and Hounds. Appleby has 3G and BT hotspots.

Where are the Toilets?

Most of the Car parks will have Portaloos in them or toilets nearby. In town there are toilets in the entrance to the Public Hall and the Broad Close Car park. There is one disabled toilet with baby changing facility next to the Tourist Information Centre. There will also be Portaloos in town and nearby the Fair Hill. The Railway Station also has limited facilities.

Where are the Cash machines?

There is one hole in the wall ATM in Barclays Bank in Boroughgate. There are cash machines available in the Spar, in Dent's Newsagents and in Bridge End Newsagents.