



- August Bank Holiday Racing at Goodwood Racecourse takes place from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August.
- Entertainment for all the family with free entry for children under 18.
- A celebration of horseracing over National Racehorse Week.
- Tickets available at Goodwood.com.

Great racing, superb hospitality and family fun - the August Bank Holiday festival presented by Virgin Bet is the perfect way to spend the long weekend. Taking place from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August, Goodwood Racecourse comes alive with entertainment for all the family, with under-18s going free.

Across Friday to Sunday, racegoers can experience the beautiful surroundings of the racecourse with trips to the start and enjoy complimentary family activities, from magicians to face painting. In addition, there's the vintage fairground and live music that will set the summer tone for a memorable bank holiday.

Racing highlights include the prestigious Group 2 Celebration Mile on Saturday, whilst Sunday hosts the £100,000 Group 3 Prestige Stakes for fillies and mares. On Friday gates open at 3.30pm with racing commencing at 4.35pm, while on Saturday and Sunday entry is from 11.30am with the first race at 1.25pm.

August Bank Holiday festival is also during [*National Racehorse Week*](#) - a nationwide annual celebration of the racehorse that takes place from Saturday 22 to Monday 31 August. Racing training yards, studs and aftercare centres up and down the country will open their doors to the public to get up close to the equine stars of horseracing, providing family-friendly demonstrations, exciting displays, and a chance to see first-hand the love, care and attention that goes into looking after them.

Great British Racing, who run National Racehorse Week, will also bring its 'urban racing yard' to the heart of Portsmouth at Gunwharf Quays Waterfront on the 29th August, to give even more people the chance to meet a racehorse. There will be a host of activities that include the chance to experience riding like a jockey and farrier and physio demonstrations.

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Notes to Editors:

August Bank Holiday presented by Virgin Bet takes place from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August 2026. Tickets start from just £18 per day, with under 18s going free. All the additional entertainment and activities are free. For more information and to purchase tickets or hospitality, please visit [Goodwood.com](https://www.goodwood.com).

Friday evening's fireworks display has been cancelled due to the prolonged dry weather and the resulting increased risk of wildfires.

The main Lennox Enclosure Grandstand will be closed on August Bank Holiday - the Lennox Enclosure will be open as usual.

Tickets

Tickets, dining, and hospitality are available to purchase on the website. Visit [Goodwood.com](https://www.goodwood.com) or call 01243 755055 to find out more.

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About Goodwood Racecourse

Introduced to the Goodwood Estate in 1802 by the 3rd Duke of Richmond, the Goodwood Racecourse has long been steeped in horseracing heritage. From Lord George Bentinck's winning horse in the 1836 St Leger, which was transported in secret from Goodwood to Doncaster, to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's horse Love Affair taking its final win, the racecourse has been home to some significant moments in horseracing history. Situated on the South Downs and hosting 19 race days from May through October, thousands of racegoers flock to one of the world's most beautiful racecourse each year to enjoy a season of top-class racing and entertainment. With a varied calendar of fixtures, race day highlights include Three Friday Nights, the May Festival, the Qatar Goodwood Festival presented by Visit Qatar - more affectionately known as Glorious Goodwood - and the October Season Finale, to name a few.

About National Racehorse Week

National Racehorse Week is a nationwide annual celebration of the racehorse and a chance to see first-hand the love, care, and attention that goes into looking after them. Born out of an idea in 2019 by trainer Richard Phillips to create a single event that could be hosted by the racing industry, National Racehorse Week is celebration of the animals who power racing and provide entertainment for millions, whilst also providing the public and policymakers with insight into the dedicated care that they receive. Racing training yards up and down the country will be opening their doors from 22 to 31 August to show the general public the lives that these incredible animals lead.