

NEC, BIRMINGHAM: Getting Here

BY CAR - Postcode: B40 1NT

The NEC is in the perfect location for car travel – 8 miles east of Birmingham city centre and at the heart of the UK motorway network.

With 16,500 spaces available, they have plenty of room. Follow the electronic signage or directions provided by the traffic team to get you to the right car park area for our event. Once you have parked, you can either take a free shuttle bus or walk to the halls using our sign posted footpaths.

Standard Parking – FREE OF CHARGE FOR CHSI STITCHES TRADE SHOW

Standard parking is available in our North, South and East Car Parks, with regular shuttle buses to take you from these car parks to the halls. Standard parking is not pre-bookable. Just follow the signs when you arrive, and pay by cash or card, if required, at the nearest kiosk. If you prefer, you can pay at the kiosk on the way back or at the exit - but in general it's quicker to buy your ticket before you go back to your car.

BY RAIL

The NEC is right next to Birmingham International rail station and you can reach any of the halls quickly and conveniently, without having to step outside. The entrance is on the right hand side as you exit the station and is clearly signposted.

BY COACH

Coach services are operated by National Express and Megabus, with over 120 daily services from across the UK to Birmingham Airport. From here you can get to the NEC in minutes on the free air-rail link. Regular local buses depart from Birmingham City Centre. The 900 service runs every 15 mins during the day taking approximately 30 mins. The 97 service operates every 30 mins, 24hrs a day taking approximately 45 mins. Local bus services also run every 30 mins throughout the day to Solihull (service 966) and Coventry (service 900).

BY TAXI

ComCab black cabs are available at clearly marked ranks outside the NEC's main entrances. They're an easy and convenient way to get to your hotel, town centre and attractions around the NEC. As one of the NEC's appointed suppliers, ComCab provide a reliable and good value service. You can book ComCab taxis by phone on 0121 226 6666, online or pick one up outside the NEC main entrances if available. Services are available by phone 24/7. ComCab accept all major Credit Cards, subject to a minimum payment of £5 and a 10%+VAT processing fee.

BY PLANE

The NEC is just minutes away from Birmingham Airport (BHX) – which is very handy for international visitors and those on UK internal flights! From the airport, simply take the free and fast Air-Rail Link to Birmingham International railway station and then it's just a short walk to the NEC entrance. The Air-Rail Link runs every 2 minutes and takes just 90 seconds to reach the NEC. It leaves the airport from the upper level of Terminal 1 and operates daily between 0515am and 0200am.

East Midlands Airport (EMA)

Distance: 40 miles