We all want to have fun at Oktoberfest. To make sure we all enjoy ourselves, we have established a few rules:

1. This year, rucksacks and large bags will generally be banned from the Oktoberfest. Leave any non-essential items at home.

2. Any bags or rucksacks you do bring must not exceed a volume of three litres or a size of 50 cm x 15 cm x 10 cm.

3. Even if they fit in your smallest bag, the following items are also prohibited: Aerosol spray cans with hazardous contents, corrosive or staining substances, objects that could be used to cut, slash or stab. Glass bottles are also banned.

4. Small children will get the best view of the Oktoberfest from their pushchairs. While there is no general ban on large pushchairs, they will be subject to checks by security staff.

5. Pushchairs are banned from the site all day on Saturdays and on the public holiday for the Day of German Unity on 3 October. Furthermore, pushchairs will not be allowed onto the site from 6 p.m. on all other days.

6. Animals are not permitted in the Oktoberfest at any time (with the exception of assistance dogs).

7. Plan your journey: Where possible, find alternative forms of transport to underground lines U4 and U5 and Theresienwiese station.

8. Use all of the entrances around the Oktoberfest grounds. As in previous years, all entrances will be open (i.e. not closed off). As always, access to the Oktoberfest grounds is free.

9. The Oktoberfest is at its best when there aren’t any large crowds. The Wiesn Barometer shows you the best times for a quiet stroll around the site. You will find the barometer on the official Oktoberfest website at www.oktoberfest.eu.

10. No matter how much fun you have, every trip to Oktoberfest has to come to an end some time. No visitors are permitted on the festival grounds between 1:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Opening festivities

The grand entrance of the Oktoberfest Landlords and Breweries
Saturday, September 16, 2017, beginning at 10.45 a.m.
The grand entrance of the breweries and Landlords serves as the opening ceremony of the Oktoberfest. The exciting hour-long procession is lead by the Münchner Kindl on horseback and the festive carriage of the Lord Mayor of Munich. Route: From Sonnenstrasse to the Wiesn festival grounds. www.festring.de

The Oktoberfest Costume and Riflemen’s Parade
Sunday, September 17, 2017, beginning at 10 a.m.
On the first Sunday of the Oktoberfest, the world-renowned costume parade takes its route from the Munich city center to Theresienwiese. A multitude of groups dressed in traditional costume, marching bands, amateur and mountain riflemen from Munich, the surrounding region, Bavaria and throughout Europe present themselves during this two-hour parade. Both processions take place in all weathers. www.festring.de

Open-Air Concert of the Oktoberfest Bands
Sunday, September 24, 2017, 11 a.m.
Theresienwiese in front of the Bavaria statue

Victory celebration with gun salute
Tuesday, 3 October 2017, from 12 noon
Victory celebration and prize giving ceremony for the Oktoberfest shooting competition with a gun salute at the Bavaria statue.

The official Oktoberfest app download here: www.muenchen.de/wiesnapp

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