



A Rough Guide to the Burnham on Sea Rugby Festival & Travelling to Brean Sands

Introduction

The objective of this guide is to outline what happens over the weekend of the festival and provide directions.

Maidenhead Rugby Club has been attending the Gulliver's Festival of Rugby for many years. The actual Rugby matches take place at Burnham on Sea Rugby Club. We are a special Club as we try to travel as a complete Mini section!

Travelling to Brean

The Festival runs from Friday afternoon (2 May) until Monday morning (5 May) with matches being played on Saturday and Sunday, and presentations on Sunday evening. This is a Bank Holiday weekend and is notorious for traffic cues and delays. So, please leave in plenty of time (the record for the longest journey from Maidenhead was 6 hours!) The journey is approximately two and a half hours. Historically, many people have taken a half-day holiday and set off around lunchtime. Many have stopped off on the way to visit attractions e.g. Cheddar caves. Most schools accept the reason for the time off as, participation in sport and life experience. Most people return on the Monday morning.

Accommodation

For the main tour party the caravan site is located in Brean Sands, the address is as follows.

Holiday Resort Unity, Coast Road, Brean Sands, Somerset TA8 2RB
General enquiries: 01278 751595
www.hru.co.uk

Location of the Festival

The rugby takes place at Burnham on Sea Rugby club, the address is as follows:

Burnham Association of Sports Clubs, Stoddens Road, Burnham-on-Sea,
Somerset, TA8 2NZ
www.burnhamonsearfc.org.uk

Improve the guide

This is a rough guide, if you feel it should include more information or could be improved; please contact the Mini's tour manager.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Safety

The Maidenhead Rugby coaches and managers are not in “loco parentis”, parents or guardians ARE RESPONSIBLE for children at ALL times. If a player attends the Festival without their parents or guardians an RFU parent consent MUST be raised, signed and be available at the Festival (forms available from RFU.com Community, Schools and Youth, Tours, PDF child consent form.)

In the unlikely event of an accident this may be essential for medical treatment. Ideally the person looking after the child should be a coach or manager whom MUST be CRB checked, or a parent who is well known to the child’s parents.

At Brean Sands the kids are allowed a little more freedom than they probably would at home, the site is fairly safe. As a guide we prefer parents or guardians to always know where their charges are, kids should stay together and no one should be left on their own. Kids should NOT be left on their own on the beach. At low tide a wide exposure of soft sand and mud is exposed leading to the water's edge, but note that it is very dangerous to approach the water at low tide. Visitors should respect the warning notices about the dangers of mud along the beach. Make sure the kids are aware of this too!

Transport

Gulliver’s provide coaches during both days of the festival to and from the Rugby ground. You can take your car to the Rugby grounds and park in the fields near by, there is a small fee for each day.

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Always wander around the festival; it is particularly good to see the next year up to your child’s age group. It has amazed a number of us over the years, even frightened us, to see an age group above playing. It does give a great insight into how the game progresses with the continuum.

Conclusion

Attending the Festival is great fun and very rewarding for all concerned. The Club usually organises a group BBQ creating a great atmosphere for kids and parents with a common interest, Rugby and Fun. Many lasting friendships have developed from this festival over the years for both kids and parents. Get involved, many age groups have too few people actually helping out, it is a great hobby and you can spend ‘valuable’ time with your kids!



Directions to Brean

Join the M4 at Maidenhead Junction 8/9 head west towards Bristol.

At Junction 20 leave the M4, (signposted "the South West, the Midlands" join the M5 heading South).

Leave the M5 at Junction 22.

Follow the Brown & White Tourist Board Signs for "Brean Leisure Park" from the motorway towards Burnham on Sea and North heading for Berrow and Brean. As you approach the Leisure Park you will pass Holiday Resort Unity on your right hand side. At the mini roundabout turn right onto the Park entrance road. You will see the main gates on your left.





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