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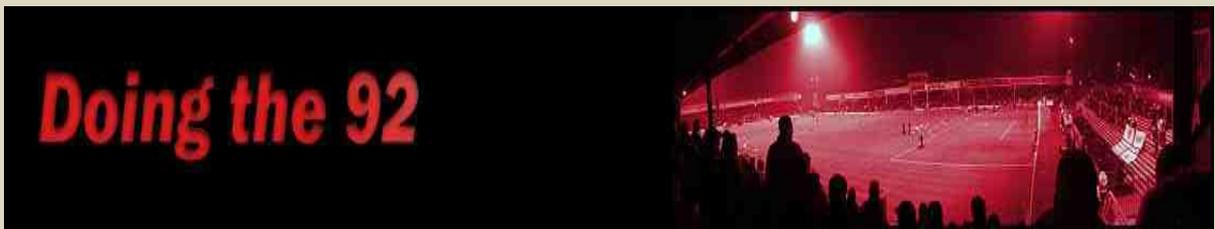


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By J Aitken & Solomon Campbell



Guide to the Championship teams for 2025/26 season in this part of the book I have outlined their history old grounds with pictures a ground guide plus historical facts plus how to get there driving, public transport and walking to the ground along with where to drink for a neutral or away supporter and what you will pay to get in.

Remember if travelling by train then you can save on the cost of fares by booking in advance look at you away days and even book as far as possible so visit the Trainline.com



- Local Bus



Rail



- London Underground Transport



→ - Walking time distance



- Car



- London Overground



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Tram

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Front Cover – Champions of the Division from 1892



Birmingham City

Ground - St Andrews Ground, Cattell Road Birmingham B9 4RL

Main Telephone No: 0844 557 1875

Fax No: 0844 557 1975

Ticket Office No: 0844 557 1875

Capacity: 30,016 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The Blues

Year Ground Opened: 1906

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Undefeated

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.bcfco.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1875 (Small Heath Alliance)

Years at Today's Ground – 112 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 Founder Member of Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1956

Highest Attendance – 68,844 v Everton, FA Cup Fifth Round, 11/02/1939

Highest Score for – 12 – 0 v Walsall Town Swifts Division Two 4/01/1903, v Doncaster Rovers Division Two 11/04/1903

Highest Against – 1 – 9 v Blackburn Rovers 11/04/1903, v Sheffield Wednesday 13/12/1930

Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Walter Abbott 1898/99

Highest Scorer Overall – 267 Joseph Bradford 1920 – 35

Player with most First Team Appearances – 551 Gilbert Harold (Gil) Merrick 1946 – 60



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Former Names

Small Heath Alliance 1875 - 1885

Small Heath 1885 - 1905

Birmingham FC 1905 - 1943

Former Grounds

Arthur Street (1875),

Ladypool Road (1876),

Muntz Street, Small Heath (1876 – 1905)

Ground Guide

After the Hillsborough Disaster in Sheffield three quarters of the ground was rebuilt in the mid 90's. One large two-tiered stand, incorporating the Tilton Road End and the old Spion Kop end, completely surrounds half the pitch and replaced a former huge Spion Kop terrace.



Spion Kop End

The new Tilton Road End was opened in 1995, with the new Spion Kop following in 1996. At the back of the Spion Kop Stand, which runs along one side of the pitch, are a row of executive boxes, as well as a central seated executive area which also incorporates the Directors 'box'.

The Railway End, recently renamed Gil Merrick Stand their appearances record holder of 551 between 1946 to 1960 was opened in February 1999. It is a large two-tiered stand and unusual in having quite a small top tier, which overhangs the lower area. Again, there is a row of executive boxes in this stand, housed at the back of the lower section.



Gil Merrick Stand

Away supporters are seated in the Gil Merrick Stand, in the section closest to the Spion Kop. Approximately a quarter to a half of the Lower Tier is reserved for away fans although for games when the away allocation is increased to 10% of the total capacity, the section extends

down towards all but the last section of the lower tier. When coming to the ground you'll come to the away turnstiles first when walking up from the city centre. The quality of the seating and views of the game from the Gil Merrick Stand are both excellent, though there can be a problem with legroom in parts. And the top tier is smaller than the lower tier.

Pubs for away fans and neutrals are in the centre of town near New Street Station are the Briar Rose which is at 25 Bennett's Hill good food and friendly staff. Near St Andrews is the Cricketers Arms at 48 Little Green Lane it is vibrant and sociable pub popular with locals and visitors alike. Nearby to Birmingham New Street just off the ramp is The Shakespeare Victorian Pub and the Sun on The Hill which both stock a decent choice of real ales. Nearby to Snow Hill Station there is the Old Contemptible which is an Oak Bar, or the Jekyll & Hyde, the gin parlour which also stocks a variety of real ales.

Food on offer inside the ground includes a range of Pies; Steak and Ale, Chicken & Mushroom (all £3), Burger/Cheeseburgers (£3.50), and Hot Dogs (£3.50) and there are good portions and £4.00 a pint. Me I am not for paying those prices so take a Subway Meal from Birmingham New Street or walk over to Pauls or Sixteen Bakery only 160 yards from the station to get hot pies for £1.00.



Main Stand

The former Main Stand, which was opened in 1952, now the only part that remains of the former St Andrews Ground. This is a two-tier stand running along one side of the pitch and has a row of executive boxes running across its middle and is stand is the smallest at the stadium.

This stand which is now known as the Garrison Lane Stand also houses the press area, television gantry and has the team dugouts located in front of it. The team dressing rooms are now situated within the Gil Merrick Stand, which results in the teams entering the field of play from one corner of the stadium between this stand and the Garrison Lane Stand and there is also in this area a large video screen that was erected in 2009.

Driving to the Ground



North/ South East

Leave the M6 at Junction 6 and take the A38 (M) the Aston Expressway for the City Centre. Continue past the first turn off and then take the next turn off, for the Inner Ring Road (Dartmouth Middleway).

Turn left at the roundabout at the top of the slip road and take the Ring Road East (Signposted Coventry/Stratford). Continue along the ring road for two miles, crossing straight across three roundabouts. At the fourth roundabout (there is a large McDonalds on the far-left hand corner) turn left into Coventry Road going towards Small Heath. Take a left into Cattell Road at the lights and City's ground is on your left. The ground is well sign posted on the Inner Ring Road. There is though plenty of street parking off the left-hand side of the ring road. Either around the small park at the third roundabout you cross or along the road next to and behind the BP garage before the fourth island. Bear in mind that if you arrive after 1.30pm these areas are likely to be already full. There are some local schools and firms that offer parking facilities for around £5. You can park next to the Cricketers Arms in Little Green Lane which is just off Cattell Road via Arsenal Street



South West

Take the M5 to junction 3 then take the A456 exit to Birmingham (W & C) then at the roundabout take the third exit onto Quinton Expressway/A456, go through two roundabouts and follow the signs for the A456 on the Middleway and follow this road for about five miles then take the left and follow the signs for Ring Road/ A38. At the roundabout take the third exit into Highgate Middleway and go straight on at one roundabout at the next take the third exit into Coventry Road then at the lights take a left into Cattell Road.

Public Transport



→ 3 mins



16A



→ 4 mins



17/97



→ 3 mins

Train to **Birmingham New Street Railway Station** to walk out onto Station Road and take the **Diamond 16A bus** to the markets and walk over to Stop D2A Allison Street then take the **National Express West Midlands 17, 97 buses** to Coventry Road (St Andrews Stop) and it's a three minutes' walk to the ground.

Admission

- Adults £30 (B £27) (C £25) (D £20)
- Senior Citizens/Students £18 (B £16) (C £15) (D £12)
- Under 18's £13 (B £11) (C £10) (D £7)
- Under 13's £7 (B £7) (C £5) (D £5)

Blackburn Rovers

Ground - Ewood Park, Nuthall Street, Blackburn, BB2 4JF

Main Telephone No: 0871 702 1875

Ticket Office: 0871 222 1444

Capacity: 31,367 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 76 yards

Club Nickname: Rovers

Year Ground Opened: 1890

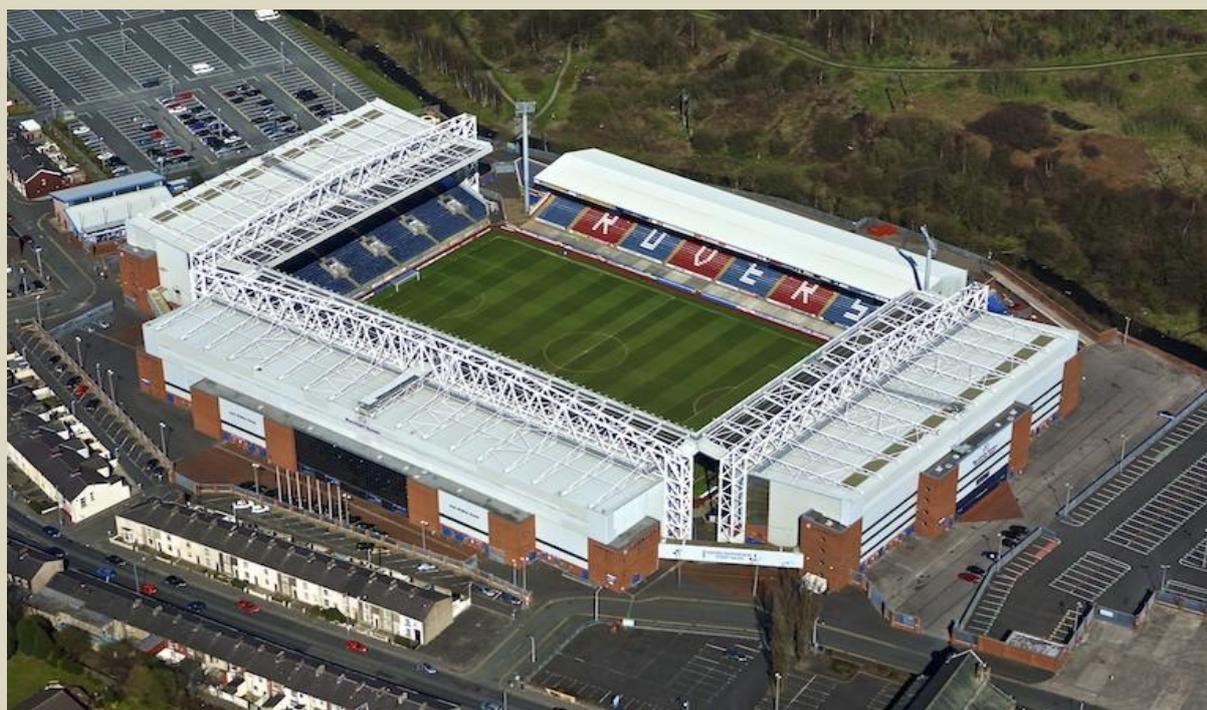
Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Total wicked

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.rovers.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1875

Former Names – Blackburn Grammar School Old Boys FC

Years at Today's Ground – 130 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – November 1958

Highest Attendance – 61,783 v Bolton Wanderers, FA Cup 6th round, 2 March 1929

Highest Score for – 11 – 0 Rossendale FA Cup First Round 13/10/1884

Highest Against – 0 – 8 v Arsenal Division One 25/03/1923

Highest Scorer in a Season – 43 goals Edward Cashfield (Ted) Harper in 1925/26

Highest Scorer Overall – 194 Simon Garner 1978 – 92

Player with most First Team Appearances – 637 Ronald Clayton 1950 – 69

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Former Grounds

Preston New Road (1875 - 77)

Pleasington Cricket Ground (1877)

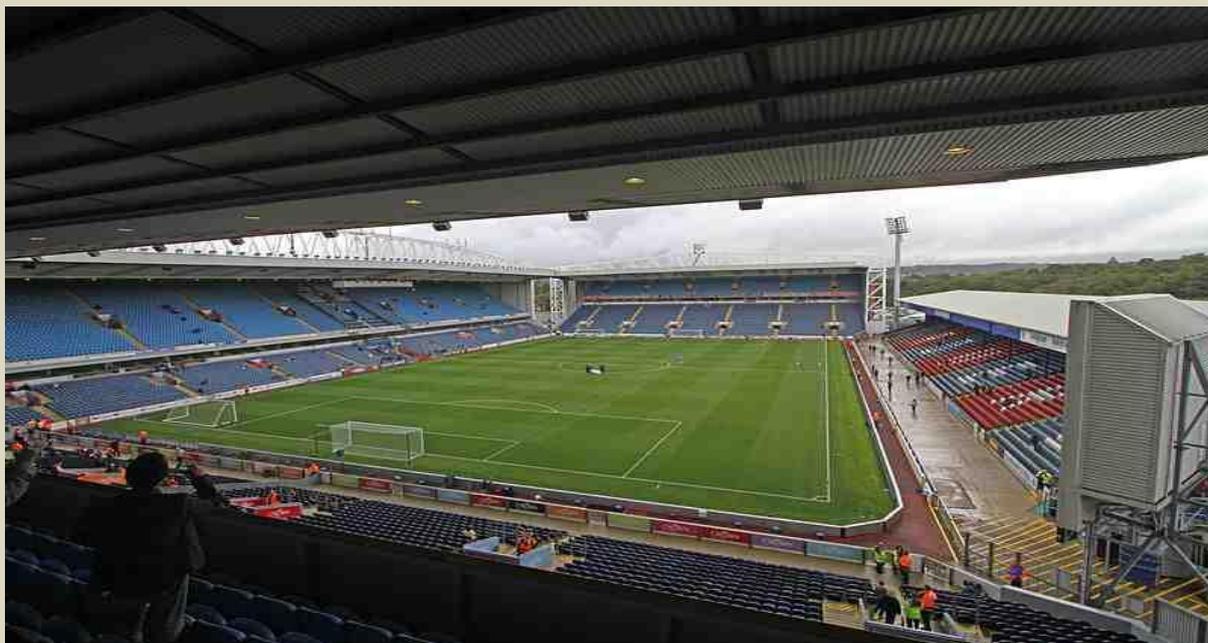
Alexandra Meadows (1877 – 81),

Leamington Road (1881 – 90)

Ground Guide

The ground is quite impressive, having had three new large stands Jack Walker, Blackburn End, and Darwen End built during the 1990's. These stands are at both ends and at one side of the ground. They are of similar design, being two tiered, having a row of executive boxes and similar roofs. The ends are particularly impressive, both having large lower tiers. The only downside is the open corners, although there is a huge screen at one corner by the away end.

There is also an electric scoreboard at the Darwen End of the ground now renamed Bryan Douglas Stand and this is where the away fans are housed where the facilities provided are good but the spacing between the rows of seats being quite tight (designed for a midget). The Darwen End is shared with home supporters, but if demand requires it the whole of the stand can be made available with 4,000 tickets, which are split between the whole of the upper tier and part of the lower tier (with the lower tier being allocated first).



Ronnie Clayton, Jack Walker and Riverside Stands (Paul Coleman)

The Riverside is the only undeveloped stand, running down one side of the pitch. This is a smaller single tiered stand and in fact it looks older than what it is having been opened in 1988. It contains a fair number of supporting pillars and is partly covered (to the rear) but has a huge walk way when leaving the ground and can watch the end of the match as you are leaving. Outside the stadium behind the Blackburn End there is a statue of former club owner Jack Walker.

Away fans are housed in the Bryan Douglas Darwen End, where the facilities provided are good. However, the spacing between the rows of seats leaves a lot to be desired, being quite tight. The Darwen End is shared with home supporters, but if the support demands require it the whole of the stand can be made available.

Normally the away allocation is for three quarters of the stand, at just under 4,000 tickets, which are split between the whole of the upper tier and part of the lower tier (with the lower tier being allocated first). If forgot to buy in advance, then you need to buy one from the away supporter's ticket office at the ground as you can't pay on the turnstiles. The ticket office is located on the corner of the Darwen End & the Jack Walker Stand.

The Fernhurst Lodge which is on Bolton Road where there is good food for price and are only two minutes from the stadium. Failing this you have The Golden Cup which is located quite a bit further along this road near to the M65. Mostly uphill, it is the most pleasant of walks, and unless you have a car or have just exited off of the M65 then you good selection of beers



Bryan Douglas Stand

There is also Uncle Jacks on Branch Road and it welcomes away fans, has an excellent selection of beers, cask ales as well as some brilliant pies and it is only a fourteen mins walk from the ground' you walk past the ground and then take a left down Branch Road. There is a large Weatherspoon's outlet near to Blackburn Railway Station known as the Postal Order, amongst a handful of other small watering holes which allow away and Neutral fans.

Food on offer inside the ground includes a range of Pies; Steak and Ale, Chicken & Mushroom (all £3), Burger/Cheeseburgers (£3.50), and Hot Dogs (£3.50) and there are good portions and £4.00 a pint. Me I am not for paying those prices so take a Subway Meal from Blackburn Railway Station or walk six minutes over to Oddies in New Market Street or Pounds Bakery at 8 New Market Street to get hot pies for £1.50

Driving to the Ground



North

Travel the M6 to junction 30, and merge onto the M61 then at leave junction 9 then onto the M65 towards Blackburn, then leave the M65 at Junction 4 (A666) and follow signs towards Darwen/ Blackburn. At the roundabout take the fourth exit into Earcroft Way and take a right at the lights and go under the M65 past the Fernhurst Lodge Pub then take the third right into the ground.



South

Travel the M6 to junction 29, then onto the M65 towards Blackburn, then leave the M65 at Junction 4 (A666) and follow signs above

**East**

Use Motorway M62 onto M66/A56, then onto the M65, head towards Blackburn then leave the M65 at Junction 4 (A666) and at the roundabout take the first exit into Earcroft Way and then follow the above directions for the North.

Public Transport/Walking



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→ 7 mins

Take the train to **Blackburn Railway Station** walk three minutes up to the town centre and from stance 1 and get the **Blackburn Bus Company 1 Bus** and alight at Heys Lane then walk down past the Brown Cow Pub and continue to the main roundabout (Shearers Island) go straight on around McDonald and the ground is on the left.

Admission

Bryan Douglas Darwen End

Adults £20 - £35,

OAP's £16 - 29

18-23: £12 - £23

12-17: £7- £18

5 - 11: £5 - £13

Bristol City

Ground - Ashton Gate, Ashton Road, Bristol, BS3 2EJ**Main Telephone No:** 0117 963 0600**Fax No:** 0117 963 0600**Ticket Office:** 0117 963 0600 (Option 1)**Capacity:** 21,479 (all seated)**Pitch Size:** 115 x 75 yards**Club Nickname:** The Robins**Year Ground Opened:** 1904**Undersoil Heating:** Yes**Shirt Sponsors:** Huboo**Kit Manufacturer:** Hummel**Website:** www.bcfc.co.uk**Programme:** £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1894 (Bristol South End)

Former Names – Bristol South End merged with Bedminster (1887) in 1901

Years at Today's Ground – 114 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1901

First Official Floodlit Match – Jan 1953

Highest Attendance – 43,335 v. Preston North End 16 February 1935

Highest Score for – 11–0 v. Chichester City FA Cup Round One 5 November 1960

Highest Against – 0–9 v. Coventry City F.C. on the 28 April 1934

Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 Don Clark 1946/47 season

Highest Scorer Overall – 351 Peter John Walter (John) Atyeo from 1951 – 66

Player with most First Team Appearances – 646 Louis Anthony Carey from 1995 to 2014



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Former Grounds

St Johns Lane (1894 – 1904)

Ground Guide

The Atyeo stand named after Peter John Walter Atyeo there highest scoring and appearances till the most appearances record was taken by Lois Carey in 2013 at one end of the ground, covered all seated single tiered stand. It was opened in 1994, replacing a former open terrace and has made a great difference to the overall look of the ground.



Other parts Ashton Gate Stadium have undergone major transformation recently with the building of two new stands and the refurbishment of a third. The most recent and largest edition is the new Lansdown Stand on the West side of the ground. Opened in August 2016 this huge stand has a capacity of around 11,000, spread over two tiers.

It has a large lower tier, with a smaller one above, whilst in-between the tiers there is a row of corporate boxes stretching across its middle. The stand has quite a high roof with a strip of Perspex running across the top of the upper tier just below, to allow more light to get to the pitch.

At one end is another new stand. The South Stand was opened in August 2015 and has replaced the former Wedlock End. This new South Stand is a good sized single tiered stand, having a capacity of just over 6,000 seats. It extends around both corners of this end of the stadium. It has Perspex panels built into the front of the roof like all the new stands, to allow more sunlight onto the playing surface allowing the grass to grow naturally.

On the remaining side is the Dolman Stand which was opened in 1970. It is a two-tiered all seated stand that has a large upper tier and a smaller lower tier. As part of the development works at the ground, its roof was further extended to meet the new stand in the South East corner and the stand itself was refurbished. Ashton Gate Stadium is shared with Bristol Rugby Club.



Updated Main Stand



South Stand

Fans who visit Ashton Gate are housed at one end of the stadium in the John Atyeo Stand, where around 4,200 fans can be accommodated. The stand is free of supporting pillars and offers good views of the playing action. The stand is also located quite close to the pitch and with good stand acoustics a good atmosphere can be created. Entrance to the ground is gained through the use of electronic turnstiles, whereby your ticket needs to be inserted into a bar code reader.

Alcohol is made available to away fans inside the ground with Brands available include; Heineken (£4.50), Fosters (£4), John Smiths (£4), Butcombe Bitter (£4), Guinness (£4.50) and Thatcher's Cider (£4). The Knights Templar pub, at 1 the Square it's a two minute walk straight ahead from the station into the Temple area and off to the left in the square'. Good beer food and wine served by friendly staff.

The Cottage in Baltic Wharf on Cumberland Road is a nice pub situated on the river front and has good real ale (from the Butcombe Brewery). The 'Tobacco House' bar which is five minutes' walk from the road behind the John Atyeo Stand next door to an Aldi store and the Tobacco House on Raleigh Road I found the bar friendly and trouble free and the food was good too.' The Orchard pub is about a ten minutes' walk from the ground at Hanover Place on Harbour side this pub is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and apart from having a number of Ale's on offer; it also has up to 24 different ciders available. Visiting supporters are welcome at the Bedminster Cricket Club, which is located about a 15 minutes' walk away from Ashton Gate, on Clange Road and you can also park at a cost of £5 per car.'

Driving to the Ground



Exit the M5 at junction 15 merge onto the M4 to junction 19, exit toward A4174/Ring Road and then onto the M32 then continue on till you get to Cabot Circus take a left into Temple Way then at the main roundabout take the second exit into Temple Gate/ A4 and at the next roundabout take the third exit into Clarence Road and pass the Peugeot Garage then at the T Junction take a left and after crossing the bridge take the right exit and follow the signs for the A370 and after the lights take a left into Coronation Road.

Then after a mile take the first left after the cafe at the pedestrian crossing into Green Bush Lane then at the bottom of the road at the T Junction take a left into North Road and follow the road round as there is little parking at the ground, I take the third left into Bath Street and park at the flats and then walk it to the ground.



The Alternative route is to Leave the M5 at Junction 18 and travel along the Portway (A4) following signs for the Bristol Airport/Taunton (A38). As you go over the swing bridge (Brunel Way), branch left into Winterstoke Road, and you will see the ground on your left behind the houses and at the roundabout take the first exit up to the ground.

Public Transport



→ 6 mins →



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→ 4 mins

Take the train to **Parson Street Rail Station** turn left out of the railway station, then follow the road left, then take the first right and then first right into Luckwell Road at the climbing centre and take the **First Bus 24 Citylines bus** to Dunford Street then walk up to Ashton Road then take a left and the entrance is on the left down the lane

Admission

Away End:

Adults £27 - 40
Over 65's £25 – 35
Under 19 to 25 £12 - 25
Under 12's £12 - 15

Pubs

For the neutral try the Rising Sun on Ashton Road and for the away supporters Tobacco House' bar which is a five minutes walks from the road behind the Atyeo stand next door to an Aldi store.

Charlton Athletic

Ground - The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton, SE7 8BL

Main Telephone No: 020 8333 4000

Main Fax No: 020 8333 4001

Ticket Office: 0871 226 1905

Ticket Office Fax: 020 8333 4011

Capacity – 27,000

Pitch Size - 112 x 73 yards

Club Nickname: The Addicks

Year Ground Opened: 1919

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: KV

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.cafc.co.uk

Programme: £3



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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1905

Years at Today's Ground – off and on around 100 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1921 from Southern Football League Founder
Member of Division Three South

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1961

Highest Attendance – 75,031 v Aston Villa FA Cup Fifth Round 12/02/1938

Highest Score for – 8 – 1 v Middlesbrough Division One 12/09/53

Highest Against – 1 – 11 v Aston Villa Division Two 14/11/59

Highest Scorer in a Season – Ralph Allan 33 in 1934/35 season

Highest Scorer Overall – Derek David Hales 168 from 1973 - 76 & 1978 -85

Player with most First Team Appearances – Samuel Bartram 623 from 1934 - 56

Former Grounds

Siemens Meadow Woolwich (1905 – 07),
Woolwich Common (1907 – 09)
Pound Park (1909 – 13),
Horn Lane Greenwich (1913 – 19),
The Valley (1919 – 23), (1924 – 85)
The Mount Ringstead Road Catford (1923/24),
Selhurst Park (1985 – 1992)
Boleyn Ground (1992)

Ground Guide

The club first move to the Valley Ground in 1919 and at one time had a capacity of 75,000 which was exceeded in 1938 in a FA Cup against Aston Villa when 75,031 watched the match but by the 1980's the old ground needed repair but there was no money at the club the club moved to Crystal Palace FC ground of Selhurst Park for the 1985-86.



West Stand

The club moved back to the Valley in 1992 and the club redeveloped. The East Stand was constructed during the 1993–94 season and fully completed in 1994. As part of the first development to the ground, it replaced the massive east terrace, which had remained closed and prohibited from use since the mid-1980s after the Bradford City stadium fire. The East Stand consists of a single tier of 6,000 seats and houses the television gantry, and also has numerous executive boxes. Occasionally, for FA and League Cup matches, part of the East Stand is used to house away supporters if the demand for away team tickets is high.



East Stand

The West Stand with a capacity of 9,000 was built in 1998 after Charlton's first promotion to the Premier League and is also two tiered. This is the main stand at the Valley with the largest capacity, and also houses the club's offices, as well as the director's box, board room dug-outs, changing rooms and the commercial centre (ticket office). There are also many conferencing rooms in this stand which are used for official and community events.

The North Stand with a capacity of 9,000 was built as a replacement for the 'covered end', and is still called by this name. It was built during the 2001–02 season as part of the developments

to bring the Valley's capacity to 26,500 after promotion to the Premier League in 2000. The North Stand houses what is considered the most vocal supporters in the ground.

The Jimmy Seed (or South) Stand is the oldest part of the ground, and dates from the early 1980s. This stand is named after Charlton's manager, Jimmy Seed – with whom Charlton won the FA Cup in 1947. This stand has a capacity of around 3,000 and hosts the away supporters at games. It is also the only part of the Valley with a supporting pillar.

The stadium doesn't have any floodlight pylons as such, but has rows of small floodlights running across the tops of the stands. The stadium is overlooked by a block of flats at the South Stand and it is not uncommon to see fans out on their balconies watching the game for nothing.

In one corner of the stadium between the Jimmy Seed (South) & East Stands is a large video screen. Outside the ground there is a statue of Charlton's legendary former goalkeeper Sam Bartram.



Jimmy Seed Stand (Away End)

Driving to the Ground



Exit M25 at junction 2 and follow until the road becomes A102 (M). Continue along to the A102 (M), until you reach the exit sign posted Woolwich Ferry. Turn right onto the A206 Woolwich Road. At the first set of traffic lights turn right and Floyd Road is the 2nd turning on the left.

Parking at the ground is for permit holders only. There is street parking, but due to a local residents parking scheme, not in close vicinity to the ground. However, as you come off the A2 onto the A206, there is some parking to be had around the industrial estates in the area, in Westmoor Street, Eastmoor Street (the very road where the club was apparently formed 100 years ago!), Warspite Road and Ruston Road. If you are coming up the Woolwich Road from the Blackwell Tunnel, then as you go past the ground, the industrial estates are on the

left-hand side.

Public Transport



From **Charing Cross, Euston and Kings Cross Railway Stations** then then walk over to the Underground station take the Northern Line direct to **London Bridge Underground Station** then then walk over to the railway station then Southern trains to **Charlton Railway Station** from Platform 1 and come out of the station into Charlton Church Lane and cross over to the other side and turn right into Valley Grove.



From the north take the train to **Luton Railway Station** then take the Thameslink Northern TI take it to the **Farrington Railway Station** then take the **Elizabeth Line to Woolwich Railway Station** then take a left and walk up to **Woolwich Arsenal Railway Station** from Platform 1 and take it to **Charlton Railway Station** come out of the station into Charlton Church Lane and cross over to the other side and turn right into Valley Grove.



For those coming from East Anglia alight at **Stratford Railway Station** and walk over to the **Stratford DLR Station** and take this to **Woolwich Arsenal DLR** then cross over to the Rail station and take the train to **Charlton Railway Station** and do the return it will save you waiting in the queue for those heading into central London and you will get home quicker.

From the west change at **Reading Railway Station** take the Elizabeth Line to **Woolwich Railway Station** take a left and walk up to **Woolwich Arsenal Railway Station** from Platform 1 and take it to **Charlton Railway Station** come out of the station into Charlton Church Lane and cross over to the other side and turn right into Valley Grove.

Admission

Adults £30 (£25),
Over 60's £22 (£20),
Under 18's £10, Under 11's £5

Where to have a Drink

The Antiglycan pub was the dedicated pubs for away fans but closed in 2018 for the away fans coming through Woolwich Railway Station then use the Gun Pit on the way to Woolwich Arsenal Railway Station for those using London Bridge Railway Station then use The Telephone Exchange in Quirk Street or Whisky Gin on Borough High Street both only 5

minutes from the station decent pint and grub and from Stratford Railway Station there is the Neighbourhood, Taps East, Milkmade and Bat and ball pubs all within 6 minutes of the station.

The Rose of Denmark 296 Woolwich Road is a very attractive looking pub. The pub is Charlton Athletic through and through, but don't let that put you off - it's a welcoming place for the neutral don't wear a scarf; there are three large television screens showing sporting events.

Coventry City

Ground – Coventry Building Society Ground, Phoenix Way, Coventry, CV6 6GE

Club Tel No: 0844 873 1883

Ticket Office Number: 0844 873 1883 (Option 1)

Capacity: 32,600 (all seated)

Nickname - The Sky Blues

Pitch Size: 116 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened: 2005

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Boyle Sports

Away Shirt Sponsors: King of Shave

Kit Manufacturer: Hummel

Website: www.cfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1883 (Singer FC)

Years at Today's Ground – 13 years off and on

First Admitted to the Football League – 1919

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1955 Highfield Stadium

Highest Attendance – 51,455 v Wolverhampton Wanderers Division Two 29/04/1967

Highest Score for – 9 – 0 v Bristol City Division Three South 28/04/1934

Highest Against – 2-10 v Norwich City Division Three South 15/03/1930

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 50 Clarrie Bourton in 1931/32
182 goals from 1931 – 37

Player with most First Team Appearances – Steve Ogrizovic, 601 from 1984 to 2000

Former Names

Singer FC 1883 - 1898

Former Grounds

Dowels Field (King Richard Street) – 1883–1887

Stoke Road – 1887–1899

Highfield Road 1899 - 2005

Ricoh Arena – 2005–2013, 2014 - 19

Sixfields Stadium Northampton 2013-14

Birmingham City FC 2019 - 21

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Ground Guide

The new Coventry stadium is functional and fairly conservative in its design. Three sides of the stadium, which are large single tiered stands and within the complex has an exhibition centre attached to its West side, resulting in a unique looking stand that gives more of a continental feel.



South & East Stand

The Lloyds Pharmacy Stand, it has a small tier of seats overhanging the larger lower tier, with a row of corporate hospitality boxes, running along the back of the lower section. Along the top of the stand is a large area of white panelling (adorned with the logo of the stadium sponsors) that runs along the length of the stand and around the corners of either side of it. In one of these corners is located a Police Control box. Below the white panelling is a large windowed corporate hospitality area.



South, West and North Stands

The stadium is fully enclosed with all corners of the stadium being filled with spectator seating and all the stands are of the same height, giving it a symmetrical look. There are a number of clear Perspex panels located in the roof at the South end of the stadium, plus a large strip of Perspex that runs around the stadium just below the roof at the back of three sides. These measures allow more natural light to enter the stadium, which helps the growth of the grass pitch. There is also a large video screen type scoreboard located in one corner of the stadium between the South and East Stands.

Seating for away supporters is normally allocated within Blocks 6 and 7 of the south stand, although if there is greater demand for seats this is extended to sections 8 and 9 as per the above diagram. One estimate suggest that the away allocation is anywhere between 2,500-4,000 seats and entrance to the stadium is through automatic turnstiles, where you have to put your ticket (which has a bar code on it) into a slot reader, which then allows the turnstiles admit you.

Behind the stands there are spacious concourses and a number of food and drink outlets. Food on offer includes; Steak Pie (£3.50), Chicken Curry Pie (£3.50), Cheese and Onion Pie (£3.50) and Sausage Rolls (£3) and the concourses also have a number of televisions which show the game being played inside.

Driving to the Ground



North/ South East

Leave the M6 at Junction 3 and then take the A444 towards the city centre. You'll find the stadium on the left after about a mile.

Parking at the stadium is mostly for permit holders, although the Club do sell on the day spaces in Car Park C at £10 per car, although it is best to book a space in advance. Blue badge holders can also park at the stadium itself but again at a cost of £10. The Club are also utilising a number of car parks within walking distance of the stadium, in such places as factory units and local schools, costs of these official car parks varies but are around £2.50-£5 per vehicle.

Public Transport



→ 3 mins



→ 3 mins

Train to **Coventry Railway Station** then walk over to Sainsbury in Trinity Street and take the **National Express Coventry 3** to the ground.

Admission

South Stand

Adults £20 - 35,

Concessions £19 - 25,

Under 16 £10 - 15

Derby County

Ground - Pride Park Stadium, Royal Way Derby, DE24 8XL

Main Telephone No: 0871 472 1884
Fax No: 01332 667519
Capacity: 33,597 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 105 x 68 yards
Club Nickname: County or Rams
Year Ground Opened: 1997
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Fan Hub
Kit Manufacturer: Puma
Website: www.dafc.co.uk
Programme: £3

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1884
Former Names – Derbyshire County FC
Years at Today's Ground – 21 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member
First Official Floodlit Match – March 1953
Highest Attendance – 41,826 v Tottenham Hotspur Baseball Ground 20/09/1969
Highest Score for – 12 – 0 v Finn Harp Round One U.E.F.A. Cup Round 1 1976
Highest Against – 2 – 11 v Everton F.A. Cup Round One 18/01/1890
Highest Scorer in a Season – Jack Bowers 43 in 1932/33
Highest Scorer Overall – Steve Bloomer 322 1892 – 1905, 1910 – 13
Player with most First Team Appearances – 589 Kevin Hector 1966 – 82



Former Grounds

The Racecourse Ground (Derbyshire County Ground) (1884 – 1895)



Baseball Ground (1895 – 1997) **

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The Club moved to Pride Park in 1997 after spending 102 years at their former Baseball Ground home. The new ground was opened by the Queen, is totally enclosed with all corners being filled.



BEG

One corner is filled with executive boxes, with the large Toyota West Stand which runs down one side of the pitch is two tiered, complete with a row of executive boxes and the rest of the ground is smaller in size than the West Stand, as the roof drops a tier to the other sides, making it look unbalanced.

An unusual feature inside the stadium is next to the home dugout there is a statue of former player Steve Bloomer who overlooks the pitch. Outside the stadium on one corner is a statue of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor. In December 2013 the stadium was renamed the iPro Stadium in a 10-year corporate sponsorship deal but to fans its Pride Park.

Away fans are located at one end of the stadium in the Winfield Construction (South) Stand, where the allocation this can be up to from 2,700 to 5,600. The facilities within the stadium and view of the playing action are both very good and all of the away seats are sandwiched in the corner between the east and south stands. Entrance to the stadium is via electronic turnstiles, meaning that you have to insert your ticket into an electronic reader to gain entry.

Available on the concourse are a selection of Pukka Pies (Chicken Balti, Meat and Potato, Cheese and Onion) all at £4, Pasties' at £4. At half time fans are allowed outside the stadium into a cordoned off area, where there is a catering unit selling Burgers, Hot Dogs etc. It also provides an opportunity for those who smoke to have a cigarette outside. If you walk 400 yards up to Devonshire Walk is Birds good food and cakes then walk back down to the pubs.

The Navigation Inn is also popular with away supporters at 805 London Road and gives good meals from £3.95 and very good beer. The Brunswick at 1 Railway Terrace with real ale beside the railway station and a good buffet menu with the Alexandra Hotel a real ale oasis at 203 Siddals Road is just two minutes past the Brunswick. They offer an ever-changing selection of 6-8 guest ales from micro-breweries near and far plus the regular Harvest Pale from Castle Rock brewery in Nottingham Food is available all day every day in the form of 'made to order' cobs and fresh local pork and huntsman pies.

Driving Directions



North

Leave the M1 at junction 28 and follow the A38 to Derby. Follow the signs for the A52 (Nottingham) off the Pentagon island in Derby. After one mile, look for a large Toys R U store on the right. Take the next left at signs for Wyvern Shopping Centre (the ground is sign posted from here) and continue to the traffic island. Take the second exit, passing a Sainsbury's superstore on your right, and continue to the next traffic island. Take the first exit over the bridge, into Pride Park, and the stadium is on the left.



South

Leave the M1 at junction 25 and then at the roundabout, take the first left signposted Derby (A52). Stay on this road, for five miles, following the signs for the city centre. Look out for the signs for the Pride Park, and the signs for the travel lodge on your left. Take the next left into Wyvern Shopping Centre and continue to the traffic island. Take the first exit over the bridge, into Pride Park, and the stadium is on the left.

Public Transport



→ 10 mins

The ground is about a 10-minute walk away from **Derby Railway Station** and is well signposted. A new exit has been opened at the station which leads directly onto the retail park; you go up the stairs from the platform, turn right and walk to the end of the bridge.

Go down the stairs, exit and turn right down Roundhouse Road and then turn left at the roundabout, go straight down Riverside Road then turn right go down Pride Parkway then turn left into Derwent Parade then just before the ground turn right and the ground in front of you.

Admission

Adults £28 (B £25.50) (C £22)

Over 65's £20 (B £18) (C £15.50)

Under 18's £15.50 (B £14.50) (C £12.50)

Hull City

Ground - KC Stadium, the Circle, Walton Street, Hull, HU3 6HU

Main Telephone No: 01482 504 600

Fax No: 01482 304 882

Ticket Office: 01482 505 600

Ticket Office Fax: 01482 304 923

Capacity: 25,404 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 114 x 78 yards
Team Nickname: The Tigers
Year Stadium Opened: 2002
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Corendon Airlines
Kit Manufacturer: Kappa
Website: www.hullcitytigers.com
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1904

Years at Today's Ground – 17 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1905 Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – January 1953 Boothferry Road

Highest Attendance – 55,109 Boothferry Road

Highest Score for – 11 – 1 v Carlisle United Division Three South 14/01/1939

Highest Against – 0 – 8 v Wolverhampton Wanderers Division Two 04/11/1911

Highest Scorer in a Season – 39 William Frederick (Bill) McNaughton 1932/33

Player with most First Team Appearances – 520 Andy Davidson 1952 – 68

Former Grounds

The Boulevard Ground (1904/05, 1945/46),

Anlady Road Cricket Ground (1905 – 45),

Boothferry Road (1946 – 2007)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The Club moved to the KC Stadium in December 2002 and sharing with Hull RFC after leaving their former Boothferry Park home where they had been resident since 1946 and were the easiest to get to by train as the old station was outside the park.

Built in a parkland setting only 200 yards from their very first ground Anlady Cricket Ground, the stadium is totally enclosed and only 100 yards from their original Anlady Road Cricket Ground, with the West Stand being around twice the size of the other three sides. Apart from the West Stand, each of the other three stands is single tiered. The West Stand also benefits from having a row of executive boxes running across its middle. There is a large video screen at the North End of the stadium and the P.A system within the stadium is also excellent.



All four stands

Away fans who visit the KC Arena are housed within the north-east corner of the stadium, something which is made possible by the bowl-shaped nature of Hull's modern stadium. The allocation by default sits at around 1,300 tickets for the visiting team, however if there proves

to be greater demand the club essentially double the figure to 2,600. The concourse is well-sized which reduces the half-time stampede, and snacks and beverages are served efficiently and this makes the experiences of any fan's visit much more positive.

Driving Directions

North/West



At the end of the M62, and continue onto the A63 towards Hull. Stay on the A63 and take the exit for Beverley/A164. At the roundabout take the third exit for Beverley/ Humber Bridge/ York and go on through three roundabouts and at the fourth take the second exit (Signposted City Centre/ Hull Royal Infirmary) and then turn left at the lights and then over the flyover, right at the next lights and the ground is down on the right.

South



Take the M1 to Junction 21A take the A46 exit to Braunstone Frith/ Kirby Muxloe/ B5380 then keep right at the fork, follow the signs for A46/ Leicester North/ Newark and merge onto A46 and follow the signs for A46 to just past Lincoln and at the roundabout take the first exit for Humber Bridge/ A15 then at the third roundabout after about 21 mile take the Third Exit for the M180/ Humber Bridge/ Scunthorpe and then take the M180 to Junction 5 and take the sign for Hull/ Hull Airport then at the roundabout take the second exit onto the A15 and cross the Humber Bridge (cost £2.50 for Cars £4 for Buses) then at the roundabout take the third exit (Signposted City Centre/ Hull Royal Infirmary) and then turn left at the lights and then over the flyover, right at the next lights and the ground is down on the right.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 20 mins

Take the train to **Kingston upon Hull Railway Station**. The stadium is around a 20 minutes' walk away so you should leave the train station on the South side and turn right onto Anlaby Road and walk straight down its past Hull Royal Infirmary after crossing the railway bridge turn right into Walton Street and walk through the park, the ground is in front of you.

Admission

Adults £20 - 28
Over 65's £14 - 18
16 - 22 £10 - 14
Under 16 - £7

Where to have a Drink

'Linnet & Lark' at 30 Princess Street which is one mile away from the station going across the footbridge over the railway line turn left and walk through the car park and take a left at the roundabout down the back of Tesco when you get to the end at the petrol station take a right into Park Street then second right into Colonial Street and then fourth right into Argyle Street and four hundred yards up to the end of the road take a left then first right into Princess Avenue on the right a few hundred yards up is the Linnet is a great pub to watch the footy in, there are screens everywhere.

It's a nice open plan beer pub. When going back to the ground its straight back down the way you came but turn a right into Londesborough Street just before the road bridge and take the pedestrian bridge over the railway to the ground its 16 minutes' walk from the pub and just under a mile walk.

Ipswich Town

Ground - Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA

Main Telephone No: 01473 400 500

Ticket Office: 0844 80 11 555

Capacity: 30,300 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 70 yards

Club Nickname: The Tractor Boys or Blues

Year Ground Opened: 1884

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: = + - tour

Kit Manufacturer: Umbro

Website: www.itfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1878 (as Ipswich AFC)

Former Names – Ipswich AFC (merged in 1887 with Ipswich RFC)

First Admitted to the Football League – 1938 for Gillingham from the Southern League

First Official Floodlit Match – February 1960

Highest Attendance – 38,010 v Leeds United), FA Cup Sixth round, 08/03/1975

Highest Score for – 11–0 against Cromer, FA Cup Third Qualifying Round, 31/10/1936

Highest Against – 1 – 10 v Fulham Division One 26/12/1963

Highest Scorer in a Season – Ted Phillips 46 in 1956/57

Highest Scorer Overall – 218 Ray Crawford from 1958 – 68

Player with most First Team Appearances – 742 Mick (Le Boss) Mills from 1965 – 82



Former Grounds

Broom Town (1878-1880)
Brooks Hall (1880 – 1884)

Colours



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Away



Away 2nd Kit

Ground Guide

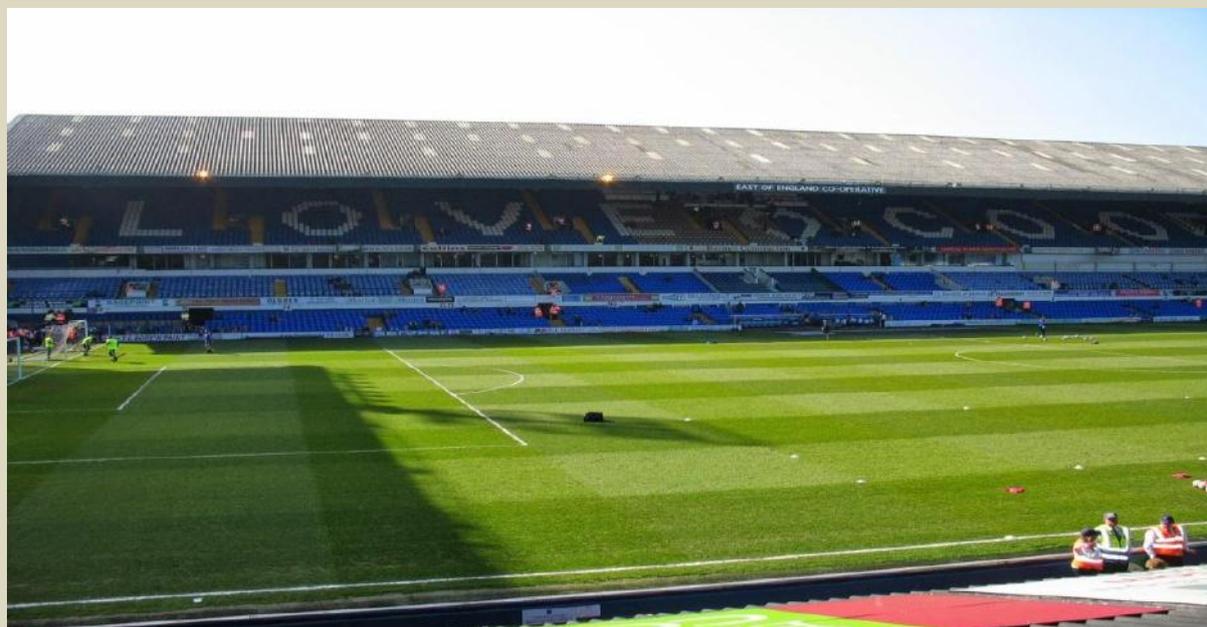
The Sir Alf Ramsey Stand and the Sir Bobby Robson Stand, are similar in appearance and size, and dwarf the older stands, located on each side of the ground. Unusually, both ends have a larger upper tier which overhangs slightly the smaller lower tier. Both have windshields to either side of the upper tier opened a year apart in 2001 & 2002.

On one side, the West Stand (East of England Co-operative Stand Stand) which is a three-tier covered stand, with a row of executive boxes running across its middle. This stand was originally opened in 1957.



Sir Alf Ramsey Stand (South Stand)

The teams emerge onto the field from one corner of the ground between the Sir Alf Ramsey and Britannia Stands. Outside are two statues of two former Ipswich and England managers. One is of World Cup winner Sir Alf Ramsey and is located on the corner between the Cobbold and Sir Bobby Robson Stand, while Sir Bobby Robson's statue is placed behind the Cobbold stand in Portman Road.



The East of England Co-operative Stand BGE

Away fans that make the trip to Ipswich's ground are housed within the revamped Cobbold Stand in respect of the Cobbold family who were former owners of the club and old Suffolk brewers Tolly-Cobbold which runs for the length of the pitch on the eastern side along Portman Road. Consisting of two unevenly split tiers, visiting supporters occupy the larger section of the stand within the second tier which is capable of seating 1,900.

Shared with some sections of the home faithful, the Cobbold Stand's age manifests itself in a number of ways, most notably in the relative lack of leg room within each row of seats compared to some of the newer grounds. The dates would suggest that it was once former terracing and even with support pillars, views for the majority of fans remain unobstructed.

Food on offer inside the ground include; Rollover Hot Dogs (£3.30), Various Pies & Pasties (£3), including the tasty Portman Steak & Ale Pie (£3.50) and Jumbo Sausage Rolls (£3). They also offer a Pie & Pint/Drink deal.'

Driving Directions



North

Exit from the A14 at the A12 Colchester junction. Follow the A1214 into Ipswich. You will go over two roundabouts, and several sets of traffic lights. When you get to the large set of lights, at the end of London Road, then you need to get into the middle lane, and go straight over the lights. At the next set of lights (beware these two sets of lights are only about 100 yards apart), then turn right into West End Road, past the BMW garage. Continue along West End Road for about a mile, and then turn first left into 'Sir Alf Ramsey Way just after the bridge. Continue along 'Sir Alf Ramsey Way' for about 300 yards, and the ground is on your right.



Sir Bobby Robson Stand



From the South

For those travelling along the A12, the junction with the A14 is effectively the first roundabout. Then follow the direction as above. As the ground is near to the town centre there is very little free street parking. Along Portman Road there are three Pay & Display car parks which cost £4.60 for a Saturday afternoon. For evening games, it is less as the car parks are free after 8pm.

Public Transport



→ 6 mins

The ground is only a quarter of a mile away from Ipswich Railway Station come out of the station and walks down Princess Street the grounds on your left after 6 minutes or visits the local pubs.

Admission

Away Fans/Neutrals

Adult – £24 - £38

U23 – £15 - £21

U19 – £7 - £13

65+ – £19 - £29



The Two Sirs Alf Ramsey and Bobby Robson

Where to have a Drink

The Station Hotel is an away supporter's home from home decent ale and plenty of screens to watch the football Food served from an extensive main menu.

Otherwise alcohol is on sale inside the ground including Adams Bitter (£3.40), Carlsberg Lager (£3.60), Aspall Suffolk Cyder (£3.90) Spirit Miniatures (£3.90) and White & Red Wine (£3.90). Please note that alcohol is not available to away fans at half time.

Leicester City

Ground – King Power Stadium, (New Filbert Street), Filbert Way, Leicester, LE2 7FL

Main Telephone Number: 0844 815 6000

Ticket Office: 0844 815 5000

Ground Capacity – 32,500

Pitch size- 110 x 76 yards

Club Nickname: The Foxes

Year Ground Opened: 2002

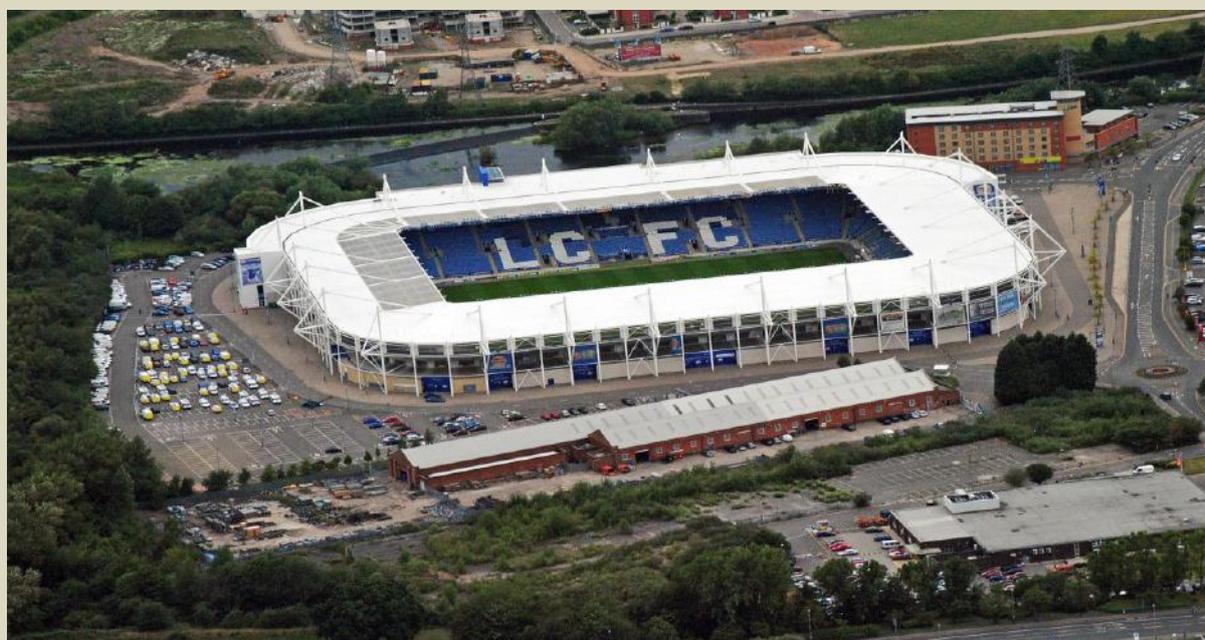
Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: King Power

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.lcfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1884 (Leicester Fosse)

Years at Today's Ground – 16 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1894 replaced Middlesboro Ironopolis from the Midland Football League and joined Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1957 Old City Stadium

Highest Attendance – 47,298 v Tottenham Hotspur at Filbert Street, Fifth Round FA Cup 18/02/1928

Highest Score for – 13-0 v Nottinghamshire Olympic FA Cup Qualifying Round One 03/10/1894

Highest Against – 0-12 v Nottingham Forest Division One 21/04/1909

Highest Scorer in a Season – 44 Arthur Rowley in 1956/57

Highest Scorer Overall – Arthur Clarence Hillier Chandler 238 from 1923 – 35

Player with most First Team Appearances – Graham Cross 599 from 1960 – 1979

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Former Names

Leicester Fosse (1884 – 1919)

Former Grounds

Fosse Road South (1884/85),
 Victoria Park (1885 – 87),
 Belgrave Road Velodrome (1887/88) (Leicester RFC)
 Victoria Park & Mill Park 1888/89),
 Ayleston Road Cricket Ground (Grace Road) (1889 – 91)
 Old City Stadium (Old Filbert Street) (1891 – 2002)

Ground Guide

In August 2002 the club moved 400 yards away across the cricket ground from their Filbert Street ground into its new home and the stadium is completely enclosed with all corners being filled with seating. The sides are of a good size, built in the same style and height.

The Upton Steel West Stand though on one side of the pitch does contain a row of executive boxes. Running around three sides of the stadium, just below the roof, is a transparent Perspex strip, which allows lighter and facilitates pitch growth. There are also two large video screens located in opposite corners of the stadium. Unusually the public address system is also broadcast on the speakers around the outside of the stadium. The King Power Stadium does have one redeeming feature - atmosphere. The acoustics are very good and both sets of supporters can really make some noise, making a great atmosphere.



King Power inside with all four stands

The away fans are accommodated up to 5000 in between the Family Stand and the East Stand in the corner so they are surrounded on both sides by the home where banter flows throughout the game. The food on the concourse is priced Double Cheeseburgers (£6.20), Cheeseburgers (£4.50), Hot Dogs (£4.50), a range of Pies (Chicken Balti, Steak and Ale, Monthly Guest Pie all (£4.20), Sausage Rolls with Leicester Cheese (£4) and Broccoli, Cauliflower and Double Cheese Pie (£4.20). You are better getting food outside like coffee from the Pumpkin Café at the station and your pies at Bakery or Bread and Honey in Kings Street

Driving Directions



North

Take the M1 until junction 22 or A46/A607 into Leicester city centre. Follow signs to Rugby Ground into Almond Road, and then turn right into Ayleston Road. Swing a left into Walnut Street, and then turn left into Filbert Street.



South

Take the M1 or M69 until junction 21, then A46 (Signposted Leicester). Go under the railway bridge and turn right into Upperton Road and right again into Filbert Street.



West

Take the M69 or A50 into Leicester city centre. Follow signs to Rugby into Almond Road, and then turn into Ayleston Road. Swing a left into Walnut Street, then left into Filbert Street.



East

Take the A47 into Leicester city centre. Follow signs to Rugby into Almond Road, and then turn into Ayleston Road. Swing a left into Walnut Street, then left into Filbert Street. If Tigers are not playing at home then park at Leicester Rugby Club which cost £8 in Almond Street

which is a ten-minute walk away from the stadium. If they are at home then park plenty of street parking around the Upperton Road area and on streets running off the A5460 by the railway bridge.

Allow yourself a little extra time to get to the ground as traffic does tend to get quite congested near the stadium and recently a number of 'Residents Only Parking' schemes have been implemented on streets off the A5460 Narborough Road and Upperton Road, near to the ground, which means that street parking now has to be found further away from the stadium.

You can park on side streets off Narborough Road but located around Imperial Road beside the church or on Fosse Road South, (if approaching from J21 of the M1) but this may then mean a 26-minute walk to the King Power Stadium. You walk down to the Baptist Church then turn right into Upperton Road cross the River Scar and turn right and walk down to the Stadium.

Public Transport



→ 18 mins

Train to **Leicester Railway Station** then it's an 18-minute walk from the Railway Station if you come out of the station and walk down Tigers Walk to Leicester Rugby Club then do a left right in Ayestone Way that runs beside the club at the end of the road turn left into Ayestone Road just past the cricket ground turn right into Raw Dikes Road and then turn into Filbert Way the ground is in front of you.



→ 5 mins



88 or



47 or 84 →



→ 5 mins

Train to **Leicester Railway Station** then take a right then turn left into Garby Street and walk up to Tesco Express and take a right and at Stop EK take the **Leicester Electric Saffron 88 or Arriva 47 or 88 buses** to Freemans Common and then walk back to the Vauxhall Dealership and at the lights turn left and walk down to the ground.

Admission

- Adults £46
- Over 65's/Under 22's £41
- Under 18 £33
- Under 16 £23
- Under 12's £12

Middlesbrough

Ground - Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS3 6RS

Telephone No: 01642 929420

Capacity: 35,100 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards
Club Nickname: Boro
Year Ground Opened: 1995
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Unibet
Kit Manufacturer: Erra
Website: www.MFC.co.uk
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1876

Years at Today's Ground – 30 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1899 from the North Eastern Football League

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1957

Highest Attendance – 53,596 v Newcastle United Division One 27 /12/1949 Ayresome Park

Highest Score for – 11-0 v Scarborough FA Cup Qualifying Round 4/10/1890

Highest Against – 0-9 v Blackburn Rovers Division Two 6/11/1954

Highest Scorer Overall/ Highest Scorer in a Season George Henry Camsell 345 goals from 1925 – 39 and 59 goals in 1926/27 Season

Player with most First Team Appearances – Reginald Garnet "Tim" Williamson 602 from 1902 - 1923

Former Grounds

Old Archery Ground (1876 – 79),

Breckon Hill Road (1879/80),

Linthorpe Road (1880 – 85),
Paradise Ground (1885 – 1903),
Ayresome Park (1903 – 1995)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The Club moved from its former home of Ayresome Park where it had played since 1903 to the Riverside Stadium in 1995. The stadium is totally enclosed, after the previous open corners to either side of the West Stand were closed with seating in 1998. All the stands are two-tiered, although the West Stand is slightly larger than the other three sides.

This stand also has a row of executive boxes running across its middle and the roof around the stadium is raised up above the seating areas to allow more light to get to the pitch, through Perspex panels located between the roof and the back of the seating areas. There is also a large video screen situated in the South East corner.



East Stand

Away supporters are housed on one side of the East Stand (towards the South East corner) at one side of the stadium and just under 3,000 fans can be accommodated in this area. The turnstiles are electronic which means that you have to insert your ticket in a reader, to gain entry. The away turnstiles are numbered 53-61 and then there is the regular fayre of food; Cheeseburgers (£3.80), Burgers (£3.50), Hot Dogs (£3.50), Pizza (£3), Chicken Balti Pies (£3), Cheese & Onion Pasties (£3) and Minced Beef Pies (£3). If you head over to the local shopping Centre then go to Copelands their selection of food and bakery are the cheapest in the town and get you coffee from Muffins in the Centre.



West and North Stands

Outside the main entrance you will find a pair of statues dedicated to two former Boro greats; George Hardwick & Wilf Mannion. In between the statues are the old entrance gates to Ayresome Park and are a reminder of the old ground.

Driving Directions

South



From the A1/M1 you should follow the A66 (signposted Darlington/ Teesside A66/ M66) follow this past Darlington and on into Middlesbrough. Carry on up the A66, through a number of roundabouts and into the centre of Middlesbrough and you will pick up signs for the Riverside Stadium after you cross the river bridge so follow the sign for away coaches. There is a small amount of parking available in Car Park E. It costs £6 per car and spaces can be booked through the ticket office. Otherwise there are a number of private parks located nearby who charge £4.

North



Take Junction 54 on the A1 (M) and take the A68 through Darlington then at the third roundabout in Darlington take the first exit into Parkgate through one roundabout and join the A66 at Woodburn Hospital and follow the directions above.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 16 mins

Train to **Middlesboro Railway Station** then come out onto Bridge Street from the station and walk up on to Dock Street here you can take two ways follow the way round by the river or take the right into Wayward Road or taking the Dock Street fork on the left pass the college and at the Clock turn right into Scott Street and follow the road round the old harbour and cross the bridge to the ground

Taking a right down Wayward Street and with about a mile you will find the ground on your left both routes take about 16 minutes

Admission

East Stand:

Adults £25 - £40

Over 65's £17 - £25

Under 18's £12 - £18

Where to have a Drink

The Bridge Inn beside the station (No colours) as its mainly a home pub but neutrals are welcome it have good range of beers and food but if it's a derby match then we meet in Dr Browns at 135 Corporation Road Excellent Deuchars IPA and Everards Tiger. Good for a pre-match ale until about an hour before kick-off when it heaves. Big and small screen TV and friendly.

Millwall

Ground - The New Den, Zampa Road, London SE16 3LN

Main Telephone No: 020 7232 1222

Ticket Office: 020 7231 9999

Capacity: 20,146 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 105 x 68 yards

Club Nickname: The Lions

Year Ground Opened: 1993

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: My Guava

Kit Manufacturer: Erra

Website: www.millwallfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1885 (Millwall Rovers)

Years at Today's Ground – 21 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder Member of Division Three & Founder Member of Division Three South 1921

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1953

Highest Attendance – 48,762 v Derby County FA Cup 20/02/1927 at The Old Den

Highest Score for – 9-1 v Torquay United Division Three South 29/08/1927, Coventry City Third Division South 19/11/1927

Highest Against – 1 – 9 v Aston Villa FA Cup Fourth Round 28/01/1946

Highest Scorer in a Season – 37 Richard (Dick) Parker in 1926/27 season

Highest Scorer Overall – 138 Neil Harris from 1998 -2004, 2007 – 11

Player with most First Team Appearances – 596 Barry Raymond Kitchener from 1966 – 82

Former Names

Millwall Rovers,
Millwall Athletic,
Millwall Dockers

Former Grounds

Glengall Road 1885/86,
East Ferry Road (Lord Nelson) (1886 – 90),
New East Ferry Road (1890 – 1901),
North Greenwich (1901 – 1910),
The Den (1910 – 1993)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The Club moved the relatively short distance to then was called the New Den after leaving their original Den ground which was their home for 83 years. This was first new major football ground to be constructed in London since before the Second World War. The stadium is made up of four separate two-tiered stands that are of the same height and look fairly similar. On one side is the Barry Kitchener Stand (named after a former player) which has the players tunnel and team dugouts at its front.

This simple looking stand has the same characteristics as both ends with windshields to either side in the upper tier and with the upper tier slightly overhanging the lower tier. The Dockers Stand on the other side is slightly different having a row of executive boxes running across its middle. Between the East & North Stands in one corner is a large video screen.

Away fans are located at one end of the ground in the North Stand (usually in the upper tier only). Around 4,000 away fans can be accommodated in this end. The food is the usual assortment of Steak & Ale and Chicken Balti (£3.50). There are also Cheese & Onion Pasties (£3.50), Sausage Rolls (£3.10), Burgers (£4) and Chips (£2.10).

To save you waiting in the long ques get your food at either London Bridge or if you coming through Stratford International there is plenty of grub around there and for those who wish a drink before the game then there really aren't any pubs around Millwall's Den according to local listings, and any which are, are unlikely to be suitable for visiting supporters. This means that traveling supporters have the option of either drinking exclusively inside the stadium or going for a few beverages at London Bridge Station which is where the connecting train is for most fans.



West Stand

A pub with a bit of character is The Shipwrights Arms at 88 Tooley Street next to London Bridge which boasts of having an “original shipwrights’ mural”, with the 17th century George Inn 77 Borough High street and as is The Slug and Lettuce chain pub both of which are on 34 Borough High Street which is 500 yards away from London bridge station.



Also, at 8 Borough High Street is the Barrow Boy & Banker, which is a Fullers pub and further down the High Street on nearby Stoney Street is situated the legendary Market Porter pub. This pub is on the listing in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and always has real ales on tap.

Driving Directions



Follow the A2 into London from Junction 2 of the M25. Once you go past New Cross Gate tube station at the Park Hotel the road forks following the signs A2 City/Westminster and keep on the right-hand side and follow the road to the lights at Birmingham Park just after the bridge at the light take a right into Ilderton Road. Go up this road to the church on the right then take

a right into Zampa Road under the bridge to the ground. Street parking can be found on the small estate on your left just past the ground. There are no sizeable car parks around the ground

Air and Public Transport



→ 3 mins

Train to **South Bermondsey Railway Station** is only a few minutes' walk from the ground. There is a direct walkway to the stadium.



→ 5 mins

From **Victoria and Waterloo Railway Stations** take the Jubilee Line **Canada Waters Underground Station** and then London Overground to **Surrey Quays Railway Station**.



→ 5 mins

From East Anglia and Essex fans take the train **Stratford Railway Station** then take the Jubilee Line to **Canada Waters Underground Station** and then London Overground to **Surrey Quays Railway Station** from the station it's takes a left out of the station then first left and at the bottom take a left right into Olive Grove and follow it to the ground.

Admission

Adults £25 - 38,
Over 65s £15 - 25
Under 16's £13 - £18,
Under 12's £8 - £14

Norwich City

Ground - Carrow Road, Norwich, NR1 1JE

Main Telephone No: 01603 760760

Ticket Office: 0844 826 1902

Capacity: 27,220 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 114 x 74 yards

Team Nickname – The Canaries

Ground Opened – 1935

Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Blakely
Kit Manufacturer: Joppa
Website: www.norwichcity.co.uk
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1902

Years at Today's Ground – 80 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 founder Member of Division Three joined from Southern League

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1956

Highest Attendance – 43,984 v Leicester City in the FA Cup Sixth Round on 30/03/1963

Highest Score for – 18-0 v Brighton & Hove Albion, wartime, 25/12/1940

Highest Against – 10-2 v Swindon Town 05/09/1908 Southern Football League

Highest Scorer in a Season – 31 Ralph Hunt 1955-56 in Division Three (South)

Highest Scorer Overall – John Thomas (Jonny) Gavin 122 from 1948 – 54 & 1955 - 58

Player with most First Team Appearances – 592 Ronald George (Ron) Ashman 1947 – 64

Former Grounds

Newmarket Road (1902 – 08),

Rosary Road (The Nest 1908 – 35)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground has been steadily redeveloped since the late 1970's, with all four sides of the ground having either two or single tier new stands. The newest of these is the Jarrold (South Stand) at one side of the pitch which was opened in 2004. It is an impressive looking single tier, all seated stand that can house up to 8,000 supporters.

It is unusual in having not one, but three separate television gantries suspended beneath its Perspex roof. This stand was further extended in 2005 and now surrounds the corner of the ground where it joins the Norwich & Peterborough Stand, filling in the corner.

The first of these to be built was the River End in 1979, with the Barclay End opposite opening in 1992. On the remaining side is the Geoffrey Watling City Stand. Named after a former club president and opened in 1986, this single tiered stand is smaller than both ends and houses amongst other things the Directors Box and Press Area. This stand extends around to meet the ends at both corners, giving the ground an enclosed look on that side. In one corner in-between, the Barclay End and Jarrold South Stand,



Jarrod Stand

The stadium has the Holiday Inn Hotel at one end of the ground between the Jarrod and the Barclay inn. The corner in-fill between known as the Thorpe Lower tier between the Barclay Stand and the Geoffrey Watling City Stand is affectionately known to Norwich fans as the "Snake Pit!"



Barclay Stand (Dan 92)

The rest of the ground is also all seated and all stands are covered. Both ends look particularly smart, being large two-tiered affairs, complete with a row of executive boxes and distinctive pairs of large floodlight pylons protruding from their roofs like the old days.



River End (Dan 92 & BGE)

Driving Directions



North

Take the A1 to Newark on Trent and then take sign for Sleaford/ Newark/ Lincoln then at the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto A17 and go straight on through four roundabouts at the fifth take the third exit staying on the A17 and go straight on at the next four roundabouts then at the fifth and sixth roundabouts take the second exit go past Kings Lynn and straight on at the next five roundabouts (Worse than Milton Keynes) and onto the A47 and stay on this till Norwich.

From the southern bypass (A47) take the first exit at the Trowse Newton Roundabout on to the A146 into the city. At the traffic lights turn right towards the city centre on Martinhead Lane. At the next roundabout stay in the left-hand lane and continue towards the city centre along Bracondale. At the next set of traffic lights, turn right into King Street. This street as it bends around to the right and goes across the river where it becomes Carrow Road with the ground is further down on the right.

The best car park for fans is Norfolk County Hall, which is well sign posted on the left of Martinhead Lane, as you follow signs towards the ground from the Southern Bypass and when you get to the roundabout at the top of the Lane then take the first exit up to the car park which cost is currently £6 but you are home quicker from here



South

From the M11 Junction 27, exit onto M11 toward Stansted Airport/ Cambridge/ Harlow and follow the A11 toward Thetford/ Norwich the just before Norwich at Cantley Wood take the fourth exit onto the A47 and join the southern bypass and follow the above directions from here

Public Transport



→ 10 mins

Train to **Norwich Railway Station** and it should take you around 5-10 minutes to walk to the ground. From the station turn left and head for the Morrison's supermarket and you should see the ground behind that. If coming from the North change at Peterborough. It is quicker than going into London

Admission

It depends on when you go they have different categories for games!

Adults: £30

Over 65's: £25

Under 16's: £20 (B £15)

Under 12's: £12 (B £10)

Where to have a Drink

The best pubs are the Coach and Horses on Thorpe Road and The Murderers in Timberhill have both have good food and fine sample of beers and ales and are only 10 minutes' walk to the ground.

Oxford United

Ground - Kassam Stadium, Grenoble Road, Oxford, OX4 4XP

Main Telephone No: 01865 337 500

Fax No: 01865 337501

Ticket Office: 01865 337 533

Capacity: 12,500 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 78 yards

Team Nickname: The U's

Year Ground Opened: 2001

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Baxi

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.oufc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1896 (Headington FC)

Years at Today's Ground – 18 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1962 for Accrington Stanley

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1950

Highest Attendance – 22,730 v Preston North End FA Cup Sixth Round 29/02/1964

Highest Score for – 9-1 v Dorchester town FA Cup Round One 11/11/1995

Highest Against – 0-7 v Sunderland Football League Division One 1998

Highest Scorer in a Season – 43 Bud Houghton 1961/62 played 1961 – 63 made 106 appearances and 61 goals

Highest Scorer Overall – 107 goals Graham Atkinson from 1962 – 74 in 356 Appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – 560 Ron (The tank) Atkinson 1959-71 and 14 goals

Former Names

Headington FC 1896 - 1911

Headington United FC (Merged with Headington Quarry) 1911 - 1960

Former Grounds

Quarry Recreation Ground, Wooten's Field, Sandy Lane and Britannia Field (1893 – 1913)

Wotton Field (1913 – 20)



Manor Ground (1920- 2001) **

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The stadium offers a number of conference rooms to host corporate and non-corporate events. The stadium's South Stand is host to 28 private hospitality boxes with each box capable of holding up to 20 people each.

The ground currently consists of three stands and the North Stand (also known as the Manor Hospital Stand) is divided for use by both home and away supporters and or if demand requires it, then the whole of this stand can be allocated providing and has a capacity of 5,026. The East Stand (formerly sponsored by the Oxford Mail newspaper, and still known as the Oxford Mail Stand) is home to the more vocal home supporters and can hold 2,879 spectators.



The South Stand (currently without a sponsor) is the main structure of the stadium, housing the Quadrangle conference centre, the Exhibition Bar, the club offices and changing rooms, and a row of 28 glass-fronted executive boxes. The South Stand is divided into two tiers, with the lower tier including the ground's Family Section. It has a total capacity of 4,495. The West End has not been built yet but may in the future if the club get promoted.



If you are heading in from Oxford Train Station then you will certainly not be dehydrated with the centre of town having numerous pubs of varying literary pretensions such as The Old Bookbinders Ale House and Jude the Obscure.

Towards the stadium itself The George within Littlemore is popular with supporters as it acts as a go-between the station and the ground which is approximately 10 minutes away. I prefer the Catherine Wheel Henley Road, Sandford-on-Thames, Oxford which is 18 minutes from the ground with good food and excellent ale.



The West End

Driving Directions

North:



Take the M40 to Junction 34 take the third exit and follow the A34 down to the Sign for Ring Road A423 and at Spring roundabout take the first exit, from all other directions take the M4 to junction 13 and follow the sign for A34 North up to Oxford and exit at the sign for Oxford A4144 and at the roundabout take the third exit for A423.

The stadium can be found in between the Oxford Science Park & Blackbird Leys Estate. From the A423 Ring Road, go straight on at the first roundabout then take the second exit at the second roundabout onto the A4074 Reading Oxford Science Park & Blackbird Leys Estate. Just after Sleaford on Thames take the left turning sign posted Cowley/ Wallington/ Oxford Science Park and follow Grenoble Road and you eventually come to the ground on your left.



South

Using the M3, M27 and A34 to just outside Oxford then take the signpost for the A4144 Oxford Ring Road and at the roundabout take the Third exit onto the Southern by Pass and follow the A423 then at Heyford Hill Roundabout get in the lane for the A4074 then take the left turning sign posted Cowley/ Wallington/ Oxford Science Park and follow Grenoble Road and you eventually come to the ground on your left.



West

Using the M5 and then the M4 then leave at Junction 13 for Oxford & Newbury and then at the roundabout take the first exit onto the A34 and follow it to just outside Oxford then take the signpost for the A4144 Oxford Ring Road and at the roundabout take the Third exit onto the Southern by Pass and follow the A423 then at Heyford Hill Roundabout get in the lane for the A4074 then take the left turning sign posted Cowley/ Wallington/ Oxford Science Park and follow Grenoble Road and you eventually come to the ground on your left.



East

Take the M40 to Junction 7 onto the A329 and follow through one roundabout and then follow it right just after the BP Garage onto the B490 for Oxford & Abingdon and at the next roundabout take the first exit onto Grenoble Road go straight on at the first roundabout then take second exit at the next roundabout and the ground is 100 yards on the left.

There are 2000 car parking spaces in and around the stadium itself, which are free. However, the main car parks tend to fill up fast, use the additional car parking spaces are now available at the Ozone cinema and bowling alley complex adjacent to the stadium

Public Transport & Walking



3A



→ 18 Mins

Take the train to **Oxford Railway Station** the from the forecourt take the **Oxford Bus Company Service, Number 3A**, from stop R2 to Catherine Wheel Pub there it's a 18 minute walk to the ground by walking down the Stanford Road till you get the red house at the end of Stanford on Thames on the left then take the first left into Grenoble Road walk under the bridge to the roundabout and take the first right into Grenoble Road the ground is in front of you in about 200yards



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→ 13 Mins

From the Station forecourt Stop R2 take the **Stagecoach in Oxfordshire 1 bus** or **Oxford Bus Company Service, Number 5** to Sandy Lane walk back and do a left right across Blackbird Ley Road into Merlin Road.

At the end of the road take a right into Knights Road and at the bottom take a left up the path to the ground after the game you will get both busses back at the top of Knights Road and Blackbird Ley back to the ground around. These busses are the same for night games buses are around 10 pm.

Admission

Adults £24,
Over 65's £17,
Under 22's/Students £16,
Under 18's £14



Ground: Fratton Park, Frogmore Road, Portsmouth, PO4 8RA

Main Telephone No: 02392 731204

Main Fax No: 02392 734129

Ticket Office: 0844 847 1898

Ticket Office Fax: 0871 230 1899

Capacity: 20,700 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 73 yards

Team Nickname: Pompey

Year Ground Opened: 1898

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: KYXO

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.portsmouthfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1898

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder Member of Division Three & Founder Member of Division Three South 1921/22

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1956

Highest Attendance – 51,385 v Derby County, FA Cup, 26 February 1949

Highest Score for – 9–1 v Notts County, Division 2, 9 April 1927

Highest Against – 0–10 v Leicester City, Division 1, 20 October 1928

Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Guy Whittingham, in 1992/93 with 200 appearances and 92 goals

Highest Scorer Overall – 211 Peter Harris, from 1946–1960 with 479 Appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – 834 Appearances Jimmy Dickinson, from 1946–65 and 9 goals

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The stadium currently has four stands, all seated. The pitch runs from east to west. The largest and most modern stand, at the ground's western end, is the *Fratton End* (commercially never known by its sponsor name as JobSite UK stand). Along either side of the pitch are the *North* and *South* stands, both of which are two-tiered.

At the eastern end is the Milton End by far the smallest stand. Formerly the only roofless stand in the Premier League, a roof was added before the 2007/08 season and this stand is shared between home and away supporters where the normal allocation is 2,000. If demand requires it, then the whole of this end can be allocated, raising the allocation to 3,200 seats. Although this end now benefits from having cover, the facilities within are pretty basic and the leg room tight, as this stand was a former terrace that has been converted to all seating.



The original entrance to the Fratton End is notable for its mock Tudor façade and following the arrival of former owner Alexandre Gaydamak several renovations were made to Fratton Park, including improved dressing rooms, the above-mentioned roof over the Milton end and a big-screen above the police box between the North Stand and Milton End.



Fratton End

The North Stand was refreshed for the 2010/2011 season with renewed sponsorship by Mercedes-Benz (Ridgeway Group) which replaced the "Fratton Park Portsmouth" and the club crest.

For the away fans the Old House at Home 104 Locksway Road, Milton its beer choice has gone up, always something local on, and it's always in good nick, also does a range of real ciders, and decent grub Turn left along Goldsmith Avenue and walk down to local park walk across it cross the road into Locksway Road the pub is about 100yards on the right coming back its down the way you came to the local park but take a right up Milton Road and cross over and take the first left into Priory Road and take the third right and walk down to the ground which is at the end of the road and take a right.



Milton End

Driving Directions



From the North take the A34 and join the M3 at Winchester and follow it down to Southampton then join the M27 and continue on to the A27. At junction 12, exit onto M275 toward Portsmouth (W)/Sea Port and follow it down and join the A3 on Mile End Road then at the roundabout take the first exit into Church Street then go straight on at the next two roundabouts then after crossing the railway bridge and at the next roundabout take the first exit into Winston Churchill Avenue straight through the next two roundabouts then its first left to Fratton Park.

There is a large car park behind the TY Europe Stand, but this is for home supporters only. So, it is mostly street parking for away fans. I like to park beside the Old House at Home pub in Locksway Road which is only 6-minute walk to the ground.



Public Transport & Walking



→ 8 mins

Train to **Fratton Railway Station**, which is an eight-minute walk away from the ground. On arrival at Fratton by train you pass the ground on the left. Fratton station has a footbridge as the only way out. The exit leads into Goldsmith Avenue. Turn left along Goldsmith Avenue and walk about half a mile passing Lidel on the way straight around to a small roundabout. Then go straight on still on Goldsmith Avenue, take the first left into Frogmore and the entrance to the Ty and South stands is 100m ahead. For the Milton End stay on Goldsmith Avenue for another 100m and turn left into Aspley Road. The entrances to the Milton End are 100m ahead.

Admission

Adults £23,
Over 60's £17,
Under 17's £15

Preston North End

Ground – Deepdale, Sir Tom Finney Way, Preston, PR1 6RU

Main Telephone No: 0870 442 1964

Ticket Office: 0870 442 1966

Capacity: 23,408 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Lilywhites

Year Ground Opened: 1875 (Preston North End Cricket Club)

Pitch Size: 110 x 77 yards

Sponsor: Par Group

Designer: Castore

Website: www.pnafc.net

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1878

Former Names – Preston Nelson FC

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founding Member

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1955

Highest Attendance – 42,684 v Arsenal Football League First Division 23 April 1938

Highest Score for – 26–0 v Hyde FC FA Cup Round One 15 October 1887

Highest Against – 0–7 v Blackpool, Division 1, 1 May 1948

Highest Scorer in a Season – 37 goals Ted Harper in 1932–33

Highest Scorer Overall – 187 Tom Finney 1946 – 60

Player with most First Team Appearances – 513 Allan Kelly from 1961 - 75

Former Grounds

Bow Lane (1878)

Moor Park (1878)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

Three sides of the stadium are composed of modern all seater stands, each has a likeness of a past player outlined on the seats and is named after that player. Tom Finney record all time goal scorer, Bill Shankly and goalkeeping legend and record appearance holder of 513 appearances for the club Alan Kelly, are all honoured and this is a nice touch for people who played and managed the club over the past 140 years

Old Deepdale was higgie to piggle of stands and enclosures that had been there since the beginning of the football club and after the Bradford, Hillsborough and Heysel disasters North End started to revamp the ground.

The first of these stands to be built was the Sir Tom Finney Stand in 1995. This was followed by the Bill Shankly Kop in 1998 and the Alan Kelly Stand in 2001 and complete and they are of the same height and style and are all large, covered, single tiered stands. Up to 6,000 away fans are accommodated in the Shankly Kop end of the ground and the club have a good deal for away fans of £48 for two adults plus two under 16's saving a family £20 on the day.



Main Stand

The last new stand, the Invincible Stand (named after the legendary Preston team of 1888/1889 who went through the whole season unbeaten and were also the first in that season to win the League & FA Cup double and in the FA, Cup didn't lose a goal); this stand is slightly different to the other three. Even though it is of the same height and has a similar roof, it has a smaller tier of seating, with 22 executive boxes sitting above. But unlike the other stands has only PNE FC in the stand.



The Invincible Stands

The stadium was the original location for the National Football Museum, which opened in 2001, recognising Deepdale's status as the world's oldest football league ground still in use. However, in 2010 the museum was controversially closed, to be relocated to Urbis in Manchester, where it reopened in 2012. The move prompted Sir Tom Finney to withdraw his personal memorabilia from the museum in protest.



Allan Kelly Stand

Despite the museum's closure at Deepdale, the National Football Museum retained the long-term lease on its former site, which has since been used to store 90% of the museum's

collection and as an "archive and research centre", but has otherwise remained vacant and closed to the public, despite periodic proposals to put the site to other uses.

Driving Directions



Leave M6 at Junction 31 from the North its third exit at the first roundabout then straight through the next roundabout on to Preston New Road/ A59 and from the South take the first exit at the roundabout onto the A59. Go up the hill (stick to 30 mph) and follow the road down to a mini roundabout and at the roundabout with the Hesketh Arms turn right into Blackpool Road. Go straight on over three sets of lights and just before a fourth set, the ground appears set slightly back on the left. Parking is mainly in the streets surrounding the ground.

Parking for cars is available for £3 a car at Moorfields Special School. Just follow the directions above and at the last set of traffic lights continue straight on for about 200 yards, and you will see the school on the left near Moor Park and is quicker for getting out of the ground after the match

Public Transport



→ 20 mins

Take Virgin Rail train to **Preston Railway Station** and is 20 minutes' walk. Leave the railway station out the main entrance, and on to Butler Street, continue along the Fishergate/Church Street, when you reach the ring road, you head straight over the large traffic lights, heading towards Preston Prison, then cross the road turn left at the jail into Deepdale Road, continue straight along Deepdale Road and after about a mile you will reach the ground its opposite Moor Park where in spring and summer you can sit and have sandwiches before going into the ground.

Admission

Bill Shankly Kop:

Adults £28 - £34,

OAP's/Under 21's £20 - £26,

Under 16's £8,

Under 7's Free

Family Tickets: 2 Adults + 2 Under 16's £48

Disable & Helper £8 - £21

Where to have a Drink

The Old Vic at 78 Fishergate is the best for neutrals and away fans police don't move you on here like other pubs in the city centre and its 150 yards from the station Large open plan pub with centre bar, 5 casks of ales available and good food as well and the prices are cheap.

Queens Park Rangers

Ground – Loftus Road, South Africa Road, London, W12 7PA

Main Telephone No: 020 8743 0262

Ticket Office: 08444 777 007

Capacity: 18,360 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: The Superhoops or Rangers

Year Ground Opened: 1904 (Shepherds Bush AFC)

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Copy Bet

Kit Manufacturer: Erra

Website: www.qpr.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1882 (St Jude's Fc)

Former Names – St Jude's FC (Amalgamated with Christchurch Rangers FC (1882) in 1885)

Years at Today's Ground – 100 years off and on

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Elected from the Southern League to be a Founder Member of Division Three & Division Three South in 1921

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1953

Highest Attendance – 35,354 v Leeds United Division One on the 27/04/1974

Highest Score for – 9 – 2 v Tranmere Rovers Division Three 3/12/1960

Highest Against – 1-8 v Mansfield Town Division Three 15/03/1965, v Manchester United Division One 19/03/1969

Highest Scorer in a Season – Rodney William Marsh 44 in 1966/67 season

Highest Scorer Overall – George Goddard, 186, from 1926 – 34

Player with most First Team Appearances – 548 Anthony (Tony) Ingham from 1950 – 63

Former Grounds

Queens Grounds (1879 – 1882) St Jude's

Artillery Fields (1882 – 1884) Christchurch Rangers

City Park (1884/85)

Shepherds Bush Running Track (White City) (1885/86)

Welford's Fields (1886–1888)

Blackheath Common London Scottish R.F.C.'s Ground (1888–1889)

Brondesbury Common, Home Farm Kensal Green, Gun Club & Wormwood Scrubs (1888–1889)

Kilburn Cricket Ground (1888–1889)

Kensal Rise Athletic Ground Queens Park (1889–1901) (1902–1904)

Latimer Road/St Quintin Avenue (1901–1902)

Royal Agricultural Society Showground (1904–1907)

Park Royal Ground (1907–1917)

Loftus Road (1917–1931, 1933 – 62)

White City Stadium (1931–1933) (1962/63)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

Loftus Road has a tight compact feel, enclosed, with supporters being close to the pitch. An unusual aspect is that all four stands are roughly the same height, their roofs meet at all four corners with no gaps. The pre-1991's ground was open to the elements on three sides.



Ellerslie Stand (Dan 92)

The South Africa Road Stand on one side has a larger upper tier, compared to the lower tier, with a row of executive boxes running across the middle. There are a couple of supporting pillars in this stand. The other side, the Ellerslie Road Stand, is single tiered, with a television gantry suspended below its roof.



South Africa Stand (BEG)

On one of these, the School End where the away fans are situated in the upper tier of the stand, where around 2,500 fans can be accommodated. If demand requires it then the lower tier can also be allocated. If the away club only takes the upper tier allocation, then the lower tier is allocated to home supporters. The entrance for away fans to the School End upper tier is now longer in South Africa Road, but on the opposite side of the ground in Ellerslie Road and there is a large video screen located on the centre of its roof.



Loftus Road Stand

Below this and situated between the lower and upper tier is a small electric scoreboard. The ground has a tremendous atmosphere. You are close to the pitch, close to the visiting fans and most importantly close to the action'. Another plus point was that the food is served within the ground was quite good and the service prompt. Entrance to the stadium is gained by inserting your ticket into a bar code reader.



School End

Driving Directions



From the North West/ East Take the M25 to Junction 16 on to the M40. At the end of the M40, take the A40 towards Central London. Follow the Westway/A40 (M), turn off onto the A40 at the Harlesdean/ White City junction and turn right at the lights into Wood Lane, turn right after the BBC into South Africa Road for the ground. For parking I take the next junction of the A40 and at the roundabout take the third exit onto West Cross Road then go straight on at the next

roundabout down Holland Road and then turn right into Kensington High Street over the bridge and first right up to Olympia and park there and walk 15 minutes to the ground £4.00 for three hours

Public Transport



Take the underground to **Shepherds Bush Market Underground Station**, simply because you can do a pub crawl (O'Neill's, Springbok and Walkabout). Leaving Shepherds Bush Market tube station; turn right and walk up Uxbridge Road and about 200yards then right into Bloemfontein Road then 300yards right into South Africa Road or walk down Wood Lane then into South Africa Road the ground will come into view.

Admission

School End:

Adults £34 (B £33), Over 60's/Under 22's £24 (B £23), Under 18's £17 (B £16)

School End Upper Tier Wings & Lower Tier:

Adults £29 (B £28), Over 60's/Under 22's £20 (B £19), Under 18's £14 (B £13)

Where to have a Drink

O'Neill's, the place is not bad with a good range of lagers and wines Friendly bar staff and decent food at a good price and highly recommended. The police are now denying neutrals on match days to the Springbok that is not fair if they are not wearing any colours so they don't know what team they support

The Walkabout at 56 Shepherds Bush Green is the away supports pub for match days the atmosphere is incredibly friendly and good times are guaranteed every day of the week. The meals are cheap, delicious the beers are always flowing everywhere you look there is a plasma TV and is one of the best places for watching live sport in London for all these bars don't wear colours as the doormen on the doors.

Belushi's Bar, which is located in the Vue Complex and this basic bar also shows Sky and BT Sports. Otherwise alcohol is generally available inside the Loftus Road Stadium, although for some high-profile games the Club opt not to sell any to visiting supporters.

Sheffield United

Ground – Bramell Lane, Sheffield, S2 4SU

Main Telephone No: 0871 995 1899

Fax No: 0871 663 2430

Ticket Office: 0871 995 1889

Capacity: 32,702 (all seated)

Club Nickname: The Blades

Year Ground Opened: 1853 (Sheffield United Cricket Club & Yorkshire County Cricket Club for 120 Years). Oldest playing Football Ground in the Football League

Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: None

Kit Manufacturer: ERRR

Website: www.sufc.co.uk

Programme: £3



The cricket ground is now part of the car park behind the south stand on the right



Brammell Lane 1970's

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1889

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 Founder Member Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – March 1955

Highest Attendance – 68,287 v Leeds United, FA Cup 5th round, 15 February 1936

Highest Score for – 10–0 v Port Vale, Division Two, 10/12/1892 & v Burnley, Division One, 19 January 1929

Highest Against – 0–13 v Bolton Wanderers, FA Cup 2nd round, 1 February 1890

Highest Scorer in a Season – Jimmy Dunne 41 goals from 41 appearances, Division One, 1930–31

Highest Scorer Overall – Harry Johnson scored 201 goals in 313 games from 1919–1930

Player with most First Team Appearances – Joe Shaw made 631 appearances from 1948–1966

Colours



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Ground Guide

I liked when it was half cricket ground and half football ground as Bramall Lane use to be like Northampton Cricket ground but unlike Northampton most of the Cricket Ground was put under the new South Stand and south car park in 1973 and the pavilion demolished. The South Stand (GAC Stand) and Bramell Lane (Jessica Ennis Stand) corner was filled in during the summer of 2006.



Former South End Stand (Pavilion End) till 1973



The construction of three large modern looking stands, on the North East & West of the ground plus the filling in of the corners (albeit one corner is filled with administrative offices), makes it a great ground and one that has character.

Both sides of the ground are large single tiered stands. Whilst the GAC (South) Stand is a fairly plain looking stand, the North Stand (Visit Malta Stand) which sits opposite, and this stand which was opened in 1996, has had the corners to either side of it filled in, by offices on one side and a family seated area on the other, called the Fortina Spa Corner, in a corporate sponsorship deal.



South Stand (Dan 92)

At the back of the stand are a row of executive boxes and on its roof is a small gable, reminiscent of when many older grounds featured them. At one end is the Kop Stand, has two large supporting pillars. Also, the roof was replaced with a new cantilever structure, allowing the supporting pillars of the old roof to be removed giving fans more cover and an unimpeded view of the playing action. This stand is two tiered and also has an electric scoreboard, perched between the two.



The Kop End (Dan 92)

Away fans are housed in the lower tier of the Jessica Ennis (aka the Bramall Lane) Stand at one end of the ground, where around 3,000 supporters can be accommodated. For cup games if the demand requires it, then the upper tier can be made available too. For Away fans The Rutland Arms is at 86 Brown Street the best place to have a drink Great beer, brilliant range of ciders They now have at least two beers from their own Blue Bee brewery (the Nectar was just right - light and tasty). Great snacks (try the Smutty Ruddy Butty). Very busy pub is probably the nearest and best for real ale and "sensible" fans and is only 230 yards walk from the station.



John Street Stand (Dan 92)

Alcohol is available inside the ground in the form of plastic 500ml bottles of Carlsberg (£3.60) or 330ml bottles of Cider (£3.60). The food is fair priced at for pies £3.50 Sausage Rolls £3, cheeseburgers £4 and Hot dogs £4, Great snacks at the Pasty Shop for pies and butties 30 yards walk from the station platform. Outside the stadium behind the GAC stand is a statue of former Club Chairman Derek Dooley and another of former playing legend Joe Shaw.

Driving Directions



North

Leave the M1 at Junction 36 and take the third exit at the Barnsley Roundabout onto the A61 through one roundabout into Sheffield City Centre. Then at Shalesmoor roundabout take the third exit onto Netherthorpe Road which is the ring road around the western side of the city centre. Take the second exit at the next two roundabouts and at the third roundabout take the third exit at St Mary's roundabout onto Bramall Lane. The ground is a short way down on the left.



South

Leave M1 at Junction 33 and take the first exit onto A630 till Castlebreck where it joins the A57 and carries on till Sheffield City Centre. On reaching the inner ring road keep in the left hand lane then at Park Square Roundabout take the third exit into Sheaf Street follow this onto the one way system and at the bottom of Sutton Road get into the right hand lane and take a right into St Mary's Road go past Pure Gym then at St Marys roundabout take the first exit and follow the signs for A621 Bakewell, the ground is about a 400 yards down Bramall Lane.

The best place to Park is at **Meadowhall Railway Station**, near to the Shopping Centre, just by Junction 34 of the M1, which is free, then take the **Supertram** to Granville Road and then

walk to the ground which is about 10 minutes. You walk straight on at the first set of lights and carry on down St Marys Road till the roundabout then take a left and walk down to the ground.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 2 mins



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→ 3 mins

Take the train to **Sheffield Railway Station** then walk over to from Pond Street/Howard Street from Stop SS1 take the **TM Travel 252 bus** to Bramell Lane its 3 minutes' walk up to the ground.

Admission

Adults £30 (B £23),
Concessions £18 (B £14),
Under 16's £12 (B £7.50)

Sheffield Wednesday

Ground - Hillsborough, Leppings Lane Sheffield, S6 1SW

Main Telephone No: 0870 999 1867

Main Fax No: 0114 221 2122

Ticket Office: 0871 230 1867

Ticket Office Fax: 0114 221 2401

Capacity: 39,812 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The Owls

Year Ground Opened: 1899

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: None

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: HTAFC.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1867

Former Names – The Wednesday FC

Years at Today's Ground – 119 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 Founder Member of Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – March 1955

Highest Attendance – 72,841 v Manchester City in the FA Cup Fifth Round 17/02/1934

Highest Score for – 13-0 v Halliwell F.A. Cup Round One 17/01/1891

Highest Against – 0 – 10 v Aston Villa Division One 5/10/1912

Highest Scorer in a Season – Derek Dooley 46 in 1951/52 (62 goals 1947 – 53)

Highest Scorer Overall and Player with most First Team Appearances – 219 Andrew Wilson 1900 – 20 and 545 Appearances from 1900 – 20

Colours



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Former Grounds

Norfolk Park (1867)
 Highfields 1867 – 69,
 Myrtle Road (Heeley) (1869 – 77),
 Sheaf House (1877 – 87),
 Bramell Lane (1887/88)
 Olive Grove (1888 – 99)

Ground Guide

The ground has four large separate stands, all of which are all covered and are roughly the same height, giving a uniform feel to the stadium. On one side is the North Stand. This large single tiered stand was opened in 1961. It was the largest cantilever stand ever built in Britain and only the second such type of stand to have been constructed (the first was at the Old Showground in Scunthorpe).

The two-tiered South Stand on one side of the ground is the largest of the stands and is superb looking. It was originally opened in 1914 and was designed by the famous football ground architect Archibald Leitch. A second tier and new roof were added in 1996, to expand capacity for the European Championships, for which Hillsborough was a host venue. In keeping with the original look of the stand, a triangular gable incorporating a clock adorned with a copper football was placed on the new roof. The stand has a large lower tier with a small upper tier above. At the back of the lower tier is a row of executive boxes.



At one end is the Spion Kop (Hallam FM Kop) and this used to be a huge open bank of terrace that was at one time the largest in Britain. It gained a roof in 1986 and was made all seated in 1993. Opposite is the West Stand or Leppings Lane End. This two-tiered stand was opened in 1966, in time for the Club to host some World Cup games played that year. Like the Kop, it has a number of large supporting pillars where up to 8,000 away fans can be accommodated.



One corner of the ground is filled with seating between the North & West Stand, this area is uncovered. On the other side of the West Stand is an electric scoreboard, under which is tucked a Police Control Box. Unusually for such an old ground, it doesn't floodlight pylons with the stadium with lights running across the front of the stand roofs.

Outside the ground near the main entrance is a memorial to the 96 fans that died at Hillsborough on the 15 April 1989, at the FA Cup Semi Final Liverpool & Nottingham Forest game which was abandoned after 6 minutes.

Driving Directions

North



Leave the M1 at Junction 36 and take the third exit at the Barnsley Roundabout onto the A61 through to the roundabout take the third exit down Leppings Lane to the ground.

South



Blue Line

Leave the M1 at Junction 34 and Park at **Meadowhall Railway Station**, near to the Shopping Centre, just by Junction 34 of the M1, which is free, then take the **Supertram Blue Line** to Leppings Lane and then walk to the ground which is about 4 minutes.

There is some street parking to be had if you arrive early, otherwise there are some unofficial car parks along the A61 that charge in the region of £4. There is also a car park directly behind the Kop End and the Wednesday Club shop. It is called the Wednesday Car Park and is open to fans of both teams. It costs £5 for visitors.

Public Transport



→ 2 mins

Take the train to **Sheffield Railway Station** then get on the **Blue Line Tram** to Leppings Lane and its four minutes to the ground then it's a four-minute walk to the ground.

Admission

West Stand (Leppings Lane End):

Adults £34 (£27)

Over 65's/Under 18's £17 (£15)

U17: £15-£20

U11: £10-£15

U5: £5

Where to have a Drink

The Rutland Arms is at 86 Brown Street the best place to have a drink and great beer, brilliant range of ciders They now have at least two beers from their own Blue Bee brewery (The Nectar was just right - light and tasty). Great snacks (try the Smutty Ruddy Butty). Very busy pub is probably the nearest and best for real ale and "sensible" fans. A 230 yards walk from the station.

Southampton

Ground – St Mary's Stadium, Britannia Road, Southampton, SO14 5FP

Main Telephone No: 0845 688 9448

Ticket Office Enquiries: 0800 280 0050

Capacity: 32,689 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 74 yards

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Sports Bet

Kit Manufacturer: Under Armour

Website: www.southamptonfc.com

Programme: £3

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1885 (St Mary's YMCA)

Years at Today's Ground – 17 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder Member of Division Three

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1951 The Dell

Highest Attendance – 32,363 v Coventry City Championship Division 28/04/2012

Highest Score for – 14–0 v Newbury Town, FA Cup First Qualifying Round, 13/10 1894

Highest Against – 0–8 v Crystal Palace, Southern League Division One, 16/11/ 1913, v

Tottenham Hotspur, Second Division, 28/03/1936 v Everton, First Division, 20/11/1971

Highest Scorer in a Season – 45 Derek Reeves Division Three 1959/60 (300 Appearances 1954 – 62 & 160 goals)

Highest Scorer Overall – 228 Mick Channon 1965 – 1982 (548 Appearances)

Player with most First Team Appearances – 815 Terence Lionel (Terry) Paine from 1956 – 74 (170 goals)



Former Names

St Mary's YMCA 1885 - 1887

St Mary's FC 1887 - 1892

Southampton St Mary's FC 1894 – 1897

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Former Grounds

The Common (1885 – 86),
 Antelope Ground (1886 – 97),
 Hampshire County Cricket Ground (1897 – 1898)
 The Dell (1898 – 2001)

Ground Guide

The club moved from The Dell which I have good memories with my dad back in the 1960's and had been there on numerous occasions so moving to the new St Mary's Stadium in 2001 was for me a bit sad seeing the old ground demolished and another Archibald Leitch design went to the archive with new houses built on it with the street being named after the ground. In some ways the club are only 500 yards from the clubs first ground on the Common (Hoglands Park Evan Street A33) in the Northam area of the town and the club was originally founded as 'Southampton St Marys' in 1885, hence the club nickname 'The Saints'.

The stadium is completely enclosed, with all corners being filled with seating and at least when they put the seating in the did not try to cram in as many seats as possible and give you ample room for your legs unlike some other new grounds which were designed for midget legs or a person of the last century. Away fans are located in the Northam Stand at one end of the stadium, where normally up to 3,300 fans can sit. For cup games, this allocation can be increased to 4,750. The view of the playing action and the facilities within this stand are excellent. Leg room is good, although the width of the seating seemed to be a bit narrower than other grounds with executive's boxes in the Itcham Stand.

There are also two screens sitting on the roofs at each end. Running around three sides of the stadium, and on the remaining side there is a row of executive boxes. The crowd are set well back from the playing action, as firstly there is a cinder track surrounding the playing surface just like the old days (yeah, I am that old and ancient).



All sides of the ground

Best to get food around Southampton Station and cheaper and for the neutrals and away fans
 The King Alfred Public House 51 Northam Road is neutrals and away fans only and there is a

very good selection of wines beer and food and is close to the ground. The Alternative is on Onslow Road at Rockstone pub, which has up to seven real ales. It also known for its large gourmet burgers! A five minutes' walk from the Rockstone is the Guide Dog pub on Earl's Road which has up to 11 real ales on tap. Both these pubs are listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide if you are into that ancient and new beers.

Driving Directions



From the M3 take Junction 14 and follow the A33 into Southampton. Continue on the A33 until you reach the junction with the A3024 Northam Road and turn left onto this road towards Northam. Then turn right onto Britannia Road for the stadium.

Like the old ground there is not a lot of parking in fact its non-existence for away or neutrals means you have to look for a place to park the car so I ignore the above directions and Park at the Ocean Village which costs £4.00 by taking the M27 to junction 7, signposted to Southampton and Bittern, follow the A334, which turns in to the A3024, continue over the bridge over the Solent. At the main junction with traffic lights, turn left on to Kingsway/St Mary's Place marked "Docks" then continue past the park on your right and then the road bends round to the left into a one-way system. Stay in the righthand lane and do not take the left hand turning to go over the bridge, continue straight over the next set of traffic lights, marked "Docks".

At the end of this road, turn immediately left at the next junction (signed Ocean Village and Woolston) then follow the road over the train tracks/crossing and go straight over the first set of traffic lights and turn right at the second set of traffic lights into Ocean Way the main entrance to Ocean Village

The road goes past a Tesco Express on the left and the Cineworld cinema on the right before bending round to the right with parking is available either in the surface car park straight ahead or in the new multi-storey Ocean Car Park then it's a 14 minute walk to the ground you just walk up Bridle Place to the end turn right onto Marine Parade and the ground is on the left and parking here means you miss out on the grid lock and are home a lot earlier.

Public Transport



7 or 18



→ 7 mins

Take the train too **Southampton Central Railway Station** and take the **Bluestar Bus 18** from Central Station bus stops will take you to Britannia Road and it's seven minutes' walk down Radcliffe Road to the Ground or the **Bluestar Bus 7** will take you to Anglesey Terrace.

Admission

Adult £30

Over 65's £25
Under 18's £18
Under 11's £12

Stoke City

Ground - Britannia Stadium Stanley Matthews Way, Stoke on Trent, ST4 4EG

Main Telephone No: 0871 663 2008

Ticket Office: 0871 663 2007

Capacity: 30,812 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The potters

Year Ground Opened: 1997

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Bet365

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.stokecity.com

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1863

Former Names – Stoke Ramblers (merged with Stoke Victoria Cricket Club 1878), Stoke FC 1878 – 1928)

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1956 Victoria Ground

Highest Attendance – 51,380 v Arsenal at the Victoria Ground in Division One on 29/03/1937

Highest Score For – 26–0 v Mow Cop Staffordshire Football Association Senior Cup 1877

Highest Against – 0–10 v Preston North End, First Division, 14/09/1889

Highest Scorer in a Season – 38 Arthur Edwin Griffiths 1908/09 & Charlie Wilson 1927/28,

Highest Scorer Overall – 176 John Henry Ritchie from 1962 – 75

Player with most First Team Appearances – 597 Eric Thomas Skeels 1959 – 1976

Former Grounds

Victoria Cricket Ground (1863 – 75), later became the Victoria Ground

Sweetings Field (1875 – 78),

Victoria Ground (1878 – 1997)

Colours



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Ground Guide

The Club moved to the Britannia Stadium 1997, after playing for 119 years at their old Victoria Ground which had been the original ground as Stoke Ramblers when it had been Victoria Cricket Ground in 1862 and you walk past this piece land to get to the ground.



Victoria Ground

The largest of these is the Q-railing (West) Stand, which is the tallest at the Britannia. This imposing stand has a large lower tier of seating with a smaller tier above. Situated between the tiers is a row of Executive Boxes. There are quite large open areas with the Marston's Pedigree (South) Stand at one end of the stadium which is partly given to away supporters and covered, with windshields to either side. It is though quite steep, meaning that fans are kept close to the playing action. The teams come onto the pitch from one corner of the ground, between the Marston's Pedigree (South) Stand and the Q-railing (West) Stand. In the corner on the other side of the Marston's Pedigree (South) Stand and East Stand is a large video screen which blocks out the old free view.

At the Boothen End there are three statues of the legendary former player Sir Stanley Matthews, which were originally unveiled by Kevin Keegan'. The club also have a couple of unusual looking mascots, with a blue coloured hippo called 'Pottermus' and his white girlfriend 'Pottermis' as bad as Man City and MK Dons.



South & East Ends

The stadium can be seen from afar, as it is perched upon a hill with hardly any buildings around it. It especially looks good at night when it is lit up. The ground has one large single stand, incorporating the Boothen End and Seddon Stands, completely surrounds half the pitch as it extends around one corner. Whilst the other two stands South and West Stands on the other sides are 'free standing' having open corners to either side.

Driving Directions



Leave the M6 at Junction 15 and then go straight across the roundabout onto the A500 (Queensway) towards Stoke. Continue along the A500 following signs for the A50 towards Derby. At the top of the slip road at the Sideway roundabout take the second exit and after 100 yards then move into the second from left lane (Signposted Britannia Stadium). You can see the stadium over on your right. Turn right at the top of the slip road and then right at the next roundabout for the stadium. For Parking see the Football Ground guide England as there are many places to park my favourite is at the old Victoria Ground just 200 yards from today's

ground and charges £4.00



Boothend Stand

Public Transport & Walking



→ 5 mins



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→ 2 mins

Take either the Cross Country, East Midlands Trains, London Midland, Northern and Virgin Trains to **Stoke on Trent Railway Station** is just over two miles away from the stadium, 'there are some shuttle buses than run from Glebe Street in Stoke up to the Britannia Stadium, which depart every 15 minutes. There are return buses after the game back to Glebe Street from behind the Sentinel Stand'.

From the railway Station walk across the road and take the **D&G Buses 24** to the ground and then walk across to away end.



East & West Main Stand

Admission

Sharp (South Stand): Adults £34 Over 65's £27 Under 17's £23 Under 11's £20
Category B Games: Adults £25, Over 65's £19, Under 17's £15, Under 11's B £12

Where to have a Drink

The above pubs on the alternative route any of them are good for away and neutrals I have found since going to the Britannia Stadium i.e. Terrace Inn, Bench & Bar and Railway Pub.

Swansea City

Ground – Liberty Stadium, Morfa, Swansea, SA1 2FA

Main Telephone No: 01792 616 600

Fax No: 01792 616 606

Ticket Office: 08700 400 004

Capacity: 20,700 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 114 x 74 yards

Club Nickname: Swans

Year Ground Opened: 2005

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Reviva coffee, Westacres

Kit Manufacturer: Joma

Website: www.swanseacity.com

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1912 (Swansea Town)

Years at Today's Ground – 15 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 from Southern League Founder Member Division Three and Division Three South in 1921(As Swansea Town)

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1960 Vetch Field

Highest Attendance – 32,796 v Arsenal @ Vetch Field FA Cup Fourth Road 17/02/1968

Highest Score for – 12–0 v Sliema, European Cup Winners Cup First Round, first leg, 15/09/1982

Highest Against – Liverpool 8-0 FA Cup Third Round Replay, 9/01/1990 AS Monaco European Cup Winners Cup First Round, second leg, 1/10/1991

Highest Scorer in a Season – 40 Cyril Pearce in 1931/32

Highest Scorer Overall – 166 Ivor John Allchurch 1947 – 58, 1965 – 68

Player with most First Team Appearances – 586 Wilfred Milne 1919 – 37

Former Names

Swansea Town (1912 – 1969)

Former Grounds



Vetch Field (1912 – 2005)

Colours



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Ground Guide

The Club moved to the Liberty Stadium in 2005, after spending 93 years at their former Vetch Field home. The ground is located near to the former site of the Morfa Athletics Stadium on the West side of the River Tawe which is shared with Ospreys Rugby Union Club. The stadium was named the Liberty Stadium under a 10-year corporate sponsorship deal.



It is completely enclosed with all four corners filled with seating. Each of the four stands is two tiered and three are of the same height. The West Stand at one side of the pitch is slightly taller, having a row of 28 corporate hospitality boxes, situated above the upper tier. The Club's offices are also located behind this stand.

Both ends have an electric scoreboard situated on the front of their roofs, although for some reason the scoreboard at the North End is larger than the one at the South End. Outside the stadium at the South West corner, by the club shop is a statue of former Swansea legend Ivor

Allchurch their all-time scorer in their history with 166 goals in 18 seasons.

Away fans are housed in the North Stand at one end of the stadium. Up to 2,000 fans can be accommodated in this area, with the views of the playing action from this area are excellent as there is a good height between rows and the leg room is probably one of the most generous of any stadium that I have visited over the years (1240 and counting).

Driving Directions



Leave the M4 at Junction 45 and take the A4067 towards the City Centre (Signposted A4067 South). Stay on the A4067 for around two and half miles and you will reach the stadium on your left. Car parking at the stadium is for permit holders only and most of the immediate residential areas around the stadium now have 'residents only' parking schemes in place. Do not park on the nearby Retail Park as you will end up with a ticket or be clamped!



4, 4a, X50 120, 122, 125, 132 and 501

So, for the away/neutral supporters use the Park & Ride facility located at the Felindre Steel Works site, this is signposted off Junction 46, shortly after leaving the M4. The cost of parking there including transport by bus to and from the stadium is £6 per car and with dedicated buses **4, 4a, X50 120, 122, 125, 132 and 501** back here you are off home quicker and without a ticket.

Public Transport



→ 2 mins



4, 4a, X50 120, 122, 125, 132 and 501



→ 5 mins

Train to **Swansea High Street Station** with the ground about two miles from the stadium. Regular local bus services routes **4, 4a, X50 120, 122, 125, 132 and 501** from the train station to the stadium.

Walking to the ground you pass a few good pubs on the way to the ground by walking up the High Street than at the Y junction go right up on Bridge Street at the cross road walk straight turn right into Neath Road. Proceed straight along Neath Road with the ground 10 minutes up the road unless you visit the pubs on the way so leave time.

Admission

Adults £34

Concessions £17.50 - £25

Concessions apply to Over 60's, Under 16's and Full Time Students (ID required at

turnstiles). Disabled supporters are admitted at the senior citizen price.

Where to have a Drink

Frankie and Benny's are an away friendly pub this pub is located at Unit 19b, Morfa Shopping Park off Brunel Way and is only two minutes from the ground good food and beer

Watford

Ground - Vicarage Road, Vicarage Road, Watford, WD18 0ER

Main Telephone No: 0845 442 1881

Fax No: 01923 496 001

Capacity: 17,400 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The Hornets

Year Ground Opened: 1922

Club Nickname: Hornets

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Stake

Kit Manufacturer: Kelme

Website: www.watford.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1891

Former Names – Watford Rovers

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder Member of Division Three & Division Three South in 1921

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1953

Highest Attendance – 34,099 v Manchester United FA Cup 4th round 3/02/1969

Highest Score for – 10 – 1 v Lowestoft FA Cup Round One 27/11/1926

Highest Against – 0 – 10 v Wolverhampton Wanderers F.A. Cup Round One Replay 13/01/1912

Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Cliff Holton in 1959/60

Highest Scorer Overall – 186 Luther Blissett from 1976-1992

Player with most First Team Appearances – 503 - Luther Blissett from 1976-92

Former Grounds

Cassiobury Road (1891 – 1905),

West Hertfordshire Sports Ground 1905 – 16),

Cassio Road (Part of it now Vicarage Road Rookery Road End) (1916 – 22)



1970

Colours



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Ground Guide

The ground is going through a number of changes at the moment, the most significant of which is the redevelopment of the East side of the stadium, with a new stand which will hold 2,600 fans demolishing two old stands on that side plus open terracing and the new stand will look like Torquay United new stand.



Graham Taylor Stand

Opposite to where the new stand is being built is the Graham Taylor Stand. This stand is named after their most famous manager and was opened in 1986. It is a two-tiered stand that has an interesting roof design; with a number of semi-circular arches like at the old Main Road in Manchester and it also has a row of executive boxes running across the back.



Rookery Stand

The ground has had both ends re-developed during the 1990's along with the front of the Graham Taylor stand. Both ends are similar looking large single tiered stands, with away fans are housed in one of these ends in the Vicarage Road Stand up to 3,000 depending on support.



Vicarage Road End

Opposite the Rookery Road Stand is larger, housing some 6,950 supporters. With construction of a large office block immediately behind the stadium, beyond the corner between the Rookery Stand and the Rous Stand, the Club embarked on internally 'filling in' this corner. However due to financial difficulties, the work has never completed leaving a somewhat ugly half-finished shell.



East Stand (Sir Elton John Stand)

The new East part of the ground has been redeveloped; the teams still emerge from some temporary dressing rooms on that side. The teams come out to the old theme tune of the old Police series Z-Cars from the 1960's and 70's like Everton.

Driving Directions



Leave the M1 at Junction 5 and take the A4008 Stephenson Way into Watford. At Waterfield Roundabout take the second exit onto the A411 just past the Premier Inn and follow the signs for Watford General Hospital then follow the road into Breechen Grove. Continue down the road till you see the sign for Vicarage Road Girls School/ Watford General Hospital and take a left down Vicarage Road then at the bottom of the road take a left and get in the right-hand lane and follow the road round and then get in the left lane and at the lights turn left into Vicarage Road and follow it down to the ground.

There are also some private match day car parks available at some industrial units near the ground, as well as the Vicarage Road Girls School in Vicarage Road, which is 5 minutes' walk down the lane to the stadium and charges £7 per car.

From the M25 get of a Junction 18 then turn right onto the A404 and follow it to the Rickmansworth roundabout then take the first exit onto the A412 Park Road go straight on at the first roundabout then take the third exit into Ascot Road at the second roundabout then after a few yards at the next roundabout take the second exit into Whippendell Road then at the lights take a right into Hagden Road then go on at one roundabout then at the crossroads take a left into Vicarage Road the ground is on the right after about 200yards.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 20 mins

It is a choice of four Stations for this ground all within 20-minute walk these are on the **Watford Underground** on the **Metropolitan line** and the is **Watford Junction, Bushy and Watford High Street Train Stations.**



→ 20 mins

From the south take the train to **Clapham Junction** then take the London Overground to **Watford Junction Railway Station**. The ground is well signposted from **Watford Junction** it's a left out of the station down Claedon Road through the precinct onto Vicarage Road and its 50 yards on the left. For those who like to sample the beer well there is plenty as plenty of pubs to quench your thirst.

From North take the train to **Watford Junction Railway Station** with the ground is well signposted from **Watford Junction** it's a left out of the station down Claedon Road through the precinct onto Vicarage Road and its 50 yards on the left. For those who like to sample the beer well there is plenty as plenty of pubs to quench your thirst.

Admission

Vicarage Road Stand

Adults £30,

Concessions £15,

Under 16's £10

Where to have a Drink

The 'Odd Fellows (Mac's Bar) in Fearnley Street 'It is only a couple of hundred yards from the ground the bar is situated off Cassio Road and is clearly visible when taking the route to Vicarage Road from the town centre via Market Street from Watford Rail Station which is 400 yards away. Good pub just around the corner from the stadium. Patio area at the back, friendly and efficient staff there is a square bar with service on three sides and an island in the middle holding optics etc. There's a pool room out the back and a decent amount of covered outside seating.

West Bromwich Albion

Ground - The Hawthorns, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B71 4LF

Main Telephone No: 0871 271 1100

Ticket Office: 0871 271 9780

Capacity: 26,500 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 74 yards

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Ideal Boilers

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.wba.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1878

Former Names – West Bromwich Strollers (1878 – 80)

Former Grounds – Coopers Hill (1878 – 1881), Dartmouth Road (1879 – 81), Bunns Field (1881/82) Four Acres (1882 – 85), Stoney Lane (1885 – 1900)

Years at Today's Ground – 124 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1957

Highest Attendance – 64,815 v Arsenal FA Cup Sixth Round 06/03/1937

Highest Score for – 12–0 v Darwen, First Division, 4/04/ 1892

Highest Against – 3–10 v Stoke City, First Division, 4 February 1937

Highest Scorer in a Season – 40 Walter G Richardson in 1935/36

Highest Scorer Overall & Player with most First Team Appearances – 279 goals

Anthony (Tony) Brown in 1963 – 80 and 720 appearances 1963 – 80

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Alternative

Ground Guide

The club took over 30 years to convert the old ground into the Modern and they started with the Halfords Lane Stand. This stand which was opened in 1982 which stretches around two corners of the ground with the home end Birmingham Road Stand which is a large, covered, and quite steep and at the opposite end is for the away fans where around 3,000 are accommodated which are housed in the Smethwick End with both these ends were built and completed in 1995.



The East Stand is an impressive, large single tiered stand which completed the building programme in 2001, which has been well integrated with the rest of the ground. It has a row of executive boxes running along the back, and to each side of the stand the previous open corners have been filled with corrugated sheeting. There is a thin supporting pillar on each side of the stand to support the corner structures.



In between the East Stand & Birmingham Road End you will notice perched up on a wall, a large Throstle (the club's emblem) standing on a football. This has been kept over from the previous stand it used to sit above the clock on the half time scoreboard and maintains the links with tradition.



Birmingham Road Stand

Outside the ground on the same corner are the Jeff Astle Memorial Gates who played for the club between 1964 to 1974 and scored 174 goals the club erected them in tribute to the legendary striker and watch they don't close them or you will need a tom tom to find your way back to either Rolfe or Hawthorns Stations. Whilst just beyond the East Stand Car Park is a Memorial Garden and look out for the West Brom Mascot called 'Baggie Bird', who does a good job of entertaining the away fans before the game.



Smethwick Road End

Driving Directions



Leave the M5 at Junction 1 take the A41 towards Birmingham, the ground is on your right after 400 yards (speed cameras on this stretch of the A41). Street parking or alternatively there are a few private Matchday car parks at local industrial units near the ground, or at Hawthorns Railway Station which costs £4.

Public Transport



→ 6 mins



MM1



→ 6 mins

Take the train to **Birmingham New Street Railway Station** and then walk over to Grand Central Stop and take the **West Midlands 1 tram** to the **Hawthorns Metro Station** which is about five-minute walk from the ground just turn right and walk up to the ground which is on the right.

From the North take the train to **Wolverhampton Railway Station** and then take the path up to the Price Albert pub then take a left then walk down to the court house and take a right and the stop is on the left about 100 yards take the metro **Tram West Midlands 1** from **St Georges Wolverhampton** it's a six minute walk from the main station, and take it to the **Hawthorns Metro** which is about five minute walk from the ground just turn right and walk up to the ground which is on the right.

Admission

Adults £34

Over 60's £20

Students/Under 23's £20

Under 17's £15

Where to have a Drink

The Vine' on Roebuck Street which is 400 yards from Smethwick Galton Bridge train station and a mile from the Hawthorns Tardis-like! You walk into a cosy backstreet boozery; go past the bar to a conservatory-type eating area and then beyond to the indoor Indian barbecue. Fantastic! The food is superb and great value for money and the size of the nans has to be seen to be believed. As for the ale this really is a 'must visit' and easy to get to and get to the ground via the metro.

Wrexham

Ground – Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AH

Main Telephone No: 01978 262 129

Capacity: 10,500* (All seated)

Team Nickname: Red Dragons

Year Ground Opened: 1864

Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: United Airlines

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

First Kit: Red Shirt with White Shorts and red and white socks

Away Kit: Green shirts white shorts Red socks

Website: www.wrexhamafc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1864

Former Names – Wrexham Cricket Club (1864 – 1904)

First Admitted to the Football League – 1921 Third Division North Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1957

Highest Attendance – 64,815 v Arsenal FA Cup Sixth Round 06/03/1937

Highest Score for – 12–0 v Darwen, First Division, 4/04/ 1892

Highest Against – 3–10 v Stoke City, First Division, 4 February 1937

Highest Scorer in a Season – 51 Tomas Bamford 1933/34

Highest Scorer Overall – 216 Tomas Bamford 1928 - 34

Player with most First Team Appearances – Arfon Griffiths 713 1959 – 61, 1962 - 79

Colours



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Third Kit

Ground Guide

The Racecourse has a large home terrace, which was the Kop Terrace and is in the process of a new stand being built, the stadium also has a blend of the old and the new, with the Mold Road Stand, having a modern interesting design.



University Stand

At the other end is the Glyndwr University Stand is a two-tiered stands, and all seated, it also has an electric scoreboard on its roof. On one side is the Yale Stand and got its name from the Yale College, which was situated behind this stand and is given to the Away fans are now housed in the upper tier of the Stand, at one side of the pitch, towards the Glyndwr University Stand. It is a fair sized two-tiered stands, which is now all seated, having previously had terracing at the front. Opposite is the Mold Road Stand, this side of the ground has been unused it is semi-circular in design with a capacity of 3,500 seats and features an unusual roof design.



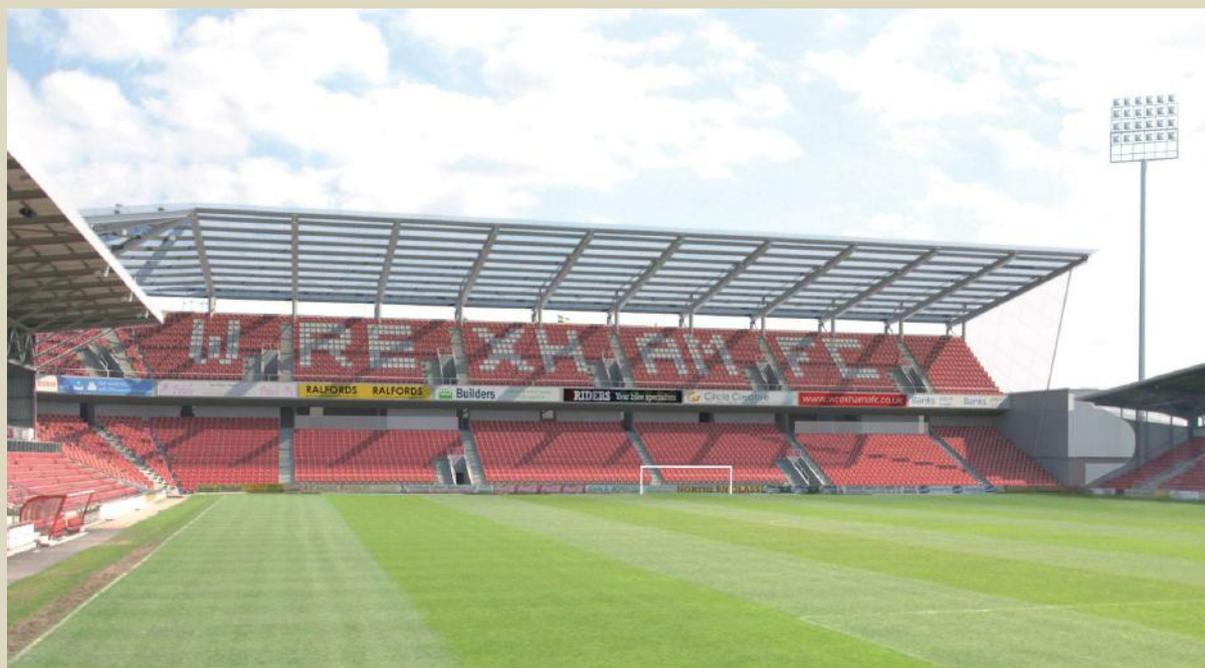
Driving to the Ground

North: 

Take the M6 to Junction 20A on to the M65 for North Wales/ Chester then at Junction 15 take the exit for Chester/ Wrexham then continue on to the A55 and at Junction 38 take the A483 towards Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 at Junction 15 on to the A541 Mold Road. At the roundabout take the first exit on to Mold Road then go straight through the next roundabout and the ground is 200 yards from this junction on the left.

South: 

Take the M54 from the M6 (Junction 10A Northbound). Follow the M54 to the end of the motorway and join the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Continue on the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and then join the A483 towards Wrexham. Stay on the A483 as you reach Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 at Junction 15 on to the A541 Mold Road. At the roundabout take the first exit on to Mold Road then go straight through the next roundabout and the ground is 200 yards from this junction on the left. There is also parking available at the nearby Glyndwr University (£3) or NEWI on the Plas Coch Retail Park which cost £2



The new kop

Public Transport & Walking



2 minutes

Train to **Wrexham Railway Station** is located next to the ground and is a two-minute walk to the ground.

Admission

Adults £22,
Over 60's/Under 21's £12,
Over 80's/Under 16's £9,

Where to Drink

The Plas Cochis a restaurant type pub, with a large beer garden, that is located past the ground going away from the town centre, near to the Sainsburys Petrol Station. It is about a five-minute walk away from the stadium'. The pub is on the Plas Coch Retail Park opposite NEWI, where you can also park for the afternoon, at a cost of £2.

The Golden Lion in Chester Road where the local beer from the Sandstone Brewery, Plassey Brewery and Wrexham Lager Brewery or on Hope Street is the Horse and Jockey which is Wrexham's oldest surviving pub friendly conversation can always be found beneath the timbers of this historic inn in another fantastic old-style traditional pub.