

Nash's Numbers

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By now you should have had your meter adjusted for the 2001/2002 fare increase. Well here is how the increase breaks down. The 5.5% increase is based on an average 2.8 mile journey, and as the "flag fall" surcharge is still £1, (£1 + 40p worth of journey) keeps the actual percentage down to 5.5% on that average journey. However the actual percentage changes are as follows;

Standard rate up 6.9% on distance (£1.70/mile), waiting time up 7.0% (£17.64/hr.)

Higher rate up 6.5% on distance (£2.55/mile), waiting time up 6.6% (£26.47p/hr.)

In order to guess a fare for the "ow much is it to..." the following is for a rough guide.

The estimated average in normal traffic is 3 minutes waiting time per mile. I have Included this for the first 10 miles, obviously very heavy traffic will greatly increase this figure. Assuming this wait on every journey over 10 and then its relatively clear of traffic, add £10.60 to the figure over 10 miles. Conversely, evening /night traffic will be much less.

Miles	Min. Fare	In traffic	Miles	Min. Fare	Miles	Min. Fare	Miles	Min. Fare
1	£2.80	£3.80	11	£24.00	21	£49.60	40	£98.00
2	£4.60	£6.40	12	£26.60	22	£52.20	50	£123.60
3	£6.20	£8.80	13	£29.20	23	£54.60	60	£149.00
4	£8.00	£11.60	14	£31.80	24	£57.20	70	£174.60
5	£9.60	£14.00	15	£34.20	25	£59.80	80	£200.00
6	£11.40	£16.60	16	£36.80	26	£62.40	90	£225.60
7	£13.80	£20.40	17	£39.40	27	£64.80	100	£251.00
8	£16.40	£24.40	18	£42.00	28	£67.40	200	£506.20
9	£19.00	£28.20	19	£44.40	29	£70.00	300	£761.20
10	£21.60	£32.20	20	£47.00	30	£72.60	400	£1016.20

Waiting time - £17.64/hr upto £11.20 on meter then £26.47/hr

Last month, an article introduced us to ExCel, the new Docklands Exhibition Centre. For those who have yet to pick up there, the rank and pick up are from ExCel **West only** which is approached from Tidal Basin Rd. Through the barrier and towards the end, but as the pick up and departure routes have changed twice since I have been going there, you are on your own. The Centre is just outside 6 miles from Charing Cross station, and is therefore likely to be frequented by Yellow badge drivers. Get to know the local hotels including Travel Inn, opposite Asda in Woolwich Manor Way, and the Ibis and F1, on the A406 (go round the Barking roundabout and exit as if you are going back on A406, eastbound). We don't need to know what exhibitions are on only how many and when. The following list the exhibits to the end of the year. Usually trade shows use more taxis.

Date	No. of Shows	Type	Date	No. of Shows	Type
10 - 12 June	2	Trade	2-4 Oct.	1	Trade
20-21 June	1	Trade	8-10 Oct.	2	Trade
27-28 June	1	Trade	16-17 Oct	6(very busy?)	Trade
27-29 July	1	Public	18 Oct	7(very busy?)	Trade
12-14 Aug.	4 (busy?)	Trade	19-20 Oct	1	Trade
2-4 Sept.	2	Trade	23 Oct	1	Trade
5 Sept	1	Trade	24-25	2	Trade
9-10 Sept	2	Trade	27-29 Oct	1	Trade
18 Sep	1	Trade	30/10-1/11	1	Trade
19-20 Sep	4	Trade	5-7 Nov	1	Trade
25-27 Sep	2	Trade	4-6 Dec	1	Trade

Once again my plea for your observations on anything of interest to fellow members. A number of small observations from many of you could lead to whole article, so please call my voice mail on 020 8506 1000 mailbox 0195 anytime.