

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ACCESSING/EXITING THE FACILITY, PARKING, EVENT ADMISSION, AND CAMPING FOR THOSE BRINGING HORSES TO EQUINE AFFAIRE

**ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:** No horses may arrive prior to 10:00am on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and all horses should be removed from the barns and grounds by midnight on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Horse owners are encouraged to arrive during the hours that the Barn Office will be open to facilitate checking in. Please contact the Barn Office Manager to make special arrangements to stay over on Sunday night.

**ACCESSING THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION GROUNDS:** On move-in and event days you should *enter and exit the Eastern States Exposition facility only through Gate 1 off of Memorial Ave. at the west end of the facility* (see right side of map). Gate 1 will be open 24/7 before, during, and after the event.

- On show days, the perimeter of the event (highlighted in yellow on the map) will be secured, and you will be required to present an admission ticket or pay admission to enter the event area which includes the barns.
- Event *attendees* will access the grounds via Gate 9 off of Memorial Ave. at the east end of the Eastern States Exposition and then pay admission and walk into the grounds at Gate 9A (the “Main Gate”). Gate 9 will give vehicle access only to the large general parking lot at the east end of the Eastern States Exposition; *you will not be able to access the barn area via Gate 9. Please use Gate 1 rather than Gate 9, if you need to get to the barn area.*

**EXHIBITOR-ONLY ACCESS TO THE EVENT:** After entering the grounds at Gate 1, you should access the event through one of two gates based on whether you have a horse trailer. Please see routes indicated with arrows on the map. **Please note, you must display the green Equine Affaire Exhibitor parking placard provided in your welcome packet to park within the event perimeter;** vehicles without a placard will be directed to park outside Gate 9A.

### **Access via Gate 10 (ALL VEHICLES WITH HORSE TRAILERS):**

- ***After entering the grounds at Gate 1, all vehicles with horse trailers must enter the event through Gate 10. Trucks and horse trailers may not be driven into the event through the Welcome Center and Gate P.***
- After entering the grounds at Gate 1, proceed straight to the parking booths and pay for parking or show your parking hang tag. Then keep to the right and drive straight along the “back road” around the south side of the grounds to Gate 10. There will be two lanes at Gate 10—a ***pass lane on the right*** to be used by vehicles in which all individuals have tickets (or hand stamps) and a ***purchase lane on the left*** to be used by vehicles in which anyone will need to pay admission.  
***Please have your advance admission tickets out and ready to turn in at the pass lane to expedite access to the event.***
- After turning in tickets or paying admission, turn left into Gate 10. You may then make an immediate left or drive north past the outdoor trailer exhibits and turn left toward C Barn to check in at the Barn Office. Follow the routes indicated on the map and signage along the road.
- After unloading your horse(s) you should park your truck and trailer in the Short-term Horse Trailer Parking Lot (if you are at Equine Affaire for one night or less) or the Long-term Horse Trailer Lot (Lot 1) area near Gate 1 (if you are at the event for more than one night). Both parking areas are shown on the map. **Each trailer parked in the Short-term lot must display a Short-term Horse Trailer Parking placard, which can be obtained from the Barn Office upon check-in.** Horse trailers may be parked ONLY in these two locations; they may be towed at the owner’s expense if parked elsewhere.

- If you arrive at Gate 10 after 6:30pm on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday and are not camping, you will not have to pay admission to enter the event grounds and access the barn area on that day. If you are in a camping vehicle, you WILL be required to pay admission for *all* remaining event days for everyone in the vehicle.

**Access via Gate P (VEHICLES WITHOUT HORSE TRAILERS):**

- **After entering the grounds at Gate 1, vehicles without horse trailers should access the event through Gate P (see map).**
- From Gate 1 you will proceed straight (south) to the ESE parking booth to pay for parking (or show your parking hang tag) and then continue straight (south). Keep left and turn left (east) through the tall Welcome Center Building. You will need to show your green exhibitor parking placard to drive through the Welcome Center. After going through the Welcome Center, you will pass between the Maine and Massachusetts Buildings and then **turn right into Gate P** (See routes marked with arrows on map.) At Gate P there will be two entrance lanes—a **pass lane on the right** to be used by vehicles in which all individuals have tickets (or hand stamps) and a **purchase lane on the left** to be used by vehicles in which anyone will need to pay admission. **You are encouraged to have your exhibitor admission tickets out and ready to turn in at the pass lane in order to expedite access to the event.** (Note: the left-most lane through the Welcome Center will be used solely by Storrowton Village customers.)

**PARKING FEES & PASSES:** The Eastern States Exposition will charge \$5/day or \$20 for a four-day event parking hang tag. There will be no charge for parking during move in on Wednesday. Parking hang tags may be purchased from the ESE staff during move in on Wednesday from 10am-6pm at the Information Booth in the Better Living Center or upon entering Gate 1 Thursday through Sunday. **We encourage you to purchase your four-day hang tag on Wednesday to expedite access to the grounds on show days.**

**VEHICLE PARKING LOCATIONS:** On show days you should park your vehicle in the parking area to the north of C Barn and/or the Stroh Building. **DO NOT PARK in the food concession plaza between the Young/Stroh Buildings and the Better Living Center; violators will be towed by ESE.** The “no parking” areas of the grounds are indicated in pink on the map.

**BREED PAVILION EXHIBITOR BADGES & EVENT ADMISSION:**

- **Exhibitor badges will NOT serve as credentials for admission to Equine Affaire.** Breed Pavilion exhibitor badges will only serve as a means of identifying exhibitors in the Breed Pavilion and providing access to the Stroh Building one hour prior to and one hour after event hours.
- **Four single-day tickets will be provided with each Breed Pavilion exhibitor badge issued. You should present these tickets at the event admission gate in order to enter the event each day. If you do not have your exhibitor ticket when you come to the entrance gate, you will be charged daily admission to enter the event, and there will be no refunds.**
- Everyone traveling in your vehicle into the event will be required to submit a ticket, present their camping credentials or pay admission to enter the event. **We recommend that you purchase in advance any tickets you may need (in addition to your exhibitor badges) for your members/staff.** Single-day and four-day tickets will be available for purchase in the Barn Office from 10:00am to 8:00pm on Wednesday during move in. There will be “pass lanes” at the exhibitor entrances for use by vehicles in which everyone already has a ticket. If you do not have tickets in hand when you arrive at the entrance gate, you may experience delays in getting into the event. **We recommend that you purchase the admission tickets you will need for the event in advance so that you will be able to use the “pass lane” at the entrance gate.**

- ***If you plan to leave the event and return the same day, remember to have your hand stamped prior to exiting the event.***
- Please advise all of your members/staff of this protocol for tickets, badges, and event admission.

#### **HORSE & FARM EXHIBITOR ADMISSION:**

- One adult, four-day pass will be provided with each Horse & Farm exhibit stall.
- ***Advance ticket sales on Wednesday:*** Single-day and four-day tickets will be available for purchase in the Barn Office from 10:00am to 8:00pm on Wednesday during move in. If you do not have tickets in hand when you arrive at the entrance gate on show days, you may experience delays in getting into the event. *We recommend that you purchase the admission tickets you will need for the event in advance so that you will be able to use the “pass lane” at the entrance gate.*
- ***If you plan to leave the event and return the same day, please have your hand stamped at the event exit gate prior to leaving the event.***

#### **EXITING THE EVENT BY VEHICLE OR ON FOOT:**

- ***If you must leave the event grounds during the day and return during show hours, please have your hand stamped at whatever gate you use to exit the event.*** You must present a ticket or hand stamp or camping armband to re-enter the event on the same day. Remember: if you walk out of the event “perimeter” to go to your trailer parked in Lot 1, you will need to show a hand stamp or camping armband in order to walk back into the event. You can have your hand stamped by the attendant at Gate P before you walk over to Lot 1.
- If you enter the event through Gate P, please exit the event through Gate E and proceed west to Gates 1A and 1 along the north side of the facility to leave the grounds. Gate P is an entrance-only gate, and Gate E is an exit-only gate.
- If you enter the event through Gate 10, you may exit the event through one of two gates:
  - Gate 11:** If you are leaving from the Short-Term Horse Trailer Lot, please exit the event through Gate 11 and drive right (west) to leave the grounds at Gate 1. Gate 11 is an exit-only gate and will be the most convenient way to leave the Short Term Horse Trailer Lot.
  - Gate 1D:** If you are leaving from the barn area, please exit through Gate 1D (located next to F Barn) and then turn right to proceed to Gate 1. Gate 1D is an exit-only gate.

**CAMPING AT THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION:** Individuals bringing horses to the Eastern States Exposition should camp in the Horse Barn Camping area to the north of F Barn. Spaces with 30-amp electrical service and limited water are available for \$30/night with a 10:00a.m. checkout. There is also a limited number of spaces at camping areas at the east end of the Eastern States Exposition with 50-amp service and water for \$60/night. Water is available weather permitting. Camping will be available to equine exhibitors beginning at 10:00am on Wednesday, November 10. Do not arrive with a camper prior to this date/time. There is no advance registration; spaces are first-come, first-served. All campers will pay their camping fees and receive their ESE camping hang tags upon entering the grounds at Gate 1. *Note: Individuals who camp in trailers in the Long-term Horse Trailer Lot (Lot 1) will be required to pay ESE camping fees. ESE parking staff will be monitoring campers parked in this lot.*

***All campers—exhibitors and attendees—will be required to pay all event admission fees for all remaining event days upon arrival and will be issued camping armbands.*** On Wednesday, Horse & Farm Exhibitors and other event participants camping in the Horse Barn Camping area will be required to purchase four-day camper armbands for all individuals arriving in a camping unit upon arrival at Gate 1. Campers arriving during the event on Thursday through Saturday will have to pay admission for all individuals arriving in a camper at Gate P or Gate 10 (during show hours) or Gate 1 (during non-show hours) for all remaining show days from the date of arrival.