



FAR HILLS RACE MEETING

— 105TH RUNNING —

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Your Guide to Race Day at Far Hills

An inside look at the crown jewel of American steeplechasing.

The Far Hills Race Meeting isn't just a day at the races. It's a full-on fall tradition, packed with big hats, bold tailgates, and family legacies that span generations. For over a century, friends and fans have gathered at Moorland Farm to celebrate steeplechase at its finest. And this year, we're making it easier than ever to plan your day like a pro.

From where to sit and what to wear, to traditions and tailgating tips, we've got you covered. Let's get you ready for one of New Jersey's most unforgettable events.





More Than a Race. A New Jersey Tradition.

For over 100 years, the Far Hills Race Meeting has drawn fans, families, and first-timers to the rolling hills of Moorland Farm for a tradition unlike any other. It's the premier steeplechase event in the U.S. (and one of New Jersey's most iconic fall gatherings), blending world-class horse racing with food, fashion, shopping and shared moments that turn into lifelong memories.

Why do locals call it "The Hunt"?

Old habits die hard. Long before tailgates and food trucks, Far Hills was known simply as "The Hunt," a nod to its foxhunting roots. Today, the name lives on in local lore and in group texts across Somerset Hills each October.

What Makes It Special

This isn't just about racing. It's about legacy. Generations return to Far Hills year after year, building traditions around favorite tailgate spots, celebratory toasts, and cheering along the rail as champions cross the finish line. Many families have held the same space for decades (some for over 60 years) and now return with their children, grandchildren, and lifelong friends.

Sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association and featuring some of the best horses and jockeys in the sport, the Far Hills Race Meeting boasts the largest purses in American steeplechasing, totaling over \$800,000. With betting, live streaming, and a growing national audience, it's the crown jewel of American steeplechasing, and it's only getting bigger.

HEAR IT FROM OUR ATTENDEES:

"I love that I came here as a child with my family, and now my children are on the field with us."
— Anthony M.

"We started our attendance 48 years ago and have passed the event from our parents to our children."
— Frank D.

Giving Back

Beyond the racing, Far Hills is serious about making a difference. Thanks to our attendees and sponsors, we've contributed over \$22 million to local nonprofits, supporting cancer patient assistance, youth development, grief and trauma support, and addiction recovery. When you show up on Race Day, you're also showing up for your community.

RWJBarnabas
HEALTH

Robert Wood Johnson
University Hospital
Somerset



Bonnie Brae

LifeCamp



Crossroads4Hope
A NETWORK OF CANCER SUPPORT
Taking On Your Cancer Journey. Together.

CIC For Prevention
And Recovery

OPEN ROAD
— AUTO GROUP —

A loyal supporter of the Far Hills Race Meeting for over 50 years, Open Road represents some of the most trusted auto brands in New Jersey and New York. They offer everything from daily drivers to luxury cruisers, perfect for your commute, weekend plans, or the ride to Race Day.

PLAN LIKE A PRO: Everything You Need to Know

Whether it's your first time at Far Hills or your fifteenth, a little planning goes a long way. Here's what to expect and how to make the most of it.

Getting to Moorland Farm

Located in the heart of Somerset Hills, Moorland Farm in the Village of Far Hills is easy to reach, but planning ahead helps avoid bottlenecks.

Gates open at 8am. Expect the races to begin around 1pm with the last race starting around 4:30pm.

Driving?

Express lanes for patrons properly displaying a printed parking pass in windshield will speed your entry. If you're parking a car not included in your reserved package, you'll need a General Parking Pass (\$40). [Purchase one online](#) and print it in advance for quicker entry.

Taking the train?

NJ Transit offers service to the nearby Far Hills Station just steps from the entrance.

Riding in style?

Car services and limos have a designated drop-off and pick-up area inside Gate 3, located at the corner of Route 202 and Liberty Corner Road.

PRO TIP: Check the event map at farhillsrace.org before you go.

Arriving with a group?

Charter buses are welcome and have dedicated parking areas. Buses staying for the day should enter through Gate 2 (50 Route 202) or Gate 3 (corner of Route 202 and Liberty Corner Road) and will be directed to the designated bus lots. At the end of the day, guests should return to the same location where they were dropped off to meet their bus.



What to Wear

Far Hills fashion is an event all its own. With Race Day held in October, expect crisp air and classic style.

Think tweed, leather, flannel, and fall layers. Cowboy hats and Derby-style fascinators are both welcome.

Even on a rainy day, attendees come dressed to impress, swapping heels for boots to navigate the grass and mud in style.

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Wagering at the Races

Want to bet on your favorite horse? It's easy!

Sign up for 4NJBets or NYRA Bets before you arrive for fast, secure online wagering. Both apps will be available with exclusive links closer to Race Day.

Bringing the Family?

Kids are welcome, and they'll love the Family Area, complete with a hay pile to play on. Look for family-friendly vendors nearby, too.

NOTE: Children 13 and under are free with an adult General Admission ticket.



Food Trucks & Vendors

Craving a lobster roll, looking for the perfect fall accessory, or browsing gifts? The Vendor Village and food truck lineup have something for everyone.

While specific vendors may change, past favorites have included:

- Cousins Maine Lobster
- Waiting for the Sun
- Bullet Boots Hat Bar
- Hans Clothier
- The Mobile Cigar Lounge

And more. Check our website for the latest lineup of [food trucks](#) and [vendors](#).



**NO PETS ARE ALLOWED
ON THE GROUNDS.**

Know Before You Go

Have questions about what to bring or what to expect on Race Day? We've put together answers to the most common questions, plus a quick look at [race day policies](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Hay bales are a thing. Order with your reserved parking space. They're great for makeshift seating, photo ops, and charm.

Outside hay bales are not permitted.



Find Your Perfect Spot on Race Day

Race Day **HAPPENS RAIN OR SHINE AND** looks a little different for everyone. Some go all-in on the tailgate, others keep it casual, and plenty are joining us for the first time. No matter your approach, there's a ticket option to match. Here's a breakdown of this year's top experiences and how to claim your place before they're gone.

\$110

General Admission

The most flexible way to experience Race Day.

GA gives you access to the event grounds, vendor areas, live racing, and your friends' tailgates. If you're not linking up with someone, bring a blanket or chairs and claim a patch of lawn in the open picnic area.

Just a heads up, no alcohol is permitted through the general admission gates.

REMINDER: KIDS 13 AND UNDER ENTER FREE WITH AN ADULT.



\$100

The Hunt Club (\$200 bundled with GA)

The all-inclusive 21+ destination. This upgraded, adults-only section along the backstretch rail comes with everything:

- **Open Bar featuring Double Cross Vodka, Pantalones Tequila, Betty Booze & more!**
- **Tailgate-style food**
- **Lawn games and music**
- **A mechanical bull**
- **Private restroom trailer**
- **Expert betting guidance by America's Best Racing**
- **Premium cigars sold by the Mobile Cigar Lounge**

Want to skip setup and just enjoy the day with friends? This is your spot.

Note: General Admission is required for entry to the Hunt Club.

THE HUNT CLUB

"My friends and I bought tickets to The Hunt Club and loved how everything—drinks, food, and music—was all ready for us. Being right on the rail made the day so exciting. Truly a great experience and day!" — Jenna B.



\$1,500

Top of the Stretch

Premium tailgating with a front-row view.

This semi-private space includes a 10x10 tent directly on the rail, parking beside your setup, and semi-private restrooms. It's comfort, style, and serious race-day energy.

Includes 6 GA tickets.

\$750

The Rail

Right on the track.
Pure adrenaline.

These reserved tailgating spots put you just feet from the action. It's immersive, electric, and a fan favorite for a reason.

Includes 4 GA tickets.

\$600

The Infield

Social, fun, and always a party.

Known for its energy and friendly atmosphere, the Infield is where new traditions start and old friends reconnect.

Includes 4 GA tickets.

\$250

Chairman's Tent (\$360 with GA)

Trackside luxury. Right at the finish line including front row to trophy ceremonies upscale dining, an open bar & private restroom trailer.

General Admission ticket required in addition.

SECURE YOUR RACE DAY SPOT >

Other Tailgating Sections

Some of our most coveted areas—Hilltop, Family Area, and Chestnut Lane—are currently on renewal hold due to high demand. Watch for updates or join the waitlist. [Receive Updates >](#)

Want to Go Bigger?

Private Tents offer a customizable, hosted experience for groups ranging from 25 to 200 or more, perfect for client entertainment, large groups, or celebrations. Includes tent setup, premium amenities, parking, and tickets.

The Heart of the Hunt

Some things never change (and we like it that way). From the moment the bugle sounds the Call to Post, to the final stretch of the Grand National, Far Hills blends excitement with heritage. For 45 years, the iconic red coat and crisp notes of the bugle have come from Mark Tarentino and his family, summoning jockeys to the gate in one of the most recognizable moments of Race Day.

And perched high above the course in the Far Hills tower, race caller Larry Collmus delivers the action with legendary enthusiasm. His voice is a fixture of the event and a symbol of its electric energy.

Legendary Horses, Unforgettable Moments

Far Hills has been home to some of the most celebrated names in American steeplechasing:

- **McDynamo dominated the early 2000s, winning seven races here, five of them Grand Nationals. He remains one of the most successful jumpers in U.S. history and was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 2013.**
- **Gordon Elliott made history in 2025 by sweeping all five hurdle races. The renowned Irish trainer shipped six horses from County Meath, with five finding the winner's circle in a record-breaking performance.**
- **Snap Decision, trained by Hall of Famer Jack Fisher, wowed fans throughout his career with his speed and consistency. His 2024 Grand National win earned him the Eclipse Award.**



READY TO JOIN US?

Now that you've got the inside scoop, it's time to make your move. Reserve your spot or join our insider list to get updates, tips, and ticket alerts as Race Day approaches. **We can't wait to see you at the track!**



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