



EFL League One

2022/23



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Guide to League One teams for 2019-20 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.



- Local Bus



Rail



- London Underground Transport



Flying



→ - Walking time distance



- Car



- London Overground



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** been to an older ground (The Editor)

Front Cover – Merthyr Town FC (1920 – 1930 Third Division South)

Accrington Stanley

Ground - The Crown Ground, Livingstone Rd, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 5BX

Main Tel No: 01254 356 950

Fax No: 01254 356 951

Ticket Office: 01254 356 950

Capacity: 5,057 (2,000 seated)

Pitch Size: 111 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: The Reds, Stanley

Year Ground Opened: 1968

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Mansion

Kit Manufacturer: JD Sports

Website: www.accringtonstanley.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1968 (Reformed)

Years at Today's Ground – 46 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2006

First Official Floodlit Match – Aug 1976

Highest Attendance – 10,801 v Crewe Alexandria FA Cup Second Round 05/12/1995 Ewood Park Blackburn

Highest Score for – 9-1 Blackburn Swifts FA Vase 1970

Highest Against – 1-7 Southport Central FA Vase 1971

Highest Scorer in a Season – 56 David Hargreaves Lancashire Combination in 1975/76

Highest Scorer Overall – 318 David Hargreaves from 1970 - 78

Player with most First Team Appearances – 342 Steven Hill 1970 – 78

Former Grounds

Peel Park 1967-68

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Ground Guide

On one side of the ground is the Main Stand, which at first glance looks like one stand, but in fact it is comprised of two small stands; the Main & Thwaite's Stands. They sit on either side of the half way line, with an open gap between the two.



Main Stand & Thwaite's Stand

Both are all seated covered stands and have a row of floodlights at the back of them. To compensate for the fair slope of the pitch which runs up along the ground from the Coppice Terrace to the Sophia Khan End, the Thwaite's Stand has fewer rows of seats than the Main Stand. Both these stands also have an unusual array of tubular steelwork, running across the top of them.

Both ends are fairly new looking affairs, of which the home end, the Sophia Khan Stand covered, whilst the Coppice Terrace opposite is open to the elements with the Away fans are mostly housed, where up to 1,800 fans can be accommodated after this area was recently extended. If demand requires it then part of the Whiney Hill side can also be allocated. The Sophia Khan Stand looks a little odd, with a terracing at the rear, but with seating at the front, especially when you consider that the stand is quite a small structure.

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The Sophia Khan Stand

Opposite is a very small covered seated area, called the Whiney Hill side. This former terrace had seating installed before the start of the 2009/10 season, in order that the Club could meet Football League stadium criteria of having a minimum of 2,000 seats with further seating was also installed into the Sophia Khan End.



Driving to the Ground



Leave the M6 at Junction 29 and take the M65 towards Blackburn. Continue past Blackburn towards Accrington and leave the M65 at Junction 7. Then take the first exit at the roundabout onto the A6185 towards Clitheroe, at the first set of traffic lights turn right onto Blackburn Road/A678, towards Padiham, and then at the next traffic lights, turn right onto the A680 towards Accrington.

After about half a mile along the A680 you will see the Hare & Hounds pub on your left take a right into Whalley Road, and then take the next left into Livingstone Road and then an immediate left for the Club Car Park. The car park is of a reasonable size and is free, however as you would expect it fills up pretty quickly or otherwise street parking around the ground.

Public Transport & Walking

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→ 20 mins

From **Accrington Railway Station** is about a mile away from the ground. Leave the station and travel down King Street towards the large viaduct roundabout, then take the Milnshaw Lane exit at the opposite side of the roundabout past Aldi store then turn left at the next junction into Whalley Road, follow Whalley Road for about a mile, passing the Grey Horse Pub, hospital and then a mini roundabout. Take the next right after the mini roundabout junction into Livingstone Road. The football club is approximately 100 metres on the left on Livingstone Road.

Admission

Adults £15
Over 60's £10,
Under 16's & Students £5
Under 12's £1

Where to Drink Locally

The Crown Inn on Whalley Road which virtually overlooks the ground offers a warm welcome to all supporters for banter, swapping stories and a good chat before and after the game. The Crown has a spacious beer garden, pool table and shows live sport on the big screen and this where we meet for the game.

The Whitakers Arms it is situated just 200 yards away from the Old Peel Park ground 322 Burnley Road. They do a selection of home cooked meals in the pub or restaurant and have great facilities including pool table, beer garden, sky sports, darts and lots more besides. Walking distance from ground is about 20 minutes, in a car about 5 minutes.

The Grey Horse is just 2 minutes' walk from the ground serving a wide selection of drinks all day.

Barnsley

Ground - Oakwell, Grove Street, Barnsley, S71 1ET

Main Telephone No: 01226 211211

Fax No: 01226 211 444

Ticket Office: 0871 226 6777

Capacity: 23,009 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The Tykes or Reds

Year Ground Opened: 1888

Shirt Sponsors – The Investment Company

Kit Manufacturer – Puma

Website: www.barnsleyfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1887

Former Names – Barnsley St Peter

Years at Today's Ground – 127 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1898 to Division Two from the Midland League

First Official Floodlit Match – February 1962

Highest Attendance – 40,255 v Stoke City, FA Cup Fifth Round, 15 February 1936

Highest Score for – 9 – 0 v Loughborough Town Division Two 28/01/1899, v Accrington Stanley Division Three North 3/02/1934

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Highest Against – 0 – 9 v Nottinghamshire (Notts) County FC Division Two 19/01/27
Highest Scorer in a Season – 33 Cecil McCormack in 1950/51
Highest Scorer Overall – 150 Ernest William (Ernie) Hine 1921 – 26, 1936 - 38
Player with most First Team Appearances – 514 Barry Murphy 1962 – 78



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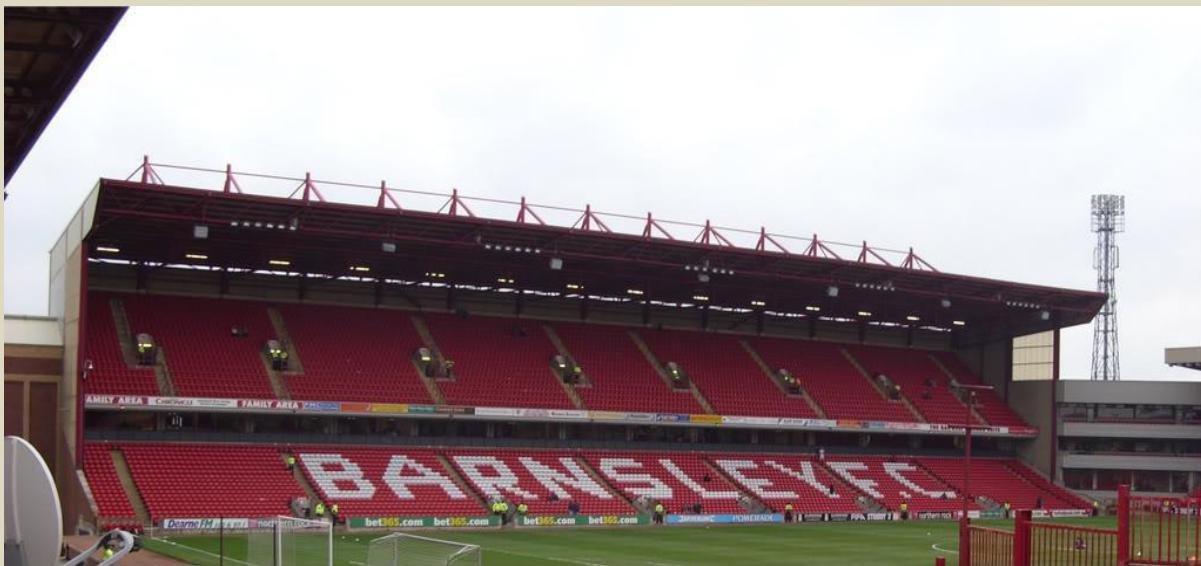
Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground has a capacity of more than 23,000; Oakwell is more than double the size of the average home gate. A nice modern stadium with West Stand in need of redevelopment part of which dates back to 1904 and three sides of the ground were redeveloped in the 1990's.



East Stand

On one side is the particularly attractive two-tiered covered East Stand running along one side of the pitch. Opened in March 1993, this stand has a capacity of 7,500. Opposite is the classic looking West Stand, it was made all seated by putting seats in the old enclosure part but its open to the elements in the mid 1990's and its roof is perched the television gantry.

At the Pontefract Road End is an all seated, covered stand for home supporters, which has a capacity of 4,500 and this stand was opened in 1995 and at the other end, the North Stand, was previously an open terrace, but is now a relatively new single tier, covered stand; Visiting supporters are seated in the North Stand. Who normally get about 2,000 to 6,000 fans varies according to demand and this is the most recent addition to the ground being opened in 1999 and has greatly enhanced the overall look of Oakwell with the North Stand being shared between home and away supporters.



Pontefract Road End

A good feature of the stadium is a purpose-built stand for disabled supporters as there is a three-floor structure that sits at the corner between the East & South Stands which gives them great views of the match. There is also an electric scoreboard at one corner of the North Stand, on top of a security control room. The teams come out from one corner of the ground between the North and West Stands.

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North Stand

Visiting supporters are seated in the North Stand. Who normally get about 2,000 to 6,000 fans varies according to demand and this is the most recent addition to the ground being opened in 1999 and has greatly enhanced the overall look of Oakwell with the North Stand being shared between home and away supporters.

The Dove Inn on Doncaster Road it is only a five-minute walk away from the ground down Oakwell Lane and is happily frequented by both home and away fans. The Landlord and staff were friendly, and there was a nice mix of home and away fans with no bother and there is also a superb beer garden and a terrace where you can see the ground. The alternative pubs are the East Dene Men's Working Club for a small fee as well as you can park there for £2.00 or the Harbour Hills Working Men's Club on Vernon Street.

Food on offer inside the ground includes a range of Pies; Steak and Ale, Chicken & Mushroom Chicken Balti (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 walk over to Market Hill and from Pound Bakery three hot pies for the price you pay in the ground.



West Stand

Driving to the Ground



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Travel the A1/M1 and leave the M1 at Junction 37 and take the A628 towards Barnsley on Dodworth Road. Stay on this road (the ground is well signposted) and go through one roundabout and the next roundabout take the first exit into Wesley Street then at the T Junction take a right into Lambra Road and follow the road under the railway bridge to the T Junction then turn right then take the second right after the Mount pub.

There are a couple of car parks located at the ground, but they are mainly for permit holders only. In between the ground and the Metrodome is a car park for visiting supporters, called the Queens Ground, which costs £3 Cars, £6 Mini Buses and £10 Coaches or street parking.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 10 mins

Train to **Barnsley Railway Station** is about a ten minutes' walk away to the ground. From the train station and then turn left away from the town centre and into Kendray Street and head towards the bridge that the dual-carriageway runs over. Go under the bridge and cross the road then turn left into Bala Street and at the junction continue up the hill this is called Belgrave Road continue to the top of the hill with Oakwell is in front of you.

Admission

Adults £36 (A £30) (B £28) (C £25) (D £23)

Over 65's/Under 22's £24 (A £22) (B £20) (C £18) (D £16)

Under 17's £10 (all categories)

Under 12's £5 (all categories)

Bolton Wanderers

Ground - Reebok Stadium, Burnden Way, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 6JW

Main Telephone No: 0844 871 2932

Main Fax No: 01204 673 773

Ticket Office: 0844 871 2932

Ticket Office Fax: 0844 871 2931

Capacity: 28,723 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 105 x 68 yards

Club Nickname: The Wanderers

Year Ground Opened: 1996

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Betfred

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.bwfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1874

Former Names – Christchurch FC

Years at Today's Ground – 22 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1957

Highest Attendance – 69,912 v Manchester City, FA Cup Fifth Round, 18 February 1933

Highest Score for – 13–0 v Sheffield United second round, 01/02/1890

Highest Against – 1–9 v Preston North End, FA Cup Round Two, 10/12/1887

Highest Scorer in a Season – 285 Nathaniel Lofthouse 1946 - 60

Highest Scorer Overall – 38 Joseph Smith 1920/21

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Player with most First Team Appearances – 578 Eddie Hopkinson 1952 – 70



Former Grounds

Christ Church Playing Fields (1874 – 77),
The Park Recreation Ground (1877 – 78),
Cockles Field (1878 – 81)
Pikes Lane (1881 – 95)
Burnden Park (1895 – 1997) **

Colours



Ground Guide

The stadium was opened in 1997. From the outside it looks simply stunning especially when it is lit up at night. It has a great eye-catching design and is unlike anything else in the country just know.

The inside is functional and tidy, and situated between the two tiers is a row of executive boxes. Above the stands there is a gap between the back of the stands and the roof to allow additional light to reach the pitch and situated between the South and Nat Lofthouse Stands. One unusual feature of the ground is that the teams emerge from separate tunnels on either side of the halfway line.

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There are no bad views in the stadium and away fans are accommodated up to 5,000 in the South Stand behind the goals. Outside the stadium is a statue of former player and legend Nat Lofthouse.



Driving to the Ground



From the South:

Drive to Junction 21a M6; take eastbound M62 leaving at Junction 12. Follow signs for M61 (Bolton/Preston) and exit the M61 at junction 6, and take the first exit off the slip road roundabout onto the A6027 Mansell Way. Just before the ground take the first exit and then take the fourth exit at the next roundabout into the car parks.



From the North:

Take the M6 to Junction 30 and take the M61 towards Blackburn. Then leave the M61 at junction six. The grounds are visible from this junction and follow the road markings for Horwich and at the roundabout just before the ground take the first exit and then take the fourth exit at the next roundabout into the car parks.

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Parking is available for £6.00 per car and the car park is secure but its slow getting out at some matches but if you wish to park away from the stadium then put in the beehive pub into your sat nav and park there for £5.00 its 10 minutes the stadium at 991 Chorley New Road, Bolton BL6 4BA a good meal and drink (but not if you're driving) but it well worth the 17 minute walk to and from the ground down the A6027 you will get home quicker

Public Transport



→ 5mins

Take the train to **Horwich Parkway Station** serves the stadium, with regular trains and the ground is only a few minutes' walk from the stadium just walk up Middlebrook Lane with the ground in front of you.

Admission

Bolton operates a four-category system of ticket pricing (A, B & C) so choose your match carefully
Adults £30 (B £26) (C £23) (D £15)
Over 65's/Under 23's £20 (B £18) (C £16) (D £7)
Under 18's £12 (B £10) (C £9) (D £7)
Under 12's £7 (all categories)

Where to have a Drink

Drink in the city before going to the match either at the Barracuda Bradshawgate, or the Spinning Mule in Nelson Square, there is good food and beer at all three pubs and are only five minutes from Bolton Railway Station.

Bristol Rovers

Ground - Memorial Stadium, Filton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0BF
Main Telephone No: 0117 909 6648
Fax No: 0117 907 4312
Ticket Office No: 0117 909 8848
Match day Ticket Office No: 0117 909 8848
Capacity: 12,011 (All Seated)
Team Nickname: Gasmen or Pirates
Year Ground Opened: 1893 (Clifton Rugby Club)
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Ultima
Shirt Manufacturers: Macron
Website: www.bristolrovers.co.uk
Programme: £3.00



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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1883 (Black Arab FC)

Years at Today's Ground – 22 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 from the Southern League Founder Member Division Three (1920/21) & Division Three South (1921/22)

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1959

Highest Attendance – 38,472 v Preston North End, FA Cup, 30/01/1960

Highest Score for – 15 – 1 v Weymouth FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round 17/11/1900

Highest Against – 0-12 v Luton Town Division Three South 13/04/1936

Highest Scorer in a Season – 33 Geoffrey Reginald William (Geoff) Bradford in 1952/53

Highest Scorer Overall – 242 Geoffrey Reginald William (Geoff) Bradford from 1949 - 64

Player with most First Team Appearances – 546 Stuart Taylor from 1966 -80

Former Names

Black Arabs FC 1883 - 1884

Eastville Rovers, 1884 – 1897

Bristol Eastville Rovers 1897 – 1900

Colours



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Former Grounds

St Johns Ground Purdown (1883/84)

The Acres Ashley Hill, Eastville (1884-91)

Schoolmaster Cricket Ground (1891/92)

Durdham Down (1892 – 94)

The Ridgeway (1894 – 96)

Eastville Stadium (Gasworks Park) 1896 - 1996

Twerton Park, Bath (1986 – 1996)

Ground Guide

The Memorial Ground where the club moved to the stadium in 1996 and two years later bought the ground from the then owners Bristol Rugby Club and although the Memorial Stadium has seen some changes since the Rovers took up residence, it still has the feel of a rugby ground about it.

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The Main Stand

On one side is the West Stand, which with its pavilion looks more like a cricket stand and it has a row of hospitality boxes across the top, with a few rows of seats in front. Below is the Paddock area of terrace. Just under this stand's roof is a television gantry and a small electric scoreboard. The stand runs for about half the length of the pitch and straddles the half way line.



West Stand

On one side of it, towards the Blackthorn end is a small covered terrace, used as a family area, whilst the other side has a small covered area of temporary seating, called the South West Stand. Opposite is the Uplands Stand, taller than the West Stand, but similar in length. This stand has covered seating to its rear and terracing at the front. It has open terracing to either side, one of which is given to away supporters. The team dug outs are located in front of this stand, although the dressing rooms are located behind the West Stand. This leads to quite a procession of players and officials at half time and full time.

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North Stand (Patrick Snowsell)

At one end is the unusual looking South Stand. This was originally erected as a temporary stand, to fill the previously empty end. It has now been opened for a number of seasons now, although it still looks, with its green seats and bright white roof, more suitable for an outdoor show jumping competition than a football ground. The stand only runs for just over half the width of the pitch, has several supporting pillars running across the front and has been nicknamed 'the tent' by Rovers fans. Opposite is the Blackthorn End, which is a covered terrace for home supporters.



South Stand (Gibbo 92)

Driving to the Ground



From the West/East

Whether you're coming from east or west exit the M4 at junction 19 and join the M32. Travel along the M32 for just over 3 miles until you reach junction 2. Here, exit the motorway and take the third exit signposted Horfield and Southmead and follow the road through a division and a roundabout both of which have clear signs reading Memorial Stadium. Once through this area you join Muller Road and you should continue to drive along it for over a mile until you come to a signal-controlled crossroads. Signposted right is Horfield Health Centre and Library. At this junction ignore the sign and turn left into Filton Avenue where the ground is located almost immediately on the left.

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From the North/South

Exit the M5 at junction 16 (Signposted A38 Thornbury and Filton). At the roundabout head right signposted A38 Filton and join the A38. Travel along the A38 (Gloucester Road) for 4.3 miles as you enter the outer suburbs of Bristol. On your trip you'll pass Filton Airport on your right, the Royal Mail sorting office, an American Golf retail outlet on your left and the Royal George and Wellington pubs. At a set of traffic lights immediately past a small shop called Satellite Warehouse and before Polypipe Timber take an unsigned left turn into Filton Avenue where you'll see the ground is on your right after just a couple of dozen yards.

Airport & Public Transport



A1 →



75



→ 5 mins

From **Bristol Airport** take the **First Bus A1** from Stand 1 and take this to Bedminster Parade and from the same stop take the **First Bus 75** to Hornfield Common on Gloucester Road and it's a three minute walk to the ground.



→ 2 mins



18, 73, 74, X73, 319 and 460



→

5 mins

Take Great Western Railways, Cross Country Rail, Rail trains to **Bristol Parkway Railway Station** it's a two mile walk about 32 minutes same as it was to Eastville in the old days or you can walk over to the bus station and take the **First Bus 460 bus** to Hornfield Common at Churchfield Avenue and its three minute walk to the ground or **First Bus 18, 73, 74 X73 and 319** to Gloucester Road.



→ 2 mins



8, 9 and 70



→ 5 mins

Take Great Western Railways, Cross Country Rail, Rail trains to **Bristol Temple Mead Railway Station** the **First Bus 8 9 & 70 buses** go to the ground get off at Gloucester Road and Filton Avenue.

Admission

South Stand,

East Stand (Terrace):

Adults £18 (B £16), Under 22's £14 (B £12) Over 65's/Under 16's £10 (B £8)

South Stand (Seated):

Adults £21 (B £19), Under 22's £17 (B £15) Over 65's/Under 16's £12 (B £10)

Where to have a Drink

The Queen Vic pub on the Gloucester Road, which is around a five minutes walk from the ground, although it does get busy A nice little pub, and always welcoming from the Gas Heads for neutrals and away fans but not City fans.

Burton Albion

Ground - Pirelli Stadium, Princess Way, Burton upon Trent, Staffs, DE13 0AR

Main Telephone No: 01283 565 938

Fax No: 01283 523 199

Capacity: 6,912 (2,034 Seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: The Brewers

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Year Ground Opened: 2005
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Tempobet
Kit Manufacturer: TAG
Website: www.burtonalbionfc.co.uk
Programme: £3.00



Eaton Park & Pirelli Stadium

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1950

Years at Today's Ground – 10 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2002

First Official Floodlit Match – 1968 Eaton Park

Highest Attendance – 6,193 v Manchester United FA Cup Third Round 8/01/2006

Highest Score for – 12–1 v Coalville Town, Birmingham Senior Cup, 6 September 1954

Highest Against – 0–10 v Barnet, Southern League Premier Division, 7 February 1970

Highest Scorer in a Season – 45 Richie Barker from 1960 - 67

Highest Scorer Overall – 159 Richie Barker from 1960 - 67

Player with most First Team Appearances – 270 Richie Barker from 1960 - 67

Colours



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Former Grounds

Lloyds Foundry Ground 1950 - 1958

Eaton Park 1958 – 2005

Ground Guide

In 2005 the Club left their Eton Park ground, which had been their home since 1958 and moved to a new £7.2m purpose-built stadium nearby 400 yards up Princess Way. The Main Stand, which is covered and all seated. The Clubs administration offices and corporate facilities are located in this stand and so at the back of the seated area is a row of windows running across it.



West Terrace

The other three sides are small, steep covered terraces and they each have a large visible back wall. Each of these terraced stands has solid windshields to either side, apart from one side of the South Stand where there is a Police Control Box present.

Away fans are predominantly housed in the Coors East Stand Terrace at one end of the ground, where just over 1,400 fans can be accommodated plus an addition 400 seats are also made available to visiting supporters in the Main Stand.



East Terrace

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Driving to the Ground

North

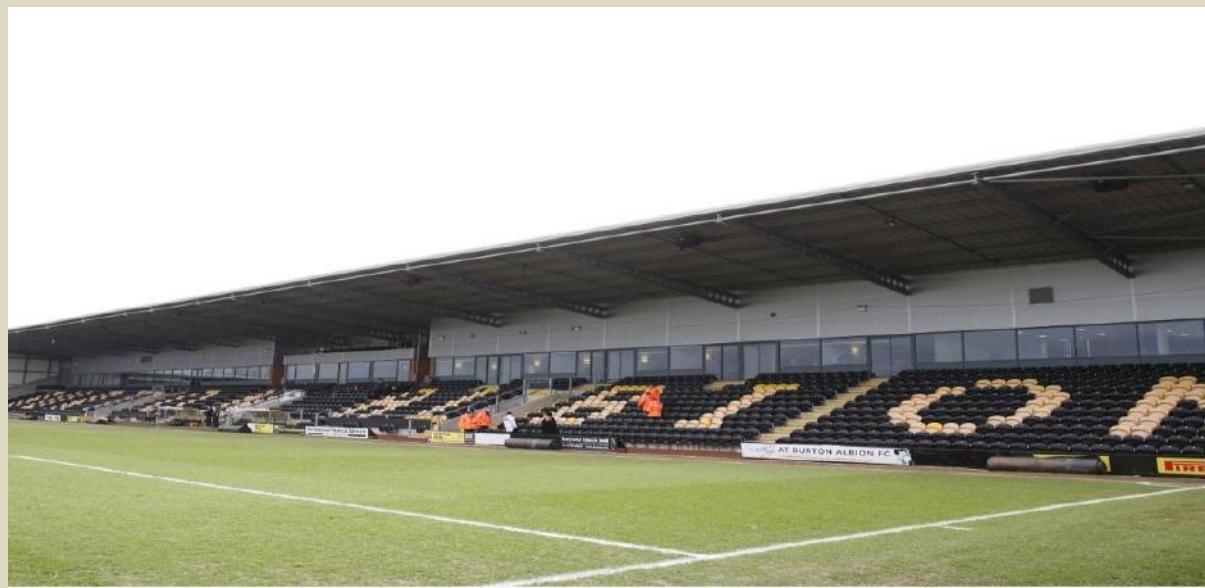


Leave the M1 at junction 28 and join the A38 towards Derby. Continue on the A38 through Derby towards Burton. Leave the A38 at the Burton North exit and follow the A5121 towards Burton. Go straight across a roundabout and you will then pass a McDonalds on your right. Just before the next roundabout you will see the stadium on your right. Turn right at the roundabout into Princess Way. A short distance along Princess Way on the right is the entrance to the Club Car Park.

South



Exit the M1 at junction 22 (signposted Coalville, Ashby, Burton) and follow the A511 past Coalville, Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Woodville and Midway. When you enter Burton, get into the right-hand lane going straight through the traffic lights and across the Trent Bridge. Stay in the right-hand lane going straight through the first set of lights at the end of the Bridge and then in the middle lane at the second set, into Horninglow Street, and then straight again at the next lights (next to the Magistrates Courts). Turn right at the traffic lights underneath the Brewery flyover, into Hawkins Lane. Go through the industrial estate, straight across the mini-roundabout, past the Ruby Cantonese Restaurant and over the Railway Bridge, and then straight over the roundabout into Princess Way. The ground is 100 yards on left.



Main Stand

Public Transport



→ 25 mins or



V1 or V2



→ 2 mins

Take the Cross-Country train to **Burton upon Trent Railway Station** is around a mile and a half from the ground. As you come out of the main entrance of the station go out down the lane then turn right into Derby Road and from there it is a straight road when you get to the roundabout take a left into Princess Way up to the stadium. It should take about 25 minutes to walk. The **Trent Barton V1 and V2 bus service** runs every half an hour from directly outside the railway station to the Pirelli Stadium.

Admission

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Seating

Adults £22
Over 65's and Under 23's £20
Under 17's £12

Terrace

Adults £18
Over 65's £16
Under 23's £13
Under 17's £5

Where to have a Drink

Near to the railway station are the Roebuck Inn 101 Station Street one minute from the station serves good food and beer and for staying over for a night

The Devonshire is just past the Roebuck Inn at 86 Station Street three minutes from the station Great pub, excellent Burton Bridge beers and wonderful arrangement with a local sandwich shop to order food!

The Cooper's Tavern at 43 Cross Street 1 minute from the Devonshire and four minutes from the railway station However, you don't visit this pub for its comfort or ambiance, you go for its amazing choice of beers and ciders, mainly straight from the barrel. If you walk from the station to the ground, you will pass The Albert on Derby Street on your left good food and beer and friendly staff.

Cambridge United

Ground - Abbey Stadium, Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8LN

Main Telephone No: 01223 566 500

Fax No: 01223 729 220

Capacity: 9,617 (4,376 Seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 74 yards

Team Nickname: The U's

Year Ground Opened: 1931(Cambridgeshire Cricket Club)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Mick George

Kit Manufacturer: Hummel

Website: www.cambridge-united.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



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History Facts & Records

Founded - 1912

Years at Today's Ground – 83 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1971 for Bradford Park Avenue

First Official Floodlit Match – Sept 1963

Highest Attendance – 14,000 v Chelsea Friendly 01/05/1970

Highest Score for – 7 – 0 (v Weymouth, Conference Premier, March 2007, v Forest Green Rovers, Conference Premier, September 2009)

Highest Against – 0 – 7 v Sunderland, League Cup Second Round, 1/10/2002

Highest Scorer in a Season – 24 – David Crown in Division Four, 1985–86

Highest Scorer Overall – 319 JS Forfar from 1922 – 36

Player with most First Team Appearances – 450 Steve Fallon 1974 – 86 with 27 goals

Former Names

Abbey United FC 1912 – 1951

Former Ground



Parkers Piece (1912 – 33) (The birth of Football Association Rules)

Colours



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Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground has four separate stands each with its own character. The big main stand dates back to the start of time and has been pencilled in for redevelopment in the past. The North stand, also known as the Newmarket Road End is where the home fans congregate, with its social club in the corner.



Main Stand

Away fans are usually housed in the south stand known as The Marston's Smooth Stand which is an all-seated affair with a capacity of 1,600 which is quite uncommon within the lower leagues of English Football. The entrance to the away stand is located along a path through the common field, and once you are in the stand you will have decent views of the game with the stand being relatively modern.

For away fans The Earl of Beaconsfield Pub at 133 Mill Road with good food and an assortment of Ales and wines it's on the walk to the ground or The Devonshire Arms at 1 Devonshire Road pub shows BT & Sky Sports on large screens and has up to five real ales from the Milton Brewery; it is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and The Kingston Arms at is a traditional pub award winning ales and first rate food in a cosy venue with beer and wines changing nearly every day to give you a more choice of what you would like to drink



South Stand

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Driving to the Ground



From the North

Take the A1 to junction 14 at the Huntingdon Rd/A14 (signs for Cambridge/ A1307/ A10/ Ely/ Felixstowe/ Harwich) then drive for about three miles till you get to Murray College take a left into Victoria Road and follow the signs for the A1134 and at the roundabout take the third exit down Elizabeth Way then continue down to the next roundabout and take the first left down Newmarket Road then at the City Life Centre take a right up Coldhams Lane then at the roundabout go straight on and after the railway bridge take a left into Coldhams Road and leave the car there and walk back down to the Greyhound then walk to the lights and turn left and walk through the park under the railway bridge and follow the path to the ground.



From the South

Take the M11 until you reach junction 14. Take a turn onto the A14 East, passing the junction for Histon. Then exit the A14 at the fourth junction (situated east of Cambridge), up the slip road to the roundabout (signposted Stow-Cum-Quay). Turn right onto the A1303, and return westwards towards Cambridge. Go straight over the first roundabout, passing Marshall Airport to the left. Go straight over two sets of traffic lights to a roundabout.

The Ground's floodlights can be seen from here and McDonald's is on the right. Turn left onto the ring road. Turn right at the first roundabout (a large Sainsbury's is on the left here), and go along Coldhams Lane. After half a mile, immediately after the traffic lights (at the Greyhound Public House) turn right into Coldhams Road before the railway bridge.

There is no car parking at the ground and you will have to find a space in the nearby streets so park there and walk back down to the Greyhound then walk to the lights and turn left and walk through the park under the railway bridge and follow the path to the ground.



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→ 28 mins

Take the train if coming from the North to **Peterborough Railway Station** and from London **Kings Cross Railway Station** in the South then on to **Cambridge Railway Station** come out of the station walk across the car park to the footbridge over the railway walk up the steps after going under the bridge on to Rustat Road down to the next junction take a right into Charles Street and walk on to the next left into Argyle Street follow the road round till the crossroads

From the crossroads take a right into Mill Road at the Earl of Beaconsfield Pub and cross the road and turn down Cavendish Road and then cross the road at the second right turn right into Weterhall Road and then first left into Sedgwick Street walk down to the roundabout then turn first left into Cromwell Street and walk to the end cross at the light and walk down to the Greyhound for a pint then walk back to the lights and turn left and walk through the park under the railway bridge and follow the path to the ground.

The Alternative cut through the car park go out through the pedestrian exit which takes you onto Devonshire Road. Turn right and just before the end of the road you will see the entrance to the Devonshire Arms on your left and then straight across into Kingston Street, there is another CAMRA Good Beer Guide pub, the Kingston Arms up on the left.

Take the first right after the Kingston Arms then first right into Hooper Street and then first left into Ainsworth Road and then third right into Sleaford Street take the path through into the shopping centre and walk to the main road crossing at the lights and take a right and walk over the railway bridge to the Greyhound Pub (now closed) and turn left and walk through the park under the railway bridge and follow the path to the ground.



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→ 2 mins

Train to **Cambridge Railway Station** then walk out of the station and take the **Stagecoach Cambridge Citi 3** from Stop 6 to Ditton Walk on Newmarket Road it's a two-minute walk to the ground and get a Day rider ticket for £3.70

Admission

South Stand (Seating): Adults £19, Concessions £13, Under 18's £9

Habbin Terrace: Adults £16, Concessions £11, Under 18's £6

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.caafc.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)

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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 moved 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. By the 1980's the old ground needed repair but there was no money at the club so the club moved to Crystal Palace FC's ground of Selhurst Park for the 1985-86 season. They also played at West Ham's Boleyn Ground while the Valley was being rebuilt.



West Stand

The club moved back to the Valley in 1992. The East Stand was constructed during the 1993–94 season and fully completed in 1994. As part of the first development to the ground and 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. The East Stand was renamed the Alan Curbishley Stand in 2021.



East Stand

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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, along with restaurants and executive suites?

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 with 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 (South) Seed & 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

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→ 5 mins

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.



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→ 7 mins

From the north take the train to **Luton Railway Station** then take the Thameslink Northern TI take it to the **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.



472



→ 8 mins

From **Waterloo Railway Station** then then walk over to the Underground station take the Jubilee Line direct to **North Greenwich Underground Station** then **London Bus 472** from Stop A to Charlton Lane on Woolwich Road and its eight mins to the ground.



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 from April 2023 change at **Reading Railway Station** take the Elizabeth Crossrail Line to **Woolwich Crossrail Railway Station** then change and take the train to **Charlton Railway Station**. Till its open take the train to Paddington Railway station and use Crossrail to Woolwich Railway Station

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 at 426 Woolwich Road used to be the Away pub but has been closed since 2018. Away fans tend to drink at London Bridge before travelling to the ground.

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; you don't see many footy pubs with photos of away fans from previous seasons. There are three large television screens showing sporting events.

Cheltenham Town

Ground - Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5NA

Main Telephone No: 01242 573 558

Fax No: 01242 224 675

Capacity: 7,066 (3,912 seated)

Team Nickname: The Robins

Year Ground Opened: 1927 (Cheltenham RFP)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Mira Showers

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: ctfc.com

Programme - £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1887

Years at Today's Ground – 84 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1999

First Official Floodlit Match – Aug 1960

Highest Attendance – 8,326 v Reading FA Cup Round One 17/11/1957

Highest Score for – 12–0 v Chippenham Rovers, FA Cup 3rd qualifying Round, 2/11/1935

Highest Against – 1–10 v Merthyr Tydfil, Southern League, 8 March 1952

Highest Scorer in a Season – 53 Dave Lewis in 1974/75 scored 290 goals from 1967 – 79 and 1982/83 and 600 appearances

Highest Scorer Overall – Reginald Smith 391 goals 1890 – 1903

Player with most First Team Appearances – Roger Thorndale 702 from 1958–1976

Former Grounds

Gardner's Recreation Ground (1887 – 1900),

Whaddon Lane (1900 – 1919)

Carter's Field (1919 – 1932)

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At one end of the ground is the newest addition to the stadium this is the Hazlewoods Stand and has a capacity of 1,100 fans. It is particularly steep in its design, is unusual in the respect that it has a couple of more rows of seats on one side of it. There is also a small electric scoreboard on its roof.



On the other side of the pitch is the Main Stand, it has seating to the rear and terracing at the front. Straddling the half way line, it does not go the full length of the pitch, having open spaces to either side. At one end is the small covered terrace, called the Prestbury Road Stand, which is the home end of the ground.

On one side of the ground is another relatively new stand. The In2Print Stand this stand sits proudly at one side of the pitch and houses 2,034 supporters, all seated, single tiered stand, part of which is given to away supporters. The ground is now enclosed in one corner where the two new stands meet, although it is not used for spectators.

For away fans if you get bus E or walking then drop in at the Sudeley Arms' on Prestbury Road it's nice to go somewhere where the landlord treats you more of a mate than a customer that is relaxing and all of the locals do not give you that 'local' look. 'The Conservatory' on 104-106 Winchcombe St if Bus A then reverse the journey of Bus E to Prestbury Road and Winchcombe St with both pubs are five minutes away from the ground.

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Driving Directions



From the North

Leave the M5 at Junction 10, (follow road A4019) towards Cheltenham, keep going straight through traffic lights until you reach a roundabout, PC World will be on your left and McDonalds on your right. Turn left here, after 500 yards you will then come to a double roundabout, go straight over, keep going for another 300 yards then turn right into Swindon Lane, follow the road over the level crossing and 2 mini roundabouts until you come to a large roundabout, go straight over, signposted Prestbury, continue past Racecourse and turn right into Albert Road, follow this to the end then turn left at roundabout into Prestbury Road, 200 yards turn into Whaddon Road.



From the South

Leave the M5 at Junction 11 take the A40 turning right towards Cheltenham. At the second roundabout follow the A40/ Gloucester Road. Follow the road into Lansdown Road past the Texaco Garage at the roundabout take the first left past Barclays then follow the signs for the A46 and follow the Inner Ring Road into North Street then go straight on into North Place past the Parrot Pub then at the junction go right then first left into Portland Street then take the first right into Clarence Road then first left into Prestbury Road, 200yards turn into Whaddon Rd.

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Public Transport



→ 10 mins

From **Cheltenham Spa Railway Station** walk across from the station and take the **Stagecoach West Cheltenham Bus E** to the Hotel in the Park walk down and take the first left walk to the end of Wellington Road take the second on the left and walk down Prestbury Road take the first left into Whaddon Road and walk down to the Bowling club and turn left and walk up to the ground.

Stagecoach West Cheltenham Service D from the Station Car park to the Town Centre (Clarence Street). On Saturdays Service D runs every 10 minutes. It costs £3.90 for a 'day-rider' ticket with unlimited travel in Cheltenham. From the Town centre it is a short walk to Whaddon Road down Prestbury Road.

Admission

Hazlewoods Stand:

Adults £21,

Over 65's £15,

Under 18's & Students £7

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: 32 Red

Kit Manufacturer: Umbro

Website: www.dfcfc.co.uk

Programme: £3

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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) **

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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

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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)

Exeter City

Ground - St James' Park Stadium Way, Exeter, Devon, EX4 6PX

Main Telephone No: 01392 411 243

Fax No: 01392 413 959

Capacity: 8,830 (3,800 Seated)

Pitch Size: 114 x 73 yards

Team Nickname: The Grecians

Year Ground Opened: 1890 (Exeter United FC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Chunk Pies

Kit Manufacturer: Joma

Website: www.exetercityfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1904 (Merger of Exeter United & St Sidwells Old Boys)

Years at Today's Ground – 126 years (as Exeter United)

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder Member of Division Three, Founder Member of Division Three South 1921 & Founder Member of Division Four 1958

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1953

Highest Attendance – 20,984 v Sunderland, FA Cup Sixth Round Replay, 04/03/1931

Highest Score for – 14–0 v. Weymouth, FA Cup Qualifying Round One 03/10/1908

Highest Against – 0–9 v Notts County Division Three South 16/10/1948 v Northampton Town Division Three

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South 12/04/1958

Highest Scorer in a Season – 34 Fred Whitlow in 1933/34

Highest Scorer Overall – 149 David Forfar from 1904 - 1910

Player with most First Team Appearances – 530 Arnold Mitchell from 1952 - 66



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Ground Guide

The ground is a mixture of the old and the modern as on one side is the old Grandstand that was originally opened in 1926 after the original stand of 1904 was burned down. It is all seated, covered and has windshields to either side and is about half the length of the pitch and although part of it straddles the half way line, it mostly sits to one side towards the St James' Terrace End.

This means that the area to the other side of stand is open and apart from a row of floodlight pylons is unused for spectators and the Grandstand also has an unusual set of small floodlights aligned along the front of its roof, that protrude at an angle.

Opposite is the new Flybe Stand which is the newest addition to the ground and was opened in 2001 and this modern all seater stand, is single tiered, with some executive boxes located in the middle to the rear. It has the player's tunnel and team dug outs situated at its front.



St James Terrace end

At one end is the 'Big Bank' covered terrace, which was opened in February 2000 and replaced a former open terrace. This stand is quite impressive looking and with a capacity of just under 4,000, means it is now the largest terrace left in the Football League. Unusually both the Flybe & Big Bank Stands have an open gap between the roof and back of the stands.



Ivor Doble Stand

The other end is a covered terrace, called the St James Road terrace. This end is given to away supporters. It is that small, where just over 1,000 fans can be accommodated. In addition, the Club make 150 seats available to visiting supporters in the Grandstand. For Away fans The Victoria Inn Good food at ridiculous prices, improved beer selection since I was here two years ago, there is also the Duke of York come out of St David's walk down Street. Then walk down Sidwell Street for about four minutes and the pub is on the corner on the left no food small but good beer and The Wells Tavern is 100 yards from the ground really friendly boozer with 4 real ales and a proper cider on very away fan friendly.

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The Grandstand

Driving Directions



Exit the M5 at junction 30, and then follow the signs for Middlemoor. Take the second exit at Middlemoor roundabout (signed Heavitree). Follow signs for City Centre, going through Heavitree (approx. 2 miles). Past the police station on your right, then at the bottom of the hill turn right at the roundabout into Western Way (signed Pinhoe and Broadclyst). At the next roundabout, take the second exit, and then at the top of the hill (Old Tiverton Road) first left into St. James' Road.



Big bank End

There is no parking around the ground as the locals have a parking permit in operation so park in the town centre the best is at the Guildhall in Queen Street or new St Nicholas Abbey Car Park in Smythen Street both are an easy walk to the ground

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The St James End

Public Transport & Walking



→ 3 mins

Train to **St James Railway Station** which beside the ground up the path to the ground it may be longer from St David's but the locals is friendly in all the pubs.



→ 8 mins

Train to **St David's Railway Station** in Exeter the walking without going to the pub is up St Clements Lane on to Howell Road after half a mile turn left into Blackwell Road, then turn left into Pennsylvania Road and then turn right cross the road 200 yards York Road and then 200yards up the road turn into Oxford Road the ground is at the top of the road.



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→ 8 mins

Flights to **Exeter Airport** are from Newcastle, Manchester and London City Airport on a Saturday and get the train back home. From the airport take the **Stagecoach South East 56 bus** to Nine Oaks and then take the **Stagecoach South East 52A bus** to the Bus Station from there walk down to the church in front of you and then turn right into Sidwell Street then at the Church roundabout take the left fork and then take first right for the ground.

Admission

Adults £18,
Concessions £12,
Under 18's £6,
Family Ticket (1 Adult + 1 Child) £23

Fleetwood Town

Ground – Highbury Stadium, Park Avenue, Fleetwood, Lancashire FY7 6TX

Main Telephone: 01253 770702

Ticket Office:

Capacity: 5,311 (Seats 2,701)

Team Nickname: Cod Army

Year Ground Opened: 1939 (Fleetwood FC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: BES Commercial Gas

Kit Manufacturer: Hummel

Website: www.fleetwoodtownfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1997

Former Names – Fleetwood Wanderers FC, Fleetwood Freeport FC

Years at Today's Ground – 17 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2011

First Official Floodlit Match – 1997

Highest Attendance – 5,194 v York City Football League Two Play-Off 2013–14 16/05/2014

Highest Score for – 13–0 v Oldham Town North West Counties League Division Two 5/12/1998

Highest Against – 0–7 v Billingham Town FA Cup first qualifying round, 2001–02 15/09/2001

Highest Scorer in a Season – 41 David Michael Ball 2016-17

Highest Scorer Overall – 101 David Barnes

Player with most First Team Appearances – 500 Nathan Pond from 2003 - 2018

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Ground Guide

The stadium has been completely re-built over the last five years, matching the teams' meteoric rise up the leagues with six promotions in nine seasons. The latest addition to the ground is the very impressive looking Parkside Stand which was first opened to spectators in March 2011. These 2,000 capacities all seated stand and it has a single tier of seating, whilst above are offices and a top row of executive boxes and hospitality area, all of which have a small tier of seating outside.



Opposite is the Highbury Stand, which is a small all-seated covered stand, which was opened in 2008. It is only six rows high, has a capacity of 550 and runs for only half the length of the pitch, meaning that there is a large open area next to it, although this area does feature some buildings.

On the roof of the Highbury Stand is a small television gantry you can see a small roof which is the roof the old Main Stand which is still in existence having had the new stand built in front of it. It just shows how much the stadium has come on, when you consider that at one time there was this stand and another stand beside it plus two small enclosures which had been there since 1946 and not much else at the ground.

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Memorial Stand

Both ends are covered terraces, which are similar in size in terms of height. The Percy Ronson Terrace which is named after a former player who had most appearances with the old Fleetwood Town and which is given to away supporters and runs for around 65% of the width of the pitch where 831 fans can be accommodated. This terrace which was opened in 2007, is covered, free from supporting pillars and affords a good view of the playing action.



Percy Ronson Stand

Away fans are housed in both the Parkside Stand (seating) and the Percy Robson Stand (standing), with the sections of the stands effectively constituting the north-west corner of the ground. The modern terrace is capable accommodating 621 fans, whilst the less popular seating area has room for 210 visitors although it's still good to offer people the choice. There is an away fans ticket office and programme booth situated outside the visiting fans entrance.

The Memorial Stand is used by the home support (is larger extending the full width of the pitch and housing just under 1,500 supporters. In one corner of the stadium between the Parkside and Memorial Stands is a large video screen.

Driving Directions

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Leave the M6 at Junction 32 and take the M55 towards Blackpool. Then leave the M55 at Junction 3 and take the A585 towards Fleetwood. On the outskirts of Fleetwood, you will come to a roundabout with Blackpool and Fylde College on your left. Continue straight on towards Fleetwood but after the roundabout take the first left into Copse Road.

After about a mile and as you pass Fleetwood Fire station on your left then branch left and turn left onto to Radcliffe Road (going back on yourself but in parallel with Copse Road). Then take the next right into Stanley Road and the stadium is at the bottom of this road on your left. There is no parking for away supporters at the stadium itself but there is plenty of parking available in the area.

Public Transport



Fleetwood



→ 2 mins

Train to **Blackpool North Railway Station** and walk down to the North Pier on the Promenade and take the **Blackpool Tramways** to Fleetwood to Stanley Park and it's a three-minute walk to the ground.



1 or 14



→ 2 mins

The **Blackpool Transport 14 bus** on Cocker Street near the station or the **Blackpool Transport 1 bus** from the Promenade to Fleetwood its take about 20 minutes to get there and get off at the Fire Station and its two minutes to the ground

Admission

Parkside Stand: Adults

£25, Over 65's/Under 18's £20, Under 16's £17, Under 5's Free**

Percy Ronson Stand:

Adults £23, Over 65's/Under 18's £18, Under 16's £15, Under 5's Free**

** When accompanied by a paying adult.

Where to have a Drink

The Strawberry Gardens on Poulton Road is where we meet for the games and is a 12-minute walk back to the stadium an enormous and ever-changing choice of real ales and ciders. Run with pride by a professional team, the pub offers a selection of no less than twelve beers and six ciders, not to mention most other drinks you'd care to mention. On the real ale front, you'll find familiar favourites alongside new surprises, meaning you're spoilt for choice every time you head to the bar. CAMRA members receive discounts.

Forest Green Rovers

Ground – The New Lawn, Nympsfield Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, GL6 0ET

Main Telephone No: 01453-834-860

Fax No: 01453-835-291

Capacity: 5,140 (Seats 2,000)

Team Nickname: The Rovers

Year Ground Opened: 2006

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: ecotricity

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Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.forestgreenroversfc.net

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1889 (Forest Green)

Years at Today's Ground – 11 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2017/18 Season

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1990

Highest Attendance – 4,836 vs Derby County, FA Cup third round, 3 January 2009

Highest Score for – 8–0 vs Fareham Town, Southern League Southern Division, 1996–97, 8–0 vs Hyde, Football Conference, 10 August 2013

Highest Against – 10–0 v Gloucester, Mid-Gloucestershire League, 13 January 1900

Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Pat Glover in 1926/27

Highest Scorer Overall – Karl Bayliss 93 goals 1995 – 97

Player with most First Team Appearances – 240 Alex Sykes 1996 – 2000 and 2001 – 04

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Former Grounds

Lawn Green 1889- 2006

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The stadium has a capacity of 5,140 the Western Thermal Stand at one side of the pitch. This is a 2,000 all seated capacity stand, opposite is a small open terrace, which is only seven steps high.



North Terrace

At the Nympsfield Road end of the ground, is a covered terrace, the roof of which came from the Barnfield Road side of the Old Lawn ground. Opposite is the EESI Stand is a covered seated stand that is given to away supporters. This stand was transported from the Club's old Lawn ground a few hundred yards away and re-erected at the New Lawn. The Green Man Based accepts neutrals and away fans with scarves which is on-site at The New Lawn stadium complex and this is Forest Green Rovers very own public house and the venue for watching live sport and have selection of the finest Stroud Brewery Ales from Tom Longs to Stroud Organic; they rotate the products available on a weekly basis and the club have a marquee for away fans.

The alternative for away pub to drink there is The George and the Britannia which is in Newmarket Road, in Nailsworth then walk back up the hill with food from Walkers on Old Market about 100 yards past the Britannia pub then walk back up the hill.

Driving to the Ground



From the M5

From the M5 and exit at junction 13 and head for Stroud on the A419. At Stroud you turn onto the A46 Nailsworth. At mini roundabout in the town turn up Spring Hill towards Forest Green (signposted) and the stadium is at the top of the hill after the second roundabout. Sat Nav users should enter GL6 0ET and not the mail post code. Please note on Matchdays there is a Temporary Traffic Order in place on the highway around the stadium. Car parking is available inside the stadium at £3 per vehicle.



From the M4

Take the M4 to Junction 15 Swindon then at the roundabout take the third exit onto Marlborough Road A419 then continue down the road and take the slip road for Stroud and take the second exit on to the Cirencester Road (A419) then at the next roundabout take the second exit Bristol Road A429 at the next roundabout follow the signs for the A429 then at the next roundabout take the third exit for Stroud A419

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Main Stand

Then at the end turn left and follow the signs for Stroud then turn left onto The Ladder this in parts has a 40mph speed limit when you get to the church follow the road round onto George Street over the bridge past the tyre garage and over the cattle grill then at mini roundabout at the clock take the second exit up Spring Hill the ground is signposted from here and the stadium is at the top of the hill after the second roundabout.



South Terrace

Public Transport



→ 3 mins



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→ 6mins

Train to **Stroud Railway Station** then walk from the Station to Merrywalks Shopping Centre and take the **Stagecoach West 63 bus** drops you off at Colliers Wood stop on Nympsfield Road within 6 minutes of the ground then have pint in the Green Man. It cost £8.00 return day ticket with Stagecoach West.

Admission

EESI (South) Stand:

Adults £16,
Over 65's £12,
Under 21's/Students £8,
Under 16's £5

Ipswich Town

Ground - Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA

Main Telephone No: 01473 400 500

Fax No: 01473 400 040

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: No

Shirt Sponsors: Marcus Evans

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

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)

Years at Today's Ground – 132 years

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)

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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) 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.

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.

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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.'



The East of England Co-operative Stand BGE

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

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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

Cobbold Stand (Upper Wings): Adults £32.50 Over 60's/Students £23 Under 20's £22, Under 16's £11.50**
Cobbold Stand (Lower Tier): £27.50 Over 60's/Students £19 Under 20's £18, Under 16's £11.50**

** In the Family Areas of these stands Under 16's are admitted for £8.50.



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.

Lincoln City

Ground - Sincil Bank Stadium, Lincoln, LN5 8LD

Main Telephone No: 0870 899 2005

Fax No: 01522 880 020

Ticket Office: 0870 899 1976

Capacity: 10,130 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x74 yards

Team Nickname: The Imps

Year Ground Opened: 1895

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Peres grind

Kit Manufacturer: ERRA

Website: www.redimps.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1884

Years at Today's Ground – 117 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – March 1953

Highest Attendance – 23,196 v Derby County in the League Cup Fourth Round Replay November 15 1967

Highest Score for – 13-0 v Peterborough United FA Cup First Qualifying Round, 12 October 1895

Highest Against – 1-9 v Arsenal Division One 28/01/1931

Highest Scorer in a Season – Allan Hall – 45 (1931–32)

Highest Scorer Overall – Andy Graver – 143 (1950–55, 1958–61)

Player with most First Team Appearances – Grant Brown 469 from 1989 – 2002

Former Grounds

John O' Gaunt ground 1884 - 1891

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The ground is all seater, on one side is the large all seater Co-op Community Stand and this large single tier covered stand which has a capacity of 5,700. Opposite it is the Lincolnshire Echo Stand, a small covered stand it is seated, but only runs half the length of the pitch, straddling the half way line and hence there are gaps at either side. One gap has now been partly filled by a tiny covered Family Stand. Both ends are small covered affairs. The Bridge McFarland Stand is all seated and has a row of executive boxes running across the back and is used for the away support. The other end is the Stacey West all seated, covered stand, and is for home supporters.

Driving to the Ground



North West / East

From the North West take the M6 to Junction 30 onto the M61 toward Manchester/ Bolton/ Leeds/ Blackburn/ M62/ M65 then keep on the left follow signs for M60/ M66/ M62/ Ring Road N/Ring Road East/ Bury/ Leeds and merge onto M62 and continue to Junction 32 on to the A1.

From the East take the A1 (M1) then take the A638/A57 exit toward Lincoln/ East Markham/ Retford then at the roundabout, take the second exit onto Cliff Gate/A57 this will lead you into the centre of Lincoln on Westbourne Grove at the lights turn left at the Horse & Groom Pub at the lights on to Brayford Way and at the next set of light take a slight right junction into Newland Road (A57) follow the road round past the University and take the second right down Broadgate (A46) drive straight over the railway bridge till you come to the Common then at the lights go straight on then take turn right into South Park.

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Lincolnshire Echo Stand



South East

From the A1 Take the A46 exit toward A17/Newark/Sleaford/Lincoln follow the A46 into Lincoln (which leads onto the High St) and the ground is indicated from there. If you follow the signs for 'away coaches' then this leads you onto the South Park, where there is plenty of street parking to be found (although it is a five-minute walk around to the ground) it cheaper than paying £4.00 at the ground.



South West

Take the M5 and then merge on to the M42 (signs for M1/London/ M40/ Airport) then At junction 7A, exit onto M6 toward London/M1/Coventry then at junction 2, take the M69/A46 exit to M1 North/ Leicester/Coventry (E) keep left at the fork, follow signs for M69/M1(N) and merge onto M69, At junction 3, exit onto M1 toward Nottingham, then take the A46 exit toward Braunstone Frieth/ Kirby Muxloe/ B5380 then keep right at the fork, follow signs for A46/Leicester North/Newark and merge onto A46 and follow the signs for Lincoln this will take you into South Park Avenue go to the end turn right into Chadwick road then first right into South Park

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Public Transport



→ 19 mins

The longer way from the **Lincoln Railway Station** is around a 19-minute walking pace to the ground unless you take in the pubs on the High Street. Turn 'left out of the train station and walk up to the traffic lights, turn left at these traffic lights onto the High Street, walking over the railway level at the crossing, keep walking for 10 minutes before turning left into Scorer Street, then walk along Scorer Street until you come to a bridge across the river, then turn right immediately after crossing the bridge onto Sincil Bank, the ground is straight ahead.



Coop Community Stand

The short way is to come out of the station and turn right to go down the road. About 30 yards ahead on your right you will see some steps and a bridge over the railway. Go over the bridge and once on the other side cross the car park walk down by the river, then take the path up to Stencil Bank and follow the road down to the ground which is on the left.



Bridge McFarlane Stand

Admission

Adults £16,
Concessions £12,
Under 18's £6

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Where to drink

For the away fans there is a small fan zone located outside the stadium which is for both home and away supporters. It has a number of food outlets, some with local produce and beer is available too.

Otherwise, there are plenty of good pubs to be found if you head along the High Street towards the town centre. Close to Sincil Bank on the High Street is the Hop and Barley Micropub. The Golden Eagle, The Ritz' serves reasonably priced food and ales'. If arriving by train then not far from the station is the Marina area, which has a number of eating and drinking places, including the Square Sail.

In the town centre, the Golden Eagle at 21, 'The Ritz at 143 which is an old cinema' and The Treaty of Commerce at 173 with all these three pubs are located on the High Street and are listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide all serve reasonably priced food and ales'. The food is served between 11am and 2pm in these pubs.

Milton Keynes Dons

Ground - Stadium: Mk Denbigh, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

Main Telephone No: 01908 622 922

Main Fax No: 01908 622 933

Ticket Office: 01908 622 900

Capacity: 30,500 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Dons

Year Ground Opened: 2007

Pitch Size: 115 x 74 yards

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Suzuki

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: www.mkdons.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1889 (Wimbledon Old Central)

Years at Today's Ground – 11 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1977 for Workington

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1960 Plough Lane

Highest Attendance – 30,115 v Manchester United Selhurst Park Premier League 9/05/1993

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Highest Score for – 15 – 2 v Polytechnic FC FA Cup Preliminary Round 31/09/1929

Highest Against – 0 – 8 v Everton League Cup Second Round 29/08/1978

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 35 Eddie Reynolds in 1957/58 & 340 goals 1957 – 66

Player with most First Team Appearances – 644 Roy Law from 1958 - 72

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Former Names

Wimbledon Old Central, 1889 - 1905

Wimbledon FC 1905 - 2003

Former Grounds

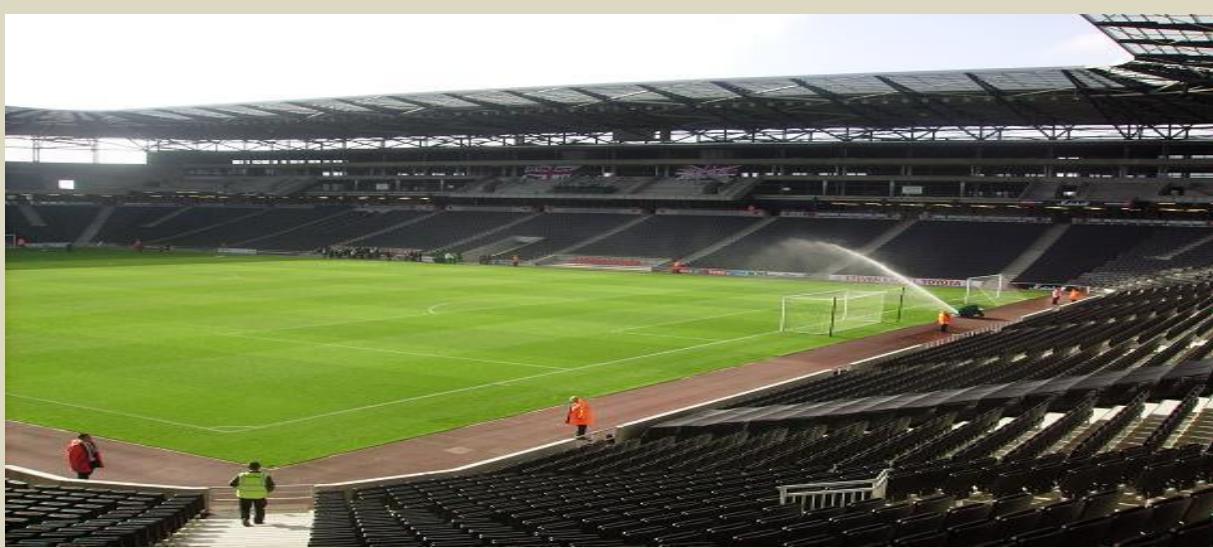
Wimbledon Common (1889 – 1912)

Plough Lane (1912 – 1991)

Selhurst Park (1991 – 2001)

National Hockey Stadium Milton Keynes (2003 - 07)

Ground Guide



West Stand

The Club moved to the new stadium in 2007 from the National Hockey Stadium and from the outside it has a

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modern look, with good use of silver coloured cladding and a large amount of glass on view. The most striking feature of the stadium is its roof, which sits high up above the football ground with a large gap between it and the back roof of seating. This allows more natural light to reach the pitch. The stadium is totally enclosed and has a bowl like design unlike most modern stadiums.

The overall look of the stadium has recently benefited from the installation of seating into the previously unused upper tier. The stadium has been designed for a higher level. It is two tiered, with on three sides having a large lower tier being over hung by a smaller upper tier.

The West side of the stadium is slightly different, with the seating areas in the upper tier being replaced by the Director's Box and executive and corporate hospitality areas. Unusually the spacious concourse areas at the back of the lower tier see directly into the stadium, so there is what seems a noticeable gap between the lower and upper tiers is where the concourse is located.



North & East Stands

Away supporters are located in the North Stand at one end of the stadium where normally around 3,000 fans can be accommodated. If demand requires it then the corners to either side of this stand can also be allocated increasing the allocation to over 6,000.

Food available on the concourse includes Pukka Pies; Chicken Balti (£3.20), Meat and Potato (£3.20), Cornish Pasties (£3.20), Cheese and Onion Pasties (£3.20), Quarter Pounder Cheeseburger with salad (£3.60), Rollover Hot Dogs (£3.60) and Bacon Rolls (£2.60). In keeping with the infamous concrete cows of Milton Keynes, the Club have a mascot called Mooie, whilst the South Stand is called the 'cowshed'. No wonder that the locals have christened the stadium 'The Moo Camp!'

The food around Bletchley Railway Station is that you can pick up cakes and pies from Tonis Bakery and the Upper Crust at 144 Queensway and 164 Queensway cheaper than the stadium. If you come off at Bletchley then stop at the Enigma Tavern at 2 Princess Street this pub also offers food, has a large beer garden and family friendly with good staff.

If getting off at Fenny Stafford then takes a short walk then use the Swan Hotel is the ideal place to watch football with friends or have a pint with a large car park and beer garden, The Swan Hotel is close to all transport links.

Driving Directions



From the North

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There are two ways you can get to the ground the first is to leave the M1 at Junction 15 and take the A508 towards Old Stratford and at the roundabout just before the village and then take the first exit onto the A5. Turn off at the fourth junction (signposted Central Bletchley/ Denbigh/ Granby), then at the lights take the left position and go left the ground is in front of you with plenty of parking.

The second way from the North is to drive a little further and from Junction 14 A1 take the third exit onto the A509 towards Milton Keynes. At the Northfield roundabout take the third exit onto Portway/ A509, and then keep going straight on at eight roundabouts until the ninth roundabout. Take the first exit onto A5. Turn off at the first junction (signposted A421), Turn off at the fourth junction (signposted Central Bletchley/ Denbigh/Granby), then at the lights take the left position and go left the ground is in front of you with plenty of parking at the ground.



South

Leave the M1 at junction 13 and take the second exit (A421) towards Milton Keynes. At the next two roundabouts go straight on and at the fourth roundabout (BP garage on the right); take the second exit onto Groveway. Keep going straight on through four roundabouts and at the fifth roundabout take the second exit at the roundabout (signposted Central Bletchley/ Denbigh/Granby), then at the lights take the left position and go left the ground is in front of you with plenty of parking

Public Transport & Walking



→ 18 mins

For a short pub crawl before the match and good food it is best getting off at **Fenny Stratford Railway Station** (See where to drink) which is an 18-minute walk to the ground or try Bletchley whatever is best for you. If coming from Fenny Stratford then walk down to Watling Street then turn right into it and walk up to the roundabout then walk straight on Deghbiegh Street till you see the ground when you see the ground on your right take the pedestrian crossing and walk over to moosvill.



→ 7 mins

From **Bletchley Railway Station** take the steps up to Buckingham Road and at the roundabout walk up Saxon Road till the next roundabout the turn left and follow the above details. (There mascots make me chuckle when I been at the ground).

Admission

East Stand (Centre):

Adults £27,
Over 65's/Under 21's £22,
Under 18's £12

Morecambe

Ground - Globe Arena, Christie Way, Westgate, Morecambe LA4 4TB

Main Telephone No: 01524 411 797

Fax No: 01524 832 230

Capacity: 6,476 (Seating 2,173)

Pitch Size: 110 x 76 yards

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Team Nickname: Shrimps
Year Ground Opened: 2010
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Annapuna Group
Kit Manufacturer: Macron
Website: www.morcambefc.net
Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1920
Years at Today's Ground – 8 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 2007
First Official Floodlit Match – October 1960
Highest Attendance – 9,383 v Weymouth FA Cup Third Round 6/01/1962 Christie Park
Highest Score for – 16-0 v Rossendale United Lancashire Combination League, Sept 1967
Highest Against – 0-7 v Darwen, Lancashire Combination League 7th November 1953
Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 Keith Borrowdale in 1958/59
Highest Scorer Overall – 289 Keith Borrowdale from 1956 - 68
Player with most First Team Appearances – 486 Keith Borrowdale 1956 – 68

Former Grounds

Woodhill Cricket Ground 1920/21
Christie Park (Roseberry Park) (1921 – 2010) **

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Ground Guide

The Shrimps after 89 years at Christie Park moved to a new purpose-built stadium. At a cost of around £12m in 2010, the Globe Arena which is named after the company Globe Construction that built the stadium.



The stadium is dominated by the Peter McGuigan Stand one side. This stand which is named after the Chairman has a capacity of just under 2,200 seats. This all seated stand, with a corporate glassed area to the rear and has windshields to either side, essential for a football ground located near the coast.

Opposite is the North Terrace, which is a very small open terrace that is only a few steps high. The terrace is split into two separate parts, with a large gap between them located around the half way line. Behind this gap in the terrace is a service entrance, whilst above is perched a television gantry.

Although looking like of the Car Wash Terrace at Christie Park, it does detract from the overall look and feel of the stadium. Both ends are covered terraces. The West Terrace is for home supporters and houses 2,234 fans, whilst the East Terrace is substantially smaller and is for the away support where just fewer than 1,400 supporters can be accommodated. For the away fans Food inside not only includes the usual fayre of Burgers and Hot Dogs (£3), but also a selection of Pies and Pasties, from local baker Brassingtons, including Meat & Potato (£2.90), Steak & Kidney (£2.70), Cheese & Onion Pasty (£2.70) and Sausage Rolls (£2). Food outside the ground go to Susan's Pies at 168 Lancaster Road, Morecambe LA4 5QP it is about 500yars from the station

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and in the opposite direction to the ground but from there you take the short across the sports ground to the football ground which is around 17 minutes and for drinking well The Eric Bartholomew on Euston Road its 300 yards from the train station as is named after the town favourite son (Eric Morecambe) Like many Weatherspoon's, its main draws are the cheap prices and Ale selection 3 guests on my visit (Bryson Hurricane, Archers IPA, Cheeky Pheasant) plus a couple of standards (Pedigree and Abbott). The forthcoming ales are shown on a blackboard by the bar. There is further seating upstairs for supporters.

In the North East corner of the stadium, adjacent to the away terrace is a Police Control Box. Also located in this area, attached to a wall beside the Control Box is a small electronic scoreboard.

Driving Directions



Exit the M6 at junction 34, then take the A683 towards Lancaster (third exit from the North first junction from the South) and take the A683 towards Morecambe. Go through Lancaster on the one-way system and follow the signs for Morecambe/ Heysham then straight on at two roundabouts passing a McDonalds on your left.



At the next roundabout take the first exit into Westgate Road and continue along this road for about one mile and you will reach the stadium on your right across from Westgate Caravan Park. Parking at the stadium is for permit holders only so it is a case of finding street parking. If you continue along Westgate passing the stadium on your right, then on the other side of the railway bridge there is plenty of parking to be had in Buckingham and Osborne Roads.



Press box

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It is well worth noting that Lancaster can often be a particular traffic bottleneck, so drivers are advised to allow plenty of time to reach the ground from the motorway.

Away fans driving from the North can follow the directions above. Alternatively, exit the M6 at junction 35, following the signs for Morecambe and follow the A6 as far as Bolton-le-Sands, turning right at the traffic lights, continuing to follow the signs for Morecambe and when you reach the promenade, continue for a further mile and turn left at the Broadway Hotel. Go straight on at the small roundabout and take the fourth exit at the next larger roundabout with the Globe Arena is visible after a further mile

Public Transport & Walking



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→ 3 mins

From **Morecambe Railway Station** walk from the Station straight down to Marine Drive and take the **Stagecoach in Cumbria and Lancashire 6 bus** to the bus stop located opposite Frankie & Benny's and this drops you right outside the stadium.

Admission

Main Stand: Adults £21, Concessions £17, Under 19's £6 East Terrace: Adults £17, Concessions £14, Under 18's £5, Under 14's Free**
** When accompanied by a paying adult.

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: EB Charging

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.oufc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



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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



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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.

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The West End

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 Rd, Sandford-on-Thames, Oxford which is 18 minutes from the ground with good food and excellent ale.

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.

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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



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→ 18 Mins

Take the train to Oxford Railway Station the from the forecourt take the **Oxford Bus Company Service, Number 3**, 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 £21,

Over 65's £15,

Under 22's/Students £14,

Under 18's £12,

Under 13's £8, U

Under 7's £5 Free if taken in by adult and purchased the day before the game.

Peterborough United

Ground - London Road, Peterborough, PE2 8AL

Main Telephone No: 01733 563 947

Ticket Office No: 01733 865 674

Fax No: 01733 344 140

Capacity: 15,314

Pitch Size: 112 x 76 yards

Team Nickname: The Posh

Year Ground Opened: 1909 (Peterborough & Felton United FC)

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Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Mick George

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.theposh.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1934

Years at Today's Ground – 80 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1960 for Gateshead

First Official Floodlit Match – May 1957

Highest Attendance – 30,096 v Swansea City FA Cup Fifth Round 20/02/1965

Highest Score for – 18-1 v Birmingham City Transport FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round September 1935

Highest Against – 1-8 v Northampton Town FA Cup Round Two Replay 23/12/1946

Highest Scorer in a Season – Terry Bly – 52 in 1960–1961 (also an all-time Fourth Division record) 81 goals in 88 appearances

Highest Scorer Overall – Jim Hall – 122 from 1967–1975 with 322 appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – Tommy Robson – 482 from 1968–1981 with 119 goals

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The new Stand which has been built at the Moy End of the Ground for 2,500 capacity with the last remnants of the old ground at the London Road Terrace end.

The Norwich & Peterborough South Stand, which was opened in 1996 and replaced a former open terrace. Similar tubular steelwork as to Huddersfield, the 5,000-capacity stand is an impressive sight. The two-tiered stand, is covered and all seated. There is also a row of executive boxes running across its middle.

The other side, the Main Stand, is a two-tiered covered stand that is all seated and is a classic looking old stand. As to be expected from a terrace of such vintage it does have a number of supporting pillars running across the front of it, which could impede your view of the game. In one corner of the ground between the South Stand and the London Road Terrace, is a Police Control Box The away fans are housed in the Moy End Stand where 2,500 are housed.

The food available inside the ground includes the standard fayre of; Cheeseburgers (£3.50), Burgers (£3.50), Hot Dogs (£3.50), Various Pies including Chicken Balti, Steak and Cheese & Onion (£3.10), Pasties (£3.10) and Jumbo Sausage Rolls (£3.10) but get your food in the town its cheaper and there are many outlets.



New Moy End (Motorpoint Stand)

The Palmerston Arms at 82 Oundle Road The range of beer, using several from Bateman's, together with several from the local area as well as two from Manchester (Oldershaw's & Phoenix) and one from Newcastle (Mordue), was superb. It has along with staffs that are easy going, pleasant and efficient and the beer is gravity fill and taste better for it. Going there follow the directions to the ground instead of taking a left to the ground take a right into Oundle Road walk past the Cherry Tree to the Palmerston and its 300yards back to the ground.



South Stand

Driving Directions



North/West:

Take the M1 to Junction 27 then at the roundabout take the first exit and follow it to the left and go into the right hand lane and at the next roundabout take the sign for the Outer Ring Road A563 and continue up to Palmerston roundabout then take a left onto A6 follow the road to the Garby Hotel at the cross roads and take a left the at the roundabout take the first exit then at the lights at the cross road at the Hong Kong restaurant (On your right) take the signs for Peterborough A41 and at junction 15 exit the A47 and at the roundabout take the third exit onto Nene Parkway and then take the second exit onto Oundle Road then at the junction just after the railway bridge go straight on down to the ground.



London Road End



South

Leave the A1 at the junction 16 take the third exit at the roundabout then take the A15 towards Peterborough you will eventually come to the ground on your right go past the ground and at the lights take a right and follow it to the car park at the back of the ground. There is no parking available to visiting supporters at the ground. There is a council pay & display car park just off London Road (turn left at the traffic lights after crossing on the right) into Oundle Road. This costs £3 to park there for the day. There is a fair-sized car park at the Cherry Tree pub on Oundle Road (A605).

Public Transport



→ 20 mins

Take the train to **Peterborough Railway Station** which is around a mile away from the ground. Turn right out of station entrance and follow Station Road down to the main road (Borges Boulevard), at the roundabout walk straight on passing an Asda store on your right and at the traffic lights near to the Rivergate Shopping Centre, turn right go down Bridge Street.

At the end of Bridge Street take a slight right into Rivergate and then go straight over the bridge over the river carry on and go over the Railway Bridge, at the next set of lights take a left and the ground is in front of you. It takes about 20 minutes to walk from the station to the ground.

Admission

Main (North) Stand A Wing Seating

Adults £23,

Over 60's/Under 22's £14,

Under 18's £10

Plymouth Argyle

Ground - Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

Main Telephone No: 01752 562 561

Fax No: 01752 606 167

Ticket Office: 0845 338 7232

Capacity: 16,388 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 73 yards

Team Nickname: The Pilgrims

Year Ground Opened: 1893 (Devonport Albion RFC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Ginsters

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.pafc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



Nick

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1886

Years at Today's Ground – 117 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1963

Highest Attendance – 43,596 v Aston Villa Second Division, 10 October 1936

Highest Score for – 8-1 v Millwall, Second Division, 16 January 1932, v Hartlepool United Second Division, 7 May 1994 & 7-0 v Chesterfield, Second Division, 3 January 2004

Highest Against – 0-9 v Stoke City, Second Division, 17 December 1960

Highest Scorer in a Season – 33 John Gilbert (Jock) Cock in 1926/27

Highest Scorer Overall – 184 Samuel (Sammy) Black from 1924 – 38

Player with most First Team Appearances – 620 Kevin Hodges 1978 – 1992

Former Names

Argyle FC,
Argyle Athletic FC

Former Grounds

Marsh Mills (1886 – 1903)

Colours

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Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

Home Park was originally used by the now defunct Devonport Albion rugby team from 1893 to 1901 before Argyle moved in and since the 1990's ground has been updated but the Old Main Stand still remains for now.



New Main Stand

The Home Park pitch is surrounded by four covered all-seater stands, officially known as the Mayflower Grandstand to the south, Devonport End to the west, Lyndhurst Stand to the north, and Barn Park End to the east. Each stand has one tier with the exception of the Mayflower Grandstand which has two, an upper tier and a lower tier, known as the Mayflower Terrace, which was converted from terracing in 2007.



Devonport Stand (Doing the 116)

The Mayflower Grandstand is the club's main stand, which can hold roughly 7,000 spectators. It was the oldest part of the ground, before being replaced by a new main stand. It houses the club's main offices, the boardroom, team changing rooms, press rooms and also accommodates executive boxes, which can host functions and are available to supporters during match days. The dugouts; which are made of wood and supplied by the club's sponsors; sit in front of the Mayflower, with the player tunnel slightly off centre going underneath the Mayflower.



Barn Park End (Doing the 116)

To the rear of the stand is the Club Shop, selling official merchandise, and the Pyramid Suite, a top-class hospitality area which can cater for up to 170 people. There are two structures overlooking the pitch on each side of the stand. To the east is a building which contains a hospitality area (the Chisholm Lounge), and a press area, and to the west is a disabled enclosure. There have been plans to replace this stand for a number of years. In 2013, planning permission was finally given to revamp and rebuild the Mayflower Grandstand after becoming less popular with supporters and the club's chairman James Brent, although no date has ever been set for the construction to begin.

The other three stands are very similar in design and linked together, having been built in 2001. The Devonport End is the traditional end where the more vocal of the club's supporters gather. It can hold approximately 3,500 spectators.

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Lyndhurst Stand Doing the 116

The Lyndhurst Stand is the largest of the three, holding approximately 6,000 spectators, including the corners. The corner towards the East side of the ground is now the dedicated family area. The Barn Park End is where the away supporters are housed. Similar to the Devonport End, it also holds approximately 3,500 spectators. The standard allocation given to visiting clubs is 1,300 but this can be increased if demand requires it. All three boast good views and standard facilities for a football stadium, concourses, merchandise stands and food and drink outlets.

For away fans The Britannia Inn at 1 Wolseley Road is the one favoured by neutral and away fans because of its vast interior Excellent range of reasonably well-kept ales, cheap grub, the staff run a good ship and, in my opinion, this is one of the best Weatherspoon's in the country. To get there just walk down Pennycomequick Hill and instead of walking through the park walk straight on the arms are in front of you from the Britannia to the ground it's just a walk across the road walk up Outland Road and then take the first right into Mayflower Drive the ground is in front of you.

Driving Directions



Take the M5 to the South West and at the end of the motorway continue onto the A38. On entering Plymouth, take the turning of the Parkway for the City Centre/ Mutley/ Plymouth Argyle turn left onto the Outland Road. After about a mile you will see the ground on your left take the second on the left into the car park after the Esso Garage (on the right)

Public Transport & Walking



→ 10 mins

Train to **Plymouth Railway Station** then walk down Pennycomequick Hill under the railway then turn left into Central Park Avenue cross the road and second on the left walk up Holesworth Road into the park and follow the path straight to the ground.

Admission

Adults £20,

Concessions £14,
Under 18's £6

Portsmouth

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

Years at Today's Ground – 121 years

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

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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

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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

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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

The nearest local train station is **Fratton**, 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.



→ 22 mins

Train to **Portsmouth & Southsea Railway station** is at least a 22-minute walk away. come out on to Brunel Square then walk between the high rise and the railway this will lead out onto Dugald Drummond Street at the car park take a right and walk up to the church. Then turn left into Greetham Street walk up the road till you have church in front of you cross over then take a sharp right /left into Carlisle Street at the roundabout take a slight left into Victoria Street walk on till the next roundabout. Walk straight on into Goldsmith Avenue walk up to Fratton Railway Station and follow the above directions.

Admission

Adults £20,
Over 60's £15,

Under 17's £7

Port Vale

Ground - Vale Park Hamil Road, Burslem, Stoke on Trent, ST6 1AW

Main Telephone No: 01782 655 800

Main Fax No: 01782 834 981

Ticket Office: 01782 655 832

Ticket Office Fax: 01782 836 875

Capacity: 18,947 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Valliant's

Year Ground Opened: 1950

Pitch Size: 114 x 77 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Synetecs Solutions

Kit Manufacturer: BLK

Website: www.port-vale.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1876

Years at Today's Ground – 64 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1958

Highest Attendance – 49,768: v Aston Villa FA Cup Round 5 20 February 1960

Highest Score for – 9–1: v Chesterfield Second Division 24 September 1932

Highest Against – 0–10: v Sheffield United Second Division 10 December 1892

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – Wilf Kirkham: 38 in 1926–27 (Second Division) & 164 goals 1923–1933

Player with most First Team Appearances – Roy Sproson: 842 from 1950–1972

Former Names

Port Vale AFC, 1876 - 1885

Burslem Port Vale FC 1895 - 1919

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Former Grounds

Lime Kiln Lane Ground (Scott Lidgett Road) (1876-81)
Westport Meadows (1881-84)
Burslem Football & Athletic Ground (Moorland Road) (1884-86)
Corbridge Athletic Ground (Waterloo Road) 1886 – 1913
Kent Street Recreation Ground (Hanley) (1913-49)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground has a good mixture of the old and the new, it is just let down that the Lorne Street Stand, which was partly opened in 1999, is still yet to be fully completed but with finances in place it will be fully opened for the 2014/15 season. This stand which is two-tiered has a row of executive boxes situated between its large lower tier and much smaller upper tier. The club said that it will have a capacity of 5,000. The original clock that was on the old stand has been incorporated into the new construction, above the player's tunnel and Directors area in the centre of the stand.



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Lorne Street Stand

On the opposite side is the Railway Stand which was opened in 1954 and it has a number of supporting pillars that run across the middle of the stand. It had a large paddock terrace in front for people to stand, but this was subsequently filled with seating in the 1990's.

The Bycars Road End, which was built in 1992. It also is partly covered to the rear and has some supporting pillars to either side. Situated in one corner, in-between the Bycars & Railway Stand is an odd looking two-tiered structure that looks if it has been 'wedged' into the stadium. In fact, this area is the only portion of the old ground that still remains from when the ground was originally built in 1950 and the steelwork and roof of this structure were brought from the Kent Street Old recreation Ground in Hanley. Filled with seating it is currently used as a Family Stand. On one side of the Hamil Road Stand there is a Police Control Box, which keeps a watchful eye over the crowd. The pitch is also one of the widest in the League. Outside the Lorne Street Stand is a statue of former player and manager Roy Sproson who played for the club 842 times.



Railway End

At one end is the Hamil Road End, which is a good sized single tiered stand. It also has an electric scoreboard situated just below its roof. Again, it has a number of supporting pillars, plus it has windshields to either side.



The Bulls Head at 14 St John's Square in Burslem is a good place to drink for away and neutral fans and at least 3 Titanic Beers are available at all times plus a large selection of guest beers from Small Independent Breweries.

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If going to the Bulls Head then take the Wardle Transport to Birches Head Shops from the Station then walk over to Hanley bus Station and then take the **First Potteries 20A bus** to Pitt Street it's a three-minute walk to the pub. From the pub to the ground is walk down on to Market Street at the cross road and then walk straight on then cross over the road and take a second left into Hamil Road the ground is 400 yards and is an eight-minute walk from the ground.

Driving Directions



The ground is located in the town of Burslem in Stoke on Trent so leave the M6 at junction 16 and take the A500 towards Stoke on Trent. Follow A500 until Longport Junction then exit and take first left on to the A527 Tunstall/Burslem. At the next roundabout follow the sign for the Moorcroft Factory, then at the cross mini roundabout take the second exit into Newcastle Street. Continue on this road up the hill, crossing another island and into Burslem town centre. Continue straight on over the traffic lights at the cross roads and then take the left into Hamil Road which takes you down to the ground. There is a large car park located outside a superstore next to the ground which costs £4, otherwise street parking.

Public Transport & Walking



9 or 14



→ 2 mins



7



→ 7

mins

Take the train to **Stoke on Trent Railway Station** then get the **D&G 9, 14 buses** the 9 will take you John Street then walk back and round the corner to Stop B1 in Bethesda Street or the 14 will take you to Pall Mall then walk down and take the second on the right will lead you to stop B1 then take the **First Bus in the Potteries 7** to High Lane and Hamill Road then walk back and turn right into Hamill Road the ground is seven minutes on the right.

Admission

Adults £22,
OAP's £17,
Under 19's £10,
Under 9's Free

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: Macron

Kit Manufacturer: Sondico

Website: HTAFC.co.uk

Programme: £3

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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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Away



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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 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.

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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 or



53



→ 4 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 the alternative is the **53 First Bus** to Hillsborough Park then it's a four-minute walk to the ground.

Admission

West Stand (Leppings Lane End):

Adults £27 (£25)

Over 65's/Under 18's £17 (£15)

Where to have a Drink

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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 Smatty Ratty Butty). Very busy pub is probably the nearest and best for real ale and "sensible" fans. A 230 yards walk from the station.

Shrewsbury Town

Ground - Greenhouse Meadow (The New Meadow), Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST

Main Telephone No: 01743 289177

Fax No: 01743 246972

Ticket Office: 01743 273943

Capacity: 9,875 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 77 yards

Team Nicknames: Shrews, Salop, Town or Blues

Year Ground Opened: 2007

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Tuffins, Shropshire Homes

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: www.shrewsburytown.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1886

Years at Today's Ground – 7 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1950

First Official Floodlit Match – November 1959 Gay Meadow

Highest Attendance – 18,417 v Walsall Third Division 26 April 1961

Highest Score for – 21–0 v Mold Alyn Stars, Welsh FA Cup 1st round, 27 October 1894

Highest Against – 0–13 Small Heath XI, Birmingham League, 25 December 1895

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 38: Arthur Rowley in 1958–59 & 152 goals from 1958–65 in 200 appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – 418: (Sir) Mickey Brown from 1986–91, 1992–94 and 1996–2001 with 36 goals

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Former Grounds

Racecourse Ground, Monkmoor 1886–1889
Ambler's Field, Copthorne 1889–1893
Sutton Lane, Sutton Farm 1893–1895
Barrack's Ground, Copthorne 1895–1910
Gay Meadow, Abbey Foregate 1910–2007 **

Colours



Ground Guide

The stadium was constructed by Hall Construction, a construction company who have built several Football League stadia and grandstands. It currently has a capacity of 9,875 seated spectators, accommodated in four stands having played at Gay Meadow in the Town since 1910.



West Stand

In addition, there are several corporate and hospitality suites, which the club uses both on match days and for general community use, therefore assisting the club in gaining revenue. Following consultation with supporters'

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groups, the stadium consists of blue seating, with the club's initials (STFC) spelt out in amber on each side of the ground. This is following considerable outcry when the club initially stated that seating would consist of the club's original blue and white colour scheme. Despite originally being blue and white, the club has adopted a distinctive blue and amber colour scheme since the 1970s, which many supporters feel is a unique and distinctive part of the club.



Pro Vision Stand (North Stand)

Like many modern football grounds, the ground has 'cashless turnstiles', meaning that no payments are accepted on the turnstile itself. To obtain access to the ground, non-season ticket holding spectators must purchase a ticket from the club in advance of the game, or on the day from ticket booths situated at the ground (away fans have their own designated ticket booth).

Town own the New Meadow, using the money raised selling the Gay Meadow to property developers to finance the purchase of the land and construction of the new stadium. The East and West stands face the length of the pitch; the South and North stands face onto the ends of the pitch. All stands are fully seated and covered; each stand also has its own catering (licensed) and at present the stands are detached from one another.



Each of the stands are simple single tiered stands, and each of the stands are 18 rows high, with Roland

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Wycherley Stand the East stand on one side, being the 'Main Stand', named after the present chairman; includes his stand has a slightly different layout to the others with a press area and eight corporate boxes at its rear, club offices, club shop, etc. and is entered through seating blocks 1-7.

The Salop Leisure Stand which is the South stand behind the goal, named after a local business sponsor entered by seating blocks 8-12 with the Pro-Vision CCTV Stand" - the North Stand which is opposite which is given in whole to the away supporters; also has the media box, resulting in fewer seats than the South stand and accessed by seating blocks 20-24.

An unusual feature of the stadium is that the areas for disabled fans are high up at the very back of the stands and are accessed by lifts and there is also a small electric scoreboard next to the away end.

For Away fans the Brooklands Pub on Mill Road if you're walking to the grounds then use the **Prince of Wales** 30 Brynner Street following the directions above then on Belle Vue Road take a first left down Trinity Street and third left in Brynner Street.

Very friendly community type pub, quite busy for a Saturday afternoon and it was lovely to sit outside on the decking area overlooking the bowling green. We tried the Hobsons Mild which was a bit too cold but the Salopian Golden Thread and the St Austell Tribute were both very good. Great beer, nice atmosphere and seemed to have a good following of regulars

From here to the ground then it walks to the end of the Street turn right walk down Sutton Lane over the railway bridge and at the main roundabout turn right and walk up to the next roundabout Mole Brace take the first left into Oteley Road and at the lights walk across the road then take the road to the ground.

Driving Directions



At the end of the M54 continue onto the A5. After about seven miles, there is a roundabout take the first exit following the A5. At the next roundabout take the third exit onto Thieves Lane. Continue along Thieves Lane going straight over two roundabouts and this will lead you into Oteley Road. At the lights take the left-hand lane up to the ground.

There is a large car park at the stadium, holding almost 700 cars; however, this is for permit holders only although if you are early you may be admitted for £7! Parking is prohibited in the nearby Retail Park and nearby streets, check though for any parking restrictions detailed on posts, before parking up. The best place to park is at the car park at the Meole Brace Bowling Club, which is at Meole Rise (Off Upper Road, SY3 9JF) which cost £5 per car and has a bar on site too. You just walk up Upper Road to the end and take a left walk down to the roundabout and take the second exit right and at the lights cross the road and walk up to the ground its 15 minute walk.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 37 mins

Take Arriva Wales Train to **Shrewsbury Railway Station** is around 1.8 mile away from the stadium. It takes 37 minutes to walk, come out of the station and turn left on to Oteley Road and walk down the road past the castle down to Marks & Sparks then follow the one way system down St Mary's Street down through the Dogpole you will see the Red Lion pub turn left here and walk down the hill in Wyle Cop and at the next junction cross the road and walk down St Julian's Friars at the bottom walk over the footbridge and the walk up to the main road cross over just after spar and do a left into Greyfriars Road then walk up the hill and turn right into Bell Vue Road and walk straight down the narrow road.

At the Grove Pub follow the road over the railway, this leads into Hereford Road go left at the Y junction still walking down Herford Road down past the BP Garage keep to the left this will take you on to Roman Road and

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take you to the roundabout Mole Brace take the second left into Oteley Road and at the lights walk across the road then take the road to the ground. (Remember Shrewsbury is Hilly).



→ 5 mins



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→ 5 mins

From the train station walk five minutes to the town centre bus station take the **Arriva in the Midlands 27** goes to Meole Brace and its 200 yards past the roundabout to the ground which is on the right at the lights.

Admission

North Stand:

Adults £22
Over 65's £17
Students £15
under 16's £11
under 11's £5

Wycombe Wanderers

Ground – Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, High Wycombe, HP12 4HJ

Main Telephone No: 01494 472 100

Fax No: 01494 527 633

Ticket Office: 01494 441 118

Capacity: 10,300

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards

Team Nickname: The Chairboy's

Year Ground Opened: 1990

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Cherry Red Records and Utilita

Kit Manufacturer: O'Neill's

Website: www.wycombewanderers.co.uk

Programme: £4.00



Nick

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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1887

Years at Today's Ground – 26 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2004

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1963

Highest Attendance – 14,000 Loakes Park

Highest Score for – 18-1 v Staines Town Great Western Suburban League 27/12/1909

Highest Against – 1-10 v High Wycombe Rovers 1/12/1887 FA Cup Qualifying Round 1

Highest Scorer in a Season, Highest Scorer Overall & Player with most First Team Appearances 60

Anthony (Bodger) Horseman in 1966/67 with 450 goals & 749 Appearances 1961 – 78

Former Grounds

The Rye (1887 – 91)

High Wycombe Cricket Ground (1891 – 94)

Spring Meadow (1894 – 95)

Loakes Park (1895 – 1990) **

Colours



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Away

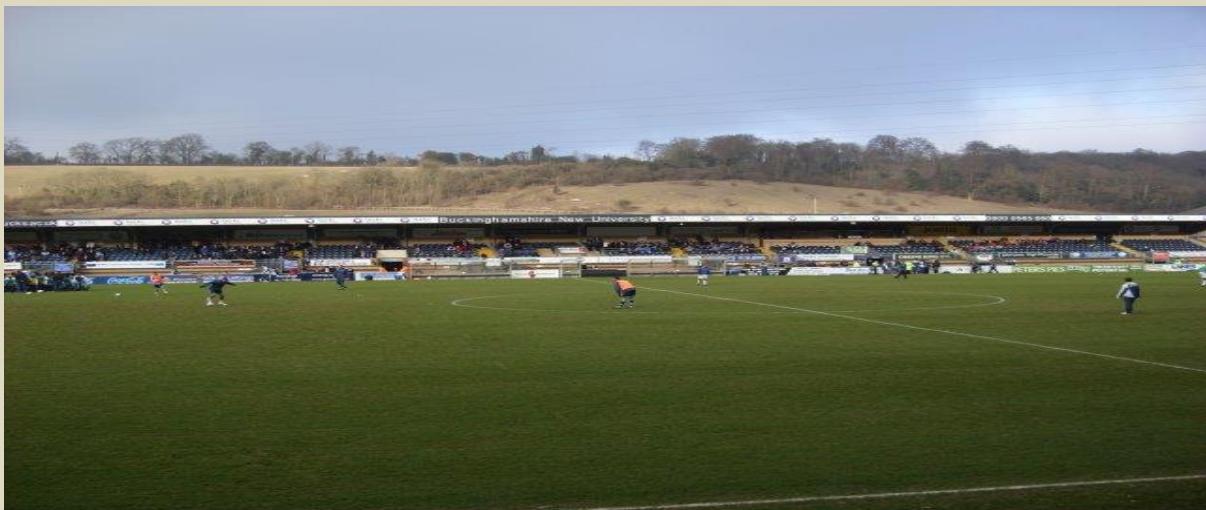


Alternative

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Adams Park built in 1990 which Wanderers shared with London Wasps till they moved to Coventry and is now also used by Reading WFC.

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The North Stand (Beechdean Stand) has a capacity of 1,267, all seated. There is additional space for 232 standing spectators in the paddock at the front of this stand, for London Wasps matches only. For Wycombe Wanderers matches, spectators may only stand here if they already have a valid seat ticket. The stand also contains the club offices, changing rooms, club shop, and catering facilities. The Vere Suite, located in the Beechdean stand, is named after the Vere family who own and run the Verco Furniture Company based in High Wycombe.



Dreams Stand

The East Stand became all-seater in 1996 before being doubled in size to the current 2,053 all-seated capacity, with a space for 10 wheelchairs. This stand is designated as the away end for football matches. For teams with a larger following then 350 seats are also made available in the Main Stand, increasing the total allocation to 2,403. For away fans take The Hourglass Sands at 144 Chapel Lane Sands on your way walking to the ground this friendly is only 11 minutes from the ground Large, bright open plan pub with largely modern decor and very friendly staff.

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Main Stand

The South Stand originally a single level terrace, this stand was expanded into a two-tier unit in 1996. Now with a capacity of 4,990 (2,842 in the Upper Tier, 1,738 plus 50 wheelchair spaces in the Lower Tier) the South Stand contains boxes for corporate hospitality and is designated as the stadium's Family Stand. The Woodlands Suite is situated on the Executive Box level of the South Stand.

With a capacity of 1,974 the Green King IPA terrace is the home supporters' end for football matches, and the only remaining terrace in the stadium. The ground also contains a bar, called Scores, and since 2006 a club shop in the corner of the ground between the Beechdean and Dreams Stands.

Driving Directions



Leave the M40 at Junction 4 and take the A4010 towards Aylesbury then turn left at the 4th roundabout into Mill End Road and the end of the road do a left into New Road then a right into Lane End Road at the mini roundabout then at the bend turn right into Hillbottom Road and the ground is at the end of the road.

Public Transport & Walking



4 mins



36 38 102 or X74



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6 mins

Train to **High Wycombe Railway Station** then walk down to Easton Place and take the **36 38 102 or X74** buses to the Bus Station and take the **Arriva Shires 32 bus** to Hillbottom Road on Lane End Road and the Hour Glass Pub its six minutes to the ground and they run every fourteen minutes

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Admission

Adults £20,
Concessions £16,
Under 26's £14,
Under 19's £11
Under 16's £7