



### Welcome to NOZSTOCK The Hidden Valley!

Nozstock is a music festival. This means that there will be plenty of music to listen to on different stages and lots of activities to get involved in. Every year there is a theme. **This year's theme is Keepin' It Surreal.** This means everything will be odd and unusual. You will see things like people in wacky outfits and lots of strange pictures and things that can't be possible – like animals in clothes or upside-down buildings. There will be decorations across the whole site, some of them are really big, you might find them a little bit scary but don't worry – they can't hurt you. As well as the decorations there will be actors - they will be dressed in up in costumes and they will use the whole festival as a stage. This means they will be in crowds so they might approach you or try to talk to you and do strange things. There are also stalls at the festival where you can buy food and drink or a souvenir.



**TOP TIP:** If someone in costume approaches you and you don't like it just let them know and they will leave you alone.

## GETTING HERE

There will be lots of people and cars on your arrival, sometimes there is a lot of traffic. This is because lots of people all arrive at the same time.

When you arrive at the festival people in brightly coloured jackets called stewards will point you in direction of the festival entrance.

The festival entrance is where you will hand the staff your ticket and in return you get a lovely colourful wristband! Take care of this as it shows people who are working at the festival that you have permission to be there.



TOP TIP: Organising to go to the festival earlier means you can avoid all the traffic and long queue's. You can explore the festival and get used to it before everyone else! If you would like a member of staff to give you a tour of the site when you get here speak to someone at the info office.

## CAMPING



The field will be full of lots of tents. Camping can be really fun but sometimes a bit noisy. Ear plugs can help you to sleep better. The family camping area is good for families and there is a quiet campsite too which is further away from the music and less crowded.

TOP TIP: Remember to keep your campsite tidy – and you might win a prize from our campsite judges! Keep anything that can be recycled and used again.

## STAGES

There are ten different stages at Nozstock which play different types of music and open at different times. Here is a bit of information about the stages you will see when you're here.



The Orchard is Nozstock's main stage. There is a big bar opposite to get drinks and lots of food stands if you get hungry. Lots of live bands play here. You can sit and watch them in the daytime. It gets much busier at night and you will need to stand up as it can get crowded but you can also dance and sing too! **The Garden Stage** is very near to the Orchard. It has lots of live bands too but also some DJs. It is next to a Farmhouse and near to a bar. There are toilets near the Garden Stage.



The Cubicles, Bullpen, The Coppice and Elephant's Grave are all electronic music stages where you can see DJs play. They play lots of fast and loud music and have flashing lights. It can get a bit hot when there are lots of people there. You can go and sit with our welfare team if you find it a bit overwhelming. The Cubicles and Bullpen are inside large sheds, but The Coppice is outside and near to a lake and lots of trees. Elephants Grave is also by the lake. It has live bands play in the day and is a much calmer area to sit and listen to music in the daytime before it gets busy at night.



Little Wonderland is where you can do loads of different fun activities for children. There are lots of places to sit down, make things and be creative and artistic. Plus there are stories, play sessions and even circus performers.



The Bandstand is a live music, outdoor stage. This is a quieter space than the other stages where you can sit and listen to the music. There is a bar nearby and lots of stalls.



The Cabinet of Lost Secrets is a mixture of live bands, DJs and unusual theatre. It is an indoor space with secret doors that lead to new rooms. Sometimes it can seem small and dark until a new door opens. You might see some unusual things and strange costumes here.



The **Cinema** and **Theatre** are both indoor spaces. Here you can sit and watch films, plays, dance or poetry rather than music.

TOP TIP: Some stages like our cinema and theatre, are indoors. It's best to be quiet during performances there so that everyone can enjoy what you are watching. If you are at an outdoor stage you can shout and dance as much as you like!

## NOZSTOCK AT NIGHT



At night not only is it dark at the festival but it can be very busy and crowded. There will be lots of people and lots of loud music. Be careful and stay with your family and friends. If you are feeling lost or unwell ask a steward, in the bright jackets, for help. The Welfare Tent in the campsite can give you advice and a quiet place to sit if you are feeling overwhelmed. They can also guide you to our first aid tent if you are hurt or feeling unwell. There are lots of people ready to take care of you. Don't be afraid to speak out.

TOP TIP: How about getting a plan ready if you do get lost. Make sure you pick a place that is quiet and doesn't have lots of people so it's easier to spot your friends and family. We recommend the Welfare Tent. We also provide plain wristbands so you can write your friend/family member's phone number on in case you need someone to make contact with them if you become separated. Ask about these when you come through the festival entrance.

## LEAVING THE FESTIVAL



We hope that you will have had an amazing time at Nozstock, however sadly all good things must come to an end. At the end of the festival everyone packs up their tents and is ready to go by Monday lunch time. There will be lots of stewards to help with all the tidying up.

**TOP TIP:** As with arriving there will be lots of traffic come Monday morning, so you might want to leave on Sunday night to avoid a long wait in the car.

## OTHER INFO

If you have any questions about coming to Nozstock and what you might see here you can come and talk to us at the info office in the campsite when you arrive, or you can email us at [info@nozstock.com](mailto:info@nozstock.com) or phone us on 01885 475005. Don't be afraid to ask any of our crew for advice.

**TOP TIP:** Our website [www.nozstock.com](http://www.nozstock.com) has lots of information you might like to read before you arrive, including what bands are playing, maps of the site, what you might want to bring with you to the festival and some of the activities you can get involved in.



SEE YOU THERE!