



# RDS

## Access Guide



## How to get to the RDS

### Walking to the RDS



Pedestrian routes from transport links are marked on the map. Each square grid on the map represents half a square kilometre, or about 7 minutes average walking time.





## Bus Eireann



Bus Eireann is the National Bus Service and operates commuter bus services from Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford stopping in many of the towns on the way. Bus Eireann also operate national routes from all over Ireland. The Central Bus Station is called Busáras and is located on Store Street in Dublin 1. It is linked to the RDS by the DART from Connolly Station which is 3 minutes walk from Busáras.

For timetables and more information on national bus routes visit [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) or call +353 (0)1 836 6111.

Disabled access is available



## Iarnród Éireann



InterCity Rail services run from 2 different stations: Dublin Heuston Station Dublin and Connolly Station Dublin. Heuston Station has trains to/from the following locations: Ballina, Westport, Galway, Limerick, Ennis, Tralee, Cork, and Waterford. Connolly Station has trains to/from Belfast, Sligo, Wexford and Rosslare Europort. The Luas Red Line/ Dublin Bus No. 90 (finishes at 10:00pm) services link the two stations door to door. The RDS is linked to the train stations by the DART at Connolly Station.

For more information on national train timetables visit [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie) or call 1850 366 222

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## Dublin Bus



The RDS is serviced by bus routes numbers:

Merrion Road Stops: 27X, 4, 45, 4A, 5, 7, 7A, 8, 18

Anglesea Road Stops: 63, 84

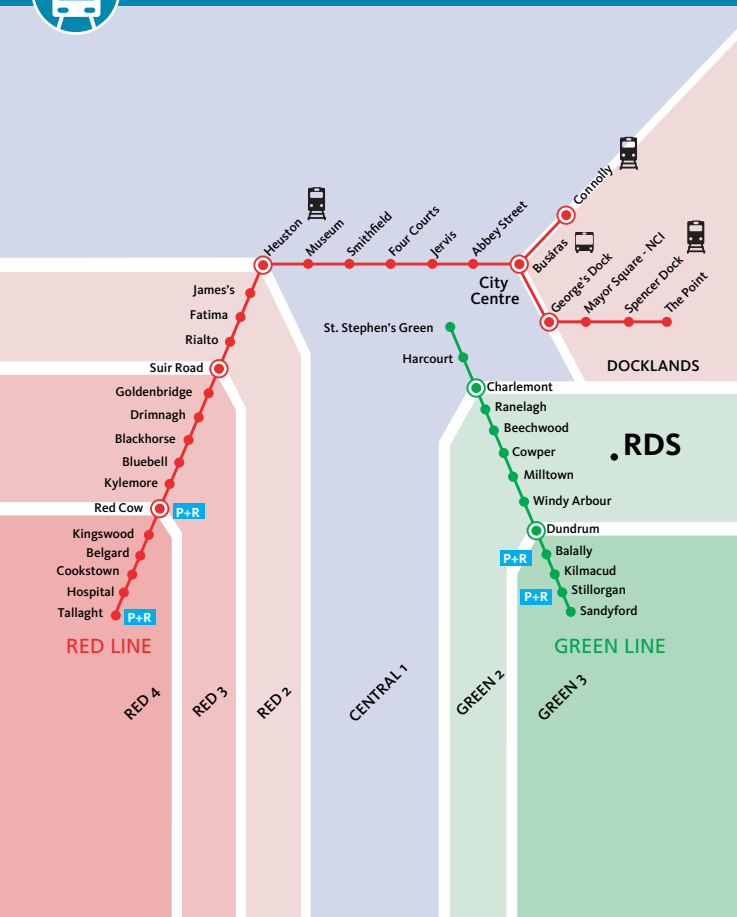
There are also a large numbers of routes serviced through the Donnybrook Bus Garage stop which is located only 10 minutes walk from the RDS. Bus routes include: 10, 10A, 116, 118, 145, 25X, 37X, 39B, 39X, 46A/B/C/E/X, 47, 66X, 67X, 70B, 746, 7B, 7D, 84X.

Visit [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie) or call +353 (0)1 873 4222 for more information on local Dublin Bus routes.

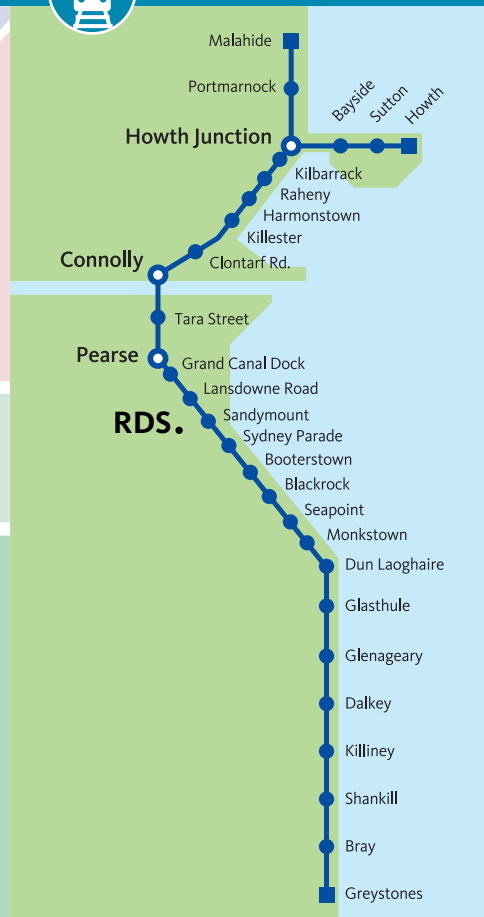
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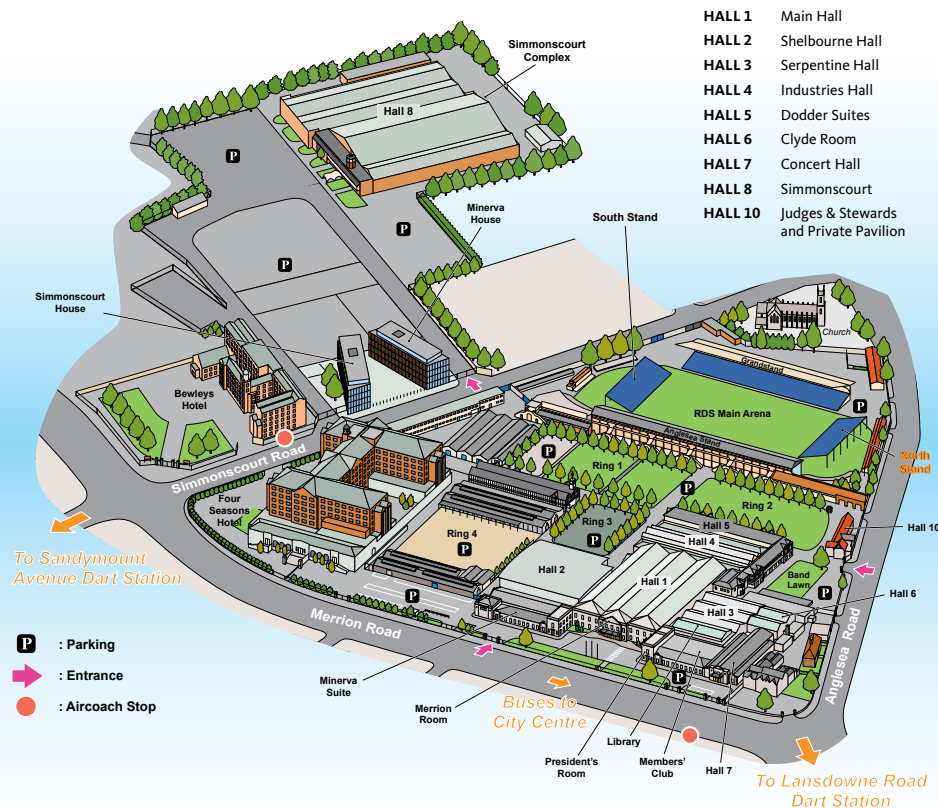
# LUAS



# DART



# RDS grounds



There is no direct route from the LUAS to the RDS, however, the LUAS does connect to the DART local train system that passes by the RDS. The LUAS connects to the DART at Connolly Station. Connections to Heuston Station and National rail routes can then be reached through this stop.

Connolly Station is accessible by lift and there are two wheelchair areas on board each Luas. For more information visit [www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie) or freephone 1800 300 604

The closest DART (local Dublin Rail) station (approx. 5 minute walk) to the RDS is Sandymount.

From the Sandymount Dart Station: Follow the Exit signs and turn right onto Sandymount Avenue. Continue until you reach the traffic lights (Bewley's Hotel and the Four Seasons Hotel will be directly in front of you). For the RDS Main Complex (Hall 1 – 7) then turn right onto Merriam Road and the Main Complex is situated on the left hand side (Merriam Road). For the Simmons Court Complex (Hall 8) continue straight ahead from the traffic lights at the crossroads, passing Bewley's on your left: the Simmons Court Complex is on the left hand side.

Sandymount platform is accessed by ramp and you must ask the ticket office for the gate release.

## Car Parking

Under regular circumstances, the Merriam Road Car Park is open year-round from 7.30am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

Simmons Court and Anglesea Road Car Parks are only open for particular events. A flat fee is charged upon entry as outlined above and parking is provided on a first come first served basis.

## Check before you travel!

Different car parks are used for different events and for some events there is limited/no parking. Please check our website [www.rds.ie](http://www.rds.ie) or call +353 1(0) 668 0866 before you travel.




## Travelling from Abroad

### From the Airport

The RDS is serviced by the Aircoach that brings you directly to and from Dublin airport. Aircoach stops are located on the Merrion Road (opposite the RDS) and on Simmonscourt Road.

For more information on timetables visit [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie) or call +353 (0)1 844 7118.

 Aircoach Bookings for people with disabilities must be made in advance. Please call the Customer Services Manager on +353 (0)87 9786126 to arrange your booking.

### From the Ferry

Dublin has two ferry ports - Dublin Port and Dun Laoghaire. Irish Ferries and Stena Line are the two ferry lines that operate at these ports. Dublin Port is on the north of the city approximately ten minutes drive from the RDS. Dun Laoghaire Port, south of the city, is twenty minutes drive from the RDS.

#### From Dun Laoghaire Port by Bus

The no. 7 bus has bus stops at the corner of Merrion Road and Simmonscourt Road to access the Simmonscourt Complex and on the Merrion Road for the Main Complex. The no. 7 bus continues into the City Centre.

#### From Dun Laoghaire Port by Local Train

The DART service also operates from Dun Laoghaire. Times can be accessed at [www.dart.ie](http://www.dart.ie).


For more information on Ferry times visit [www.irishferries.com](http://www.irishferries.com) or [www.stenaline.ie](http://www.stenaline.ie).

## The RDS

The RDS is Ireland's premier venue for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, entertainment and sporting events. The RDS is located just minutes from Dublin city centre on a 42 acre site and is surrounded by many hotels. The RDS also has 2,000 car park spaces on site on which more information is available inside this leaflet. The RDS also has parking facilities for bicycles and there is a taxi rank outside the front of Hall 1.

This leaflet was created to help visitors travel to the RDS whether you are arriving in Dublin Airport or just need to make your way from another location in Dublin. Details of car parking, public transport links and airport links are detailed inside this leaflet and we hope that the information makes your journey to the RDS as straightforward as possible.

### Disabled Access

All venues at the RDS are accessible to people with disabilities and there are carparking and facilities for people with disabilities onsite. For further information on disabled access please look for the  symbol in this leaflet.

### Information

For more information on events at the RDS or to download this guide visit: [www.rds.ie](http://www.rds.ie)

### Tickets

To purchase tickets for many RDS events please visit: [www.rdstickets.com](http://www.rdstickets.com)



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