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Guide to the Premier League teams for 2024/25 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.

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Car



Rail



London Underground



London Overground



Elizabeth Line (Crossrail) London



Tram



Walking Distance



Local bus

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AFC Bournemouth

Ground - Dean Court, Kings Park, Bournemouth, BH7 7AF

Main Telephone No: 01202 726300

Fax No: 01202 726373

Ticket Office: 01202 726338

Capacity: 12,000 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 71 yards

Club Nickname: The Cherries

Year Ground Opened: 1910 (Turned 90 degrees in 2001)

Shirt Sponsors – MSP Capital

Kit Manufacturer – Umbro

Club Website: www.afcb.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



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History Facts & Records

Founded - 1888

Former Names – Boscombe St. John Institute (1888), Boscombe St. John FC (1888 – 89), Boscombe FC (1889 – 1923), Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (1923 – 70)

Years at Today's Ground – 110 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1923 Division Three South

First Official Floodlit Match – 1961

Highest Attendance – 28,799 v Manchester United FA Cup Sixth Round 2/03/1957

Highest Score for – 11-0 Margate FA Cup First Round 20/11/1971

Highest Against – 0-9 v Lincoln City Division Three 18/12/1981

Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Edward John (Ted) MacDougall

Highest Scorer Overall – 119 Edward John (Ted) MacDougall 1969 – 72, 1978 -80

Player with most First Team Appearances – 412 Ray Bumstead from 1958 – 70

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Away Alternative (Breast Cancer)

Former Grounds

Bournemouth Cricket Ground Dean Park (1888 – 89),

Castlemain Avenue, Pokesdown (1889 – 91),

Kings Park (1891 – 1910)

Ground Guide

In 2001 the ground was rotated 90 degree to use the old part of the Kings Park Ground with three stands going up in months the old goals are under the main stand and its opposite number

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Ted McDougal Stand

Away fans are located on one side of the Energy Consulting East Stand, which is situated at one side of the pitch. The normal allocation for this area is 1,500 seats, but this can be increased to 2,000 if required. The stand is shared with home supporters and offers a good view of the playing action. The facilities are okay a normally there has a good atmosphere.



Steve Fletcher Stand

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. If you turn right out of the railway station and walk past the roundabout can I recommend the Dorset Bakery as their pies are cheaper than in the stadium?

Four hundred yards from Pokesdown Station on Christchurch Road is the Sir Percy Florence Shelley pub where you get a nice pint and food don't wear any colours neutral or away.

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Main Stand

Driving to the Ground



Follow the North and North East take the A1 or M6 to Birmingham and then join the M40 at Junction 3A then at junction 9, take the A41/A34 exit to Bicester/ Aylesbury/ Oxford/ Newbury and at the roundabout, take the third exit onto A34 and follow it to Winchester.

Just before Winchester merge onto the M3 and follow it to Southampton then at junction 13, exit toward Southampton Docks/ Bournemouth and join the M27 and the go straight onto the A31 till you get to just after Ringwood take the A338 exit to Bournemouth/ Christchurch/ Bournemouth International Airport and at the roundabout take the first exit onto the A338 towards Bournemouth.

The ground is situated on the left of the A338 in the outskirts of town. Leave the A338 via the slip road which is (Signposted Boscombe/ A3049 Kings Park/ Football traffic). You will then reach a small roundabout at which you take the second exit onto Kings Park Drive. The entrance to the stadium and car park is 200 yards down this road on the left. The car park at the ground is of a good size, however please note that this costs 50p per hour and they like to hand out tickets!!!

Public Transport



U3



→5 mins

From the North take the train to **Pokesdown Railway Station** which is roughly a 15-minute walk away. Then exit the main entrance my way is to go left then left again down Clarence Road and walk across the park past the sports centre or you can turn right down the main Christchurch Road, after 200 yards and then turn right into Gloucester Road. Dean Court is located down the bottom of this road or **More Bus U3** across from the railway station and get off at the Queens Hotel.

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U3



→ 5 mins

Take the train to **Bournemouth Central Railway Station**, then walk down to Stop 6 and take the **More Bus U3** to the Queens Park Hotel turn right then take the second right into Kings Park Drive and walk straight on the ground is in front of you.

Admission

- Adults: £37-53
- Concessions: £26-34
- Juniors: £9-16

Arsenal

Ground - Emirates Stadium, Highbury House, 75 Drayton Park, London, N5 1BU

Telephone - 020 7619 5003

Fax - 020 76195003

Capacity: 60,432 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 105 x 68 yards

Club Nickname: The Gunners

Year Ground Opened: 2006

Club website: www.arsenal.com

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Fly Emirates

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.arsenal.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1886 (Royal Arsenal)

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Years at Today's Ground – 12 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1893 Division Two from Southern League

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1951 Old Highbury

Highest Attendance – 73,707 v Lens UEFA Champions League 25/11/1998 at Old Arsenal Stadium

Highest Score For – 12 – 0 v Ashford United F.A. Cup First Qualifying Round 14/10/1893, v Loughborough Division 2 12/03/1900

Highest Against – 0 – 8 v Loughborough Division 2 12/12/1896

Highest Scorer in a Season – 44 Edward Joseph (Ted) Drake in season 1934/35

Highest Scorer Overall – Thierry Henry 212 from 1999 – 2012

Player with most First Team Appearances – David O'Leary 722 from 1975 – 1993

Colours



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Away



Alternative

Former Names

Royal Arsenal (1886 – 1893)

Woolwich Arsenal (1893 – 1915)

Former Grounds

Plumstead Common (1886/87),

Plumstead Sportsman Ground (1887),

Manor Fields Plumstead (1887 – 1890, 1893 – 1906),

Invicta Ground Hector Street, Plumstead (1890 – 93),

Old Arsenal Stadium (Highbury) (1913 – 2006)

Ground Guide

Arsenal moved the short distance down the road to the Emirates Stadium in 2006, after having played for 93 years at one of the most historic grounds in the country; Arsenal Stadium (better known as Highbury).

The Emirates is a modern “bowl” which means each stand has the same number of tiers and is continuous around the pitch. The four sections have inherited the names of the stands at Highbury: The North Bank, East Stand, The Clock End (South) and the West Stand which houses the club's main facilities.

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The ground has a capacity of over 60,000 the stadium and is the only stadium that I know of, in this country that is four tiers all round. The lower tier is set well back from the playing surface as a cinder track surrounds the playing area. A small second tier, which is called the Club tier, has seating, but is only eight rows high. Inside it has a number of lounges/restaurants.



South, West and East Stands

The club made a replica of the old clock that stood at Highbury and put it on the South Stand end just like the old days at Highbury Stadium. The third tier is even smaller, being entirely comprised of executive boxes, some 150 in total and fits entirely under the large fourth tier. This fourth tier, known as the upper tier, has been designed in a semi-circular fashion and is topped by a clear Perspex roof. Two large video screens situated in the North West & South East corners, below the roof line, complete the stadium.



West, North and East Stands

Up to 3,000 visiting supporters can be accommodated and they're housed in the lower tier of the south east corner of the stadium. Cup matches will see bigger allocations given, if required. The tickets, and food/drink within the ground, are pricey, with entrance to the stadium is by a 'smart ticket', whereby rather than giving your ticket to a turnstile operator.

On a separate note, then if you like your pies and you have alighted at Finsbury Park Station then on Gillespie Road also not far from Arsenal Tube Station going towards the Emirates, is a stall called Piebury Corner which is frequented by home and away supporters as the pies

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are good and cheaper than on the concourse inside the stadium with the Drayton Arms, which is located near to Arsenal tube station and Drayton Park railway station. This Courage pub overlooks the new stadium and is only a few minutes walk away,

The Blackstock which also welcomes neutrals and away fans, plus it has a big screen showing Sky Sports' is at 284 Seven Sisters Road two minutes away from Manor House Tube station. There is also the White Lion of Mortimer, which are a five-minute walk away from Finsbury Park Tube Station along 125 Stroud Green Road and a short walk to the ground and the Twelve Pins (formerly the Finsbury Park Tavern) near Finsbury Park Tube Station and this is ten minutes from the ground.

Driving to the Ground



Travel down the M6 then onto the M1 and park at Watford Junction or Luton Parkway Railway Station don't use Cockfosters as this is used by everybody as it's an easy way to get to the ground.

From the South take the M4 to Heathrow Airport or M23 and Park at Gatwick Airport and take the tube in to the ground. From them it's a 6-zone day card which will cost you £8.60 from Heathrow, Luton and Watford Junction using a Visitors Oyster Card which you top up when you need it or visit Traveline and get a train ticket plus a zone transport card for the day its cheaper that getting a train and underground ticket.

Public Transport



→ 5 mins

Take the Piccadilly Line and you should get off at the **Arsenal Underground Station**. It is only a few minutes' walk from here to the stadium and on exiting the station, you then turn right and follows Drayton Park Road around to the left and then walk over the bridge over the railway line to the stadium.



→ 6 mins

Alternative is to take the underground or Overground to **Highbury & Islington Railway Station/Underground Station**, from the train station turn right and walk straight up to the Holloway Road and at the crossroads with the Metro Café on the left take a right and the ground will be in front of you when you get to the roundabout. You can wait a few minutes at take the train to **Drayton Park Railway Station** which is two minutes from the ground

Admission

Adults £50 - 85
Over 65's £ 35 - £60
Junior - £15 - 21

Aston Villa

Ground - Villa Park, Trinity Road, Birmingham B6 6HE

Telephone - 0121 327 2299

Ticket Office: 0800 612 0970

Capacity: 42,785 (all seated)

Nickname – The Villains

Pitch Size: 115 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened – 1897

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Cazoo

Kit Manufacturer: Under Armour

Website: www.avfc.co.uk

Programme: £4.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1874

Former Grounds – Aston Park (1874 – 76), Wellington Road Perry Barr (1876 – 97)

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 (Founder Member)

First Official Floodlit Match – November 1958

Highest Attendance – 76, 588

Highest Score For – 13 – 0 v Wednesday Old Athletic F.A. Cup First Round 30/10/1886

Highest Against – 0 – 8 v Chelsea Premier Division 23/12/2012

Highest Scorer in a Season – 50 Tom Pongo Waring Division One 1930/31

Highest Scorer Overall – Billy Walker 244 goals from 1919 - 33

Player with most First Team Appearances – 657 Charles (Charlie) Aitken 1961 – 76

Colours

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Third

Ground Guide

The stadium has been completely rebuilt since the late 1970's, with the four stands each have their own design. At one end is the Holte End and is used by the home fan which is a large two-tiered structure which replaced one of the largest covered terraces in the country. This was opened in the 1994/95 season it has a capacity of 13,500 seated supporters. At the other end is the North Stand, which is older, but still modern looking. This is two tiered, with a double row of executive boxes running across the middle.

On one side of the pitch is the Doug Ellis Stand, which again is two-tiered and is roughly the same height as the other two stands. This stand was opened prior to the 1996 European Championships. Opposite is the latest edition, the impressive looking Trinity Road Stand which was opened in 2001 it is three tiered, with a small tier at the front and then two larger tiers above, which are separated by a row of executive boxes. There are also two large video screens installed in opposite corners of the ground.



Holt End

There is unusual feature is that between the Trinity Road & Holte End Stands is a pavilion

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type structure that was built at the same time as the Trinity Road. This three-tiered building is used for corporate hospitality. On the other side of the Holte End is another similar looking structure that is used by the Police.



North End

Away supporters are located on one side of the Doug Ellis Stand, towards the North end of the stadium. Up to 2,972 fans can be accommodated in this area, split between both the upper and lower tiers of the stand. For smaller clubs then the upper tier is allocated to the club.



Doug Ellis Stand

The concourse at the back of the upper tier is tight and easily becomes crowded, but there is more space behind the lower section. There is a fair selection of food available in the lower tier, where there are a selection of Pukka Pies and Pasties (all £3.30), Rollover Hot Dogs (£2.60) and then additionally in the lower tier; Cheeseburgers (£3.50), Fish & Chips (£6.50) and Chips (£2.80). But buy the food from the Pound Bakery at Birmingham New Street Station excellent pies and a lot cheaper.

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Driving to the Ground



Take the M6; leave the M6 at Junction 6 and take the slip road sign posted Birmingham (NE). Turn right at the roundabout (the fourth exit), the ground is well signposted from here. But turn right at the second set of traffic lights (At the King Edward VII pub) on to Aston Hall Road. This road will take you down to the ground. Mostly street parking although this is not as plentiful as it once was due to a local resident only parking scheme now in place in the streets around the Witton roundabout area. In-between the Witton Arms and Witton Station there is a small pay and display car park which cost only £1.60 for six hours.



Trinity Road

Public Transport



Train to the following stations the first is **Witton Railway Station** is nearer and is only a few minutes' walk from the ground. Turn left out of the station exit and continue down Manor Road to a roundabout. Turn left at the roundabout into Witton Lane and the ground is in front of you.

Aston Railway Station is a ten minutes' walk away from the ground walk down Lichfield Road at the first right turn into Queen's Road and follows it down to the ground although it changes to Witton Lane nearer the ground. Extra trains are laid on to the ground on match days. There are extra trains are laid on to the ground on match days.

Admission

Douglas Ellis Stand

Adults £50 - £70

Concessions £36 - £70

Under 18's £30 - 65

Under 8's £18

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Concessions apply to Over 65's, Under 21's along with Full Time Students and Members of the Armed Forces.

Where to Drink

The Witton Arms pub (formerly known as the Cap'n' Gown) is fan friendly pub only 2 minutes' walk from Villa Park. The Witton Arms is situated less than 50 metres from **Witton Rail Station**, on the short walk to Villa Park. On match days the main bar is allocated to visiting football fans, and you will be sure of a warm welcome.

Brentford

Ground – Brentford Community Stadium, 166 Lionel Road North, Brentford TW8 9QT

Main Telephone No: 08453 456 442

Capacity: 17,250

Pitch Size: 105 x 68yards

Club Nickname: The Bees

Year Ground Opened: 2020

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Hollywood Bets

Kit Manufacturer: Umbro

Website: www.brentford.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1889

Years at Today's Ground – 3 months

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

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1954 Griffin Park

Highest Attendance – 39,626 (Griffin Park)

Highest Score for – 9-0 v Wrexham Division Three on 15/10/63

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Highest Against – 0 – 7 v Swansea Town (City) Division Three South 8/11/1924 v Walsall Division Three South on 19/01/1957

Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 John Holliday in 1932/33

Highest Scorer Overall – Jim Towers, 153 goals, from 1954–1961

Player with most First Team Appearances – Ken Coote 514 from 1949 – 64

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Former Grounds

Clifden Road/Braemar Road (1889 – 91)
Benn Field Little Ealing (1891 – 95),
Shotters Field Windmill Road (1895 – 98),
Crossroads South Ealing (1898 – 1900),
Boston Park Cricket Ground (1900 - 04)
Griffin Park 1904 -2020

Ground Guide

The new ground is similar to the old Griffin Park but has a 17,250 capacity. The main Stand is the South Stand (nearest to Kew Bridge Station) and holds around 4,654 on the North Stand and which includes a Family area has a capacity of just under 4,500.

Away fans are housed in the East Stand and North Stands for the away support is bigger than 2,500 and the East Stand has a capacity of 4,000 and along with the West Stand for home supporters. There is no parking at the stadium but 1.000+ spaces are made available in the local area, managed by an outsourced company and the stadium is directly attached to Kew Bridge Railway Station London bound platform but if this gets busy then use the local route.

There are number of pubs in the area The Express, One Over the Bridge at Kew Bridge, The City Barge Pub and The Bell and Crown and Steam Packet on Thames Road or cross Kew Bridge for the Greyhound on Kew Green and a number of others across Kew Bridge or you can drink at the ground as they are a selection of London Pride and Guinness on tap.



Main Stand and East End

The grub inside the ground includes a good selection of refreshments on offer and should be the same prices Pies (£3.50), Pasties (£3), Jumbo Hot Dogs (£4), Cheeseburgers (£3.70), Burgers (£3.60) and Sausage Rolls (£2.20) with the alternative is to go Sainsbury which is opposite the Kew Bridge Railway Station

Driving to the Ground & Public Transport



There is no parking available at the stadium, so fans are advised not to drive to the ground. Pre-booked car parking will be available via the Club's website ahead of games and directions to those car parks will then be provided.

From the North/West

Exit the M1 at junction 1 and use the left lanes and at the roundabout take the second exit onto the North Circular Road and at Gunnersbury Cemetery Roundabout take the fifth exit (following the signs for M4) onto the Great West Road and at the Novotel Hotel roundabout take the first exit and after crossing the railway bridge turn left into Bunford Road and then take a left after the steam museum into Chiswick High Street and then first left for the ground.

From the East/South

Exit the M4 then Exit onto Great West Rd/A4 towards A205/A315/Chiswick/N & S Circular/A406/Kew Gardens on to Great West Road take the sixth exit (following the signs for M4) onto the Great West Road and at the Novotel Hotel roundabout take the first exit and after crossing the railway bridge turn left into Bunford Road and then take a left after the steam museum into Chiswick High Street and then first left for the ground.

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South and West Stand

Because of the restrictions on car parking it is best to do the following:

West

Park at Slough Railway Station then train to Ealing Broadway Rail Station and then from outside take the **65 London Bus** to Kew Bridge Rail Station

North and North West

Park at Watford Junction then take the London Overground to Willesden Junction Rail Station and then take the District underground to Gunnersbury Underground Station.

North East

Park at Luton Parkway Railway Station and take the Thameslink to London St Pancras then Piccadilly Line to Hammersmith and then change to the District Line to Gunnersbury Underground Station.

East

Park at Stanstead Airport then take the train to Tottenham Hale Railway Station and then take the underground to Green Park and then take the Piccadilly Line to Hammersmith and then change to the District Line to Gunnersbury Underground Station.



The stadium is only 100 yards from **Kew Bridge Railway Station** from south Western Trains the stadium is directly attached to Kew Bridge station London bound platform but if this gets busy then use the local route, then turn first left and the ground is in front of you.

Take the underground to **Gunnersbury Underground Station**, which is approximately 10 minutes' walk from the stadium. From the station, walk towards Chiswick roundabout, cross over the roundabout using the crossings and walk along Chiswick High Road – the stadium is on your right. The Alternative is taking the **65, 239, 267 and 391 London Bus** down to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre Stop W cross the road there and walk up to the railway station but take a right before the station and the ground is 400 yards in front of you.

Admission

- Adults: £35-65
- Seniors: £25
- 18-24s: £25
- Under 18s: £10

Brighton & Hove Albion

Ground - American Express Community Stadium, Village Way, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9BL

Main Telephone No: 01273 695 400

Capacity: 30,250 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The Seagulls

Year Ground Opened: 2011

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: American Express

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.brightonandandhovealbion.com

Programme: £4



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1901

Years at Today's Ground – 7 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 from Southern League Founder Member of

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Division Three and in 1921 Founder Member Division Three South

First Official Floodlit Match – April 1961 Goldstone Ground

Highest Attendance – 36,747 v Fulham, Division Two, 27/12/1958 at Goldstone Ground

Highest Score for – 14–2 v Brighton Amateurs, FA Cup Qualifying Round One 4/10/1902

Highest Against – 0–18 v Norwich City, wartime, 25/12/1940

Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 Peter Ward in 1976/77

Highest Scorer Overall – 174 Robert (Bert) Simmons 1935 - 48

Player with most First Team Appearances – 566 Ernie (Tug) Wilson 1922-36

Colours



Home



Away



Second Alternative

Former Grounds

Home Farm Withdean (1901/02)

Sussex County Cricket Ground (1901/02)

Goldstone Ground (1902 – 1996)

Priestfield Gillingham (1997 – 99),

Withdean Stadium (1999 – 2011)

Ground Guide

From a far the semi-circular roofs of the stand and the tubular supporting steelwork above them, are at first glance reminiscent of the Galpharm Stadium in Huddersfield and the KC Stadium in Hull.

But the similarity ends as this is a far superior ground, which inside is reminiscent of the KC Stadium in Hull. On one side is the impressive looking West Stand. This three-tiered stand, has a large lower tier, a small middle tier and a medium sized upper tier. The seating in the upper tier follows the semi-circular design of the stand, giving it an interesting effect. The team dugouts are located on this side, as well as an open press area, which is conveniently situated above the player's tunnel on the half way line.

Opposite is the smaller East Stand. This two-tiered stand had its upper tier added in the Summer of 2012 and the gap in-between the two tiers is occupied by the Clubs' administrative offices.

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South Stand

Both ends are also small single tiers of seating, and have an electric scoreboard to the rear. One of these ends, the South Stand, has a hospitality area containing a number of executive boxes, which is situated above the seated area. The roofs over both ends slope down from the larger West Stand on one side to the East Stand opposite, giving the ground a different look.



North Stand

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One nice touch though, is rather than having lettering displayed on the seating, images of seagulls are included instead. What makes the ground particularly striking is the amount of transparent material used in the roofs of the stadium.

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Fans who visit The Amex to watch their team away fans will be housed in the south east corner of the stadium where approximately 3,300 fans can be accommodated. The views from within these sections are fantastic and the leg room is ample as would be expected for a new build. One thing you may not expect but will find as a bonus is the padded seats! as standard and generous amounts of leg room for every supporter watching the match. The concourse is equally impressive with plenty of space and facilities on offer which reduces the feelings of being in a stampede when trying to use the toilet at half-time.



West Stand

The grub inside the ground includes a good selection of refreshments on offer including Pies from Piglets Pantry in Shoreham-on-sea, which are baked on-site. You can choose from Steak & Harveys Ale with mushrooms, Chicken & Ham with leek and Vegetarian butternut squash with spicy tomato. However, it will cost you £4.20 for the privilege making them the most expensive pies in the league. Also, on offer are Cheeseburgers (£4.70), Burgers (£4.60) and Hot Dogs (£4.20).

Although the food in the ground is good I fall either into Baglemans Bakery at the Station or walk two minutes to Real Pastries in Trafalgar Street in Brighton cheaper than the food at the ground and the pies are land mines helps you get to the stadium from Brighton. Lastly, whether design or accident, The Amex has fantastic acoustics which makes the atmosphere on match days pretty electrifying for a ground.

The Evening Star, on Surrey Street and only two a minute walk away from Brighton Central main station or The Hikers Rest (BN1 9GD) which has sky sports and a lovely garden to sit out in with pre-match drink and is only approximately half a mile away. A little further afield is The Swan Inn (BN1 9PD) which is a more traditional pub. Also has Sky Sports on tv's around the pub but there's a very relaxed feeling about the place. I guess that may disappear once 1200 away fans set upon it on a Saturday afternoon though! A more popular option tends to be to head in to Brighton for pre-game drinks and simply use the free travel from your match ticket to get the train along closer to kick off.

Driving to the Ground



PR Shuttle

Take the M25 to Junction 7 and go onto the M23 at the end of the M23, and then continue

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onto the A23, heading towards Brighton. At the roundabout which is the junction with the A27, continue straight on and carry on down London Road to the fire Station then take a left into Viaduct Road and at the lights take a right into Ditching Road and then second left into Union Road then after 200 yards at the lights take a left onto the A270 Lewes Road. Then after few yards at the lights go up the hill into Elm Grove and then turn right and park at the racecourse then take the park and ride. Or for night games use the post code Mill Road (BN1 8ZF) there are lights there and you want need to take a torch unlike the racecourse where there are no lights.

The Park & Ride is open from 12 noon on Saturdays (with last departure at 2.30pm) and 6.30pm for evening kick offs. The last buses return from the stadium 90 minutes after the end of the game. The cost of the Park & Ride is included in the price of your match ticket. So just show your match ticket or proof of ticket booking (if collecting your match tickets from the ticket office at the stadium). Please note that vehicles must remove no later than two hours after the game has ended.

Public Transport



→ 4 mins

Take the Southern Train to **Brighton Central Railway Station** and then change and get the local Southern Train to **Falmer Railway Station** which is directly outside the stadium and only a couple of minutes' walks to the away stand. There are frequent trains and specials on from both Brighton and Lewes on days of matches.

Admission

- Adults: £35-65
- Seniors: £25
- 18-24s: £25
- Under 18s: £10

Chelsea

Ground - Stamford Bridge, Fulham Road, London, SW6 1HS

Main Telephone No: 0871 984 1955 (For callers outside the UK: 00 44 207 835 6000)

Fax No: 020 7381 4831

Ticket Office: 0871 984 1905 (Outside UK: 00 44 207 835 6000)

Ground Capacity: 41,837 (all seated)

Club Nickname: The Blues

Pitch Size: 113 x 74 Yards

Year Ground Opened: 1877 (London Athletic Club) Football 1905)

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: 3

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

Website: www.chelseafc.com

Programme: £4

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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1905

Years at Today's Ground – 113 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1905

First Official Floodlit Match – 1957

Highest Attendance – 82,905 crowd v Arsenal in Division One 12/10/1935

Highest Score for – 13 – 0 v Jeunesse Hautcharage, Cup Winners' Cup, First Round Second Leg, 29/09/1971

Highest Against – 1 – 8 v Wolverhampton Wanderers Division One 26/09/1953

Highest Scorer in a Season – 43 Jimmy Greaves in 1960/61 season

Highest Scorer Overall – 211 Frank Lampard 2001 – 14

Player with most First Team Appearances – 795 Ron (Clugger) Harris 1962 - 80

Colours



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Away

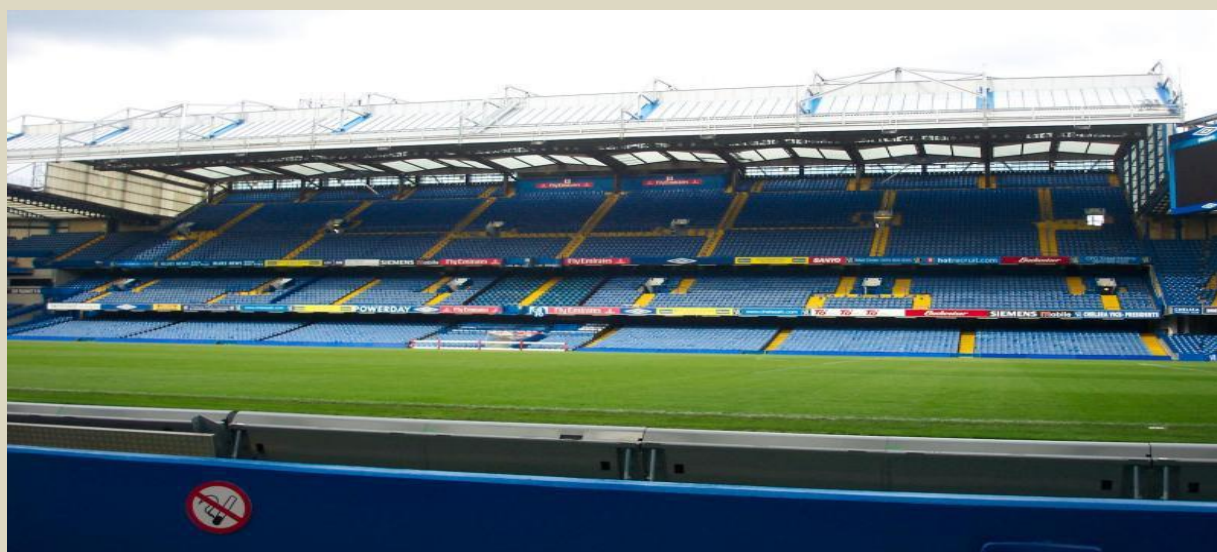


Third

Ground Guide

The ground is quite impressive looking, located on one side of the pitch it is a superb three-tiered affair having a row of executive boxes running across its middle. Its roof is virtually transparent, allowing more light to reach the pitch and gives it a unique look. The club had started development of the ground in 1973 with a three-tiered Stand replacing the old East Stand and North End Pavilion and after the Taylor report the club took eleven years to complete it.

Having started the final all seating of the ground in 1993 with the North End (Mathew Harding End), then the diehard Chelsea fans had to see their beloved Shed End go under the bulldozers to be replaced by a new south Stand in 1998.



East Stand today (BEG)

Approximately 3,000 seats are made available for visiting supporters and they are located in the south east corner of the Shed End. Away fans are separated between the upper and lower tiers of the shed for league games whilst for cup games, the whole lower tier is generally given over. If demand is low then a much smaller section of both upper and lower tiers is optional. There are no supporting pillars within the stadium which makes for fantastic views from all areas and leg room within the shed is ample. Refreshments are not overly expensive and facilities are what you'd expect from one of the biggest clubs in England.



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Old Stamford Bridge and the erasing of the running track 1974

The builders took advantage of the fact that the 'old' Stamford Bridge was oval shaped and had been a running, cycling as well as speedway track since it was first laid out in 1880 and have stretched the new stands right around the ground 'filling in' the corners, so that the stadium is totally enclosed. The latest addition to the stadium is the attractive looking West Stand, which was opened in 2001 and that finally erased the running track that had had been round the pitch since 1880.



The same view in 2025

The Dukes Head which is an away friendly pub at 8 Lower Richmond near **Putney Bridge Railway Station** come out of the station cross over the river and turn right the pub is two minutes away their good friendly atmosphere good food and a good selection of beer and a family run pub.

Lowcountry Bar formerly Zulu's is an away friendly pub located at 4 Fulham High Street and is on the way from Putney Rail Station which is on the District Line just on the High Street the pub is on the righthand side the menu includes a variety of steaks and seafood. Crawfish, steamed cracked crabs; and seafood gumbo, served with andouille sausage are some of the unique offerings and excellent selections of beers

From either of these walk up the Kings Road to the Imperial Arms take the first left up Holmead Road then at the end take a left cross the road and first right its 36 minutes' walk to the ground and these are better for the neutrals.

Driving to the Ground



If you are going to drive to the ground then it is better to park at Basingstoke Railway Station from the East or Watford Junction Railway Station from the North and Gatwick Airport in the South take the tube and railway in its easier to get to the game for a neutral fan and use the Oyster Visitor Card which is the cheapest way across London for games which you keep and top it up when you go to the games in London. See Public Transport for directions.

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From the North, East or West

Use the M25 to take you round to junction 15 and turn off onto the M4 towards London, follow the M4 which becomes the A4 up to Hammersmith. Stay on it over the Hammersmith flyover and for a further 1.5 miles before turning off for Earls Court. Go past Earls Court station and down the one-way system until you hit Fulham Road, turn right at the traffic lights. Go straight on for 600 yards and the ground is on your right. Parking is difficult very close to the ground so you may want to look a bit further away by parking at London Olympia on Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX and it is £15 for up to four hours, take the underground to the ground.



From the South

Take the M25 to Junction 12 and merge onto the M3 follow the M3 to the end then follow onto the A316 through Richmond and 6 roundabouts till just before Hammersmith Cemetery on the left at the lights take a left into Lower Richmond Road and go on through three roundabouts and just after St Marys Church at the crossroads take a left into Castelnau/A306 and continue on over Hammersmith Bridge to cross the river. Follow the road under the A4 then turn right into Hammersmith Road then after 100 yards take a slight right into Butterwick at Loreol then at the lights take a left onto the A4 and follow it for a mile then at the lights before the metro Bank (on the right) take a right then at the Fulham Bar take a right onto Fulham Road then take second right after the Esso Station to the ground.

If you want to park your car then use Smugglers Way, London SW18 1DB car park there is usual a number of spaces and there is security walking around and it only a fifteen-minute walk to the ground or a short bus ride

Public Transports to the Ground



→ 6 mins

Take the train to any of the main stations in London and then take the District Line and alight at **Fulham Broadway Underground Station** at the entrance turn left and then take the third on the left and follow it down to the ground.



→ 12 mins

Take the London Overground to **West Brompton Railway Station** and it is around a 12 minute walk to the ground from West Brompton station so you turn right outside the station, then right again under the Arch into Brompton Cemetery and walk on through the Cemetery and Stamford Bridge is five minutes in front of you but If it is a night game then turn right after the cemetery into Finborough Road then past it then bear right into Ilford Road past the theatre and after a half-mile, turn right onto the Fulham Road the ground is on the left after 200 yards.

Admission

Adults - £25 - 75

Over 65's - £17

Under 20s - £15

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Crystal Palace

Ground - Selhurst Park, Park Road London, SE25 6PU

Main Telephone No: 0208 7686000

Ticket Office: 0871 2000071

Capacity: 26,300 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 74 yards

Team Nickname: The Eagles

Year Ground Opened: 1924

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Cinch

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.cpfc.co.uk

Programme: £4



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1905

Years at Today's Ground – 94 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 from the Southern League to be a Founder Member of Division Three

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1953

Highest Attendance – 51,801 v Burnley 11/05/1979

Highest Score for – 9 – 0 v Barrow Division Four 10/10/1959

Highest Against – 0 – 9 v Burnley F.A. Cup Round Two Replay 10/02/1909, 0 – 9 v Liverpool Division One 12/09/1989

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 51 Peter Simpson in 1930/31 & 165 goals 1929 -35

Player with most First Team Appearances – Jim Cannon 663 from 1971 – 88

Colours

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Alternative

Former Grounds

The Crystal Palace Ground (1905 – 15),
Herne Hill Velodrome (1915 – 19),
The Nest Selhurst Road (Old Selhurst Park 1919 – 24)

Ground Guide

The ground is a mixture of the modern and the old, with two old side stands and two more modern looking end stands. The main Stand was built when Palace moved into the ground in 1924 built under the guidance of Archibald Leitch by Humphreys of Kensington and the roof was replaced in 2013.



Main Stand

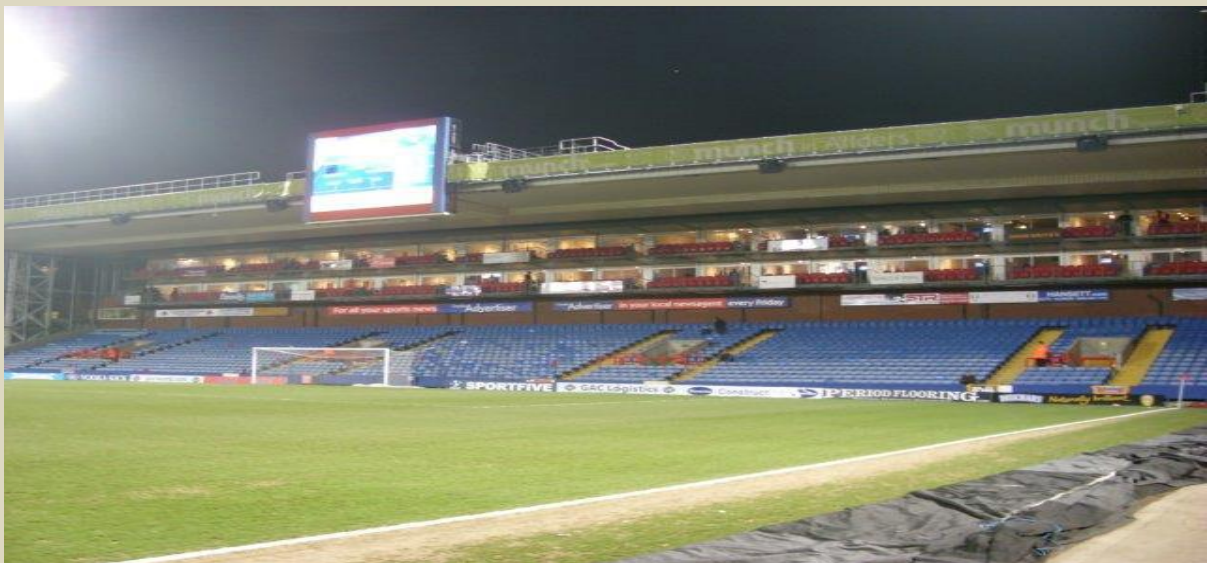
With the Main Stand have a number of ancient looking floodlights on its roof and the grounds capacity is now 26,300. The newest edition is the two-tiered Holmesdale Road Stand at one end, which was opened in 1995. This stand has a large lower tier, with a smaller upper tier that overhangs it. The stand looks impressive and has a large curved roof, as well as windshields on either side of the upper tier. This is where the bulk of home supporters congregate.

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Holmesdale Road

Opposite is the Whitehorse Lane Stand. This was originally a very large open terrace but was reduced in capacity in the early 1980's when land was sold for a Sainsbury's supermarket which is still present outside the ground. During the early 1990's the terrace was made all seated and a double row of executive boxes was the constructed above it, giving it an unusual look. Later a roof added and then a large video screen installed upon it. This stand was renamed the 'Croydon Advertiser Family Stand'.



Whitehorse Lane Stand

Opposite the main stand is the large, covered, single tiered Arthur Wait stand, which was built in 1969; the stand has a TV gantry suspended beneath its roof.

Away are still housed on one side of the Arthur Wait Stand however they have been relocated to the opposite side near the 'Croydon Advertiser Family Stand' at the end closest to the Whitehorse Lane End. Over 2,000 away supporters can be accommodated here but there are many bad seats that need to be avoided if possible. Seats toward the rear of the stand are wooden with little leg room and hindered views from an overhanging roof and a supporting pillar. action is not particularly great from the back of the stand, due to the television gantry that has been installed above the visitors stand, do not to buy tickets the back ten rows (40-49)' and their then there is the odd supporting pillars to contend with as well.

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Arthur Wait Stand

Food on offer inside the ground includes; Cheeseburgers £4.50, Palace Ale Hot Dogs £5, Hot Dogs £4, Chicken Burgers £4.50, Steak & Cronx Ale Pie £4, Soulfod Tomato & Black Bean Pots £5 and Chips £2.50. There is good food at Craft of Coffee on South Norwood Road and even better pies and other food at Essence of Cake in Falkland Avenue just past Selhurst Park.

For drinking if coming off at Thornton Heath Railway Station there is the 'The Flora Sandes' 2-4 Ambassador House on Bridstock Road which is popular with both home and away supporters and directly across from Thornton Heath Station. Also close by is 'The Railway Telegraph' at 19 Bridstock Road

The Railway Telegraph is a family friendly pub and has a lovely patio garden and outside smoking area. As you come out of Thornton Heath station turn right and the pub is further down on the left 50 yards from the station. They also have Sky Sports and welcome football supporters from home or away. No food is served at present. Otherwise near Norwood Junction Railway Station on the High Street is another Wetherspoon outlet called 'The William Stanley' from the Station walk up Oliver Grove turn right at the Clock Tower into the High Street past the Alliance Pub and cross the road and friendly staff with Real Ale if that is your drink.

Driving Directions



North and West

M1 to A406 North Circular Road heading west to Chiswick Roundabout, take the third exit at the roundabout onto Chiswick High Road, then first left onto the A205 signposted Kew. After 2m, take a left at the T-junction signposted Putney. Continue until the road merges with the A3, then a mile later, turn right onto the A214 (Signposted Tooting and Streatham). When in Streatham, turn right onto the A23 Streatham High Road and after one mile turn left into the B273 Green Lane which becomes Parchmore Road. At the bottom of the road, turn left into the High Street, go straight over the crossroads and the ground is on the right.

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East

Take the M25 to Junction 3 then fourth exit onto the A20 (Signposted London), and then after 4 miles turn left onto the A224 (signposted St Mary Cray). After 3 mile turn onto the A232 Spur Road and follow this until you see Shirley Park Golf Club, then turn right onto the A215 Shirley Road. Turn right at the top of this road, then first left into the A215 Spring Road. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto the B266 and the ground is 250 yards on the left.



South

Leave the M25 at Junction 3 take the first exit onto the M23 and then follow the A23 into London following signs for Thornton Heath, turning right onto the A235 passing through a one-way system. Turn immediately left onto the B266 Brigstock Road which becomes High Street then as north.

Most streets around the ground are either designated residents only parking on match days or are pay and display with a four hours limit. So please take note of any street signs advising of parking restrictions, or else you will run the risk of being towed away. Please note that the traffic can be pretty bad on Saturdays even without football traffic.

So, use Basingstoke Railway Station in the East, Gatwick Airport in the South, Watford Junction Railway Station North West or Stanstead Airport in the North East get an Oyster Visitor card and take the tube and park outside London at most it will cost £8.50 for travel there and back but it means you can get on buses, trains and tube with one ticket. (Remember when you get off the buses or trains scan your card at the either Yellow or Pink scanners)

If you wish to park near the ground then use the car park at 21 Belgrave Road SE25 5AL run by the council its £4.00 from 1pm to 6pm on Saturday and for midweek games from 6pm to 11pm.

Public Transport to the Ground



→ 17mins

Take a train to **Thornton Heath Railway Station** and then turn right out of the station walk down high cross over grange road into Whitehorse then its third right into Park Lane



→ 12 mins

If you are coming from East Anglia get off the train **Liverpool Street Railway Station** take the Thameslink Line to **East Croydon Railway Station** and take South West Trains to **Selhurst Railway Station** then turn left out of the Station up Selhurst Road and then take the second left and then second right and the ground will be on the left.

From the North alight at Watford Junction Railway Station and take the train to direct to **Selhurst Railway Station**.

Admission

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Arthur Wait Stand:
Adults £30 (B £25),
Concessions £26 (B £21),
Under 18's £20 (B £16)

Everton

Ground: Everton Stadium, Regent Way, L5 9SR
Main Telephone No: 0871 663 1878
Ticket Office: 0871 663 1878
Ground Capacity: 54,000
Pitch Size: 112 x 78 yards
Club Nickname: The Toffees
Year Ground Opened: 2025
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Stake
Kit Manufacturer: Hummel
Website: www.evertonfc.com
Programme: £4.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1878

Years at Today's Ground – 126 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – 1957

Highest Attendance – 78,299

Highest Score for – 11–2 v Derby County, FA Cup, Fifth Round, 18/01/1890

Highest Against – 0–7 v Sunderland, Football League Division One, 26 December 1934; v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Division One, 22 February 1939; v Arsenal, Premier League, 11/05/2005, 4 – 11 v Tottenham Hotspur Division One 11/10/1958

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 60 goals William Ralph (Dixie)

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Deans 1927/28 & 399 goals 1925 – 37

Player with most First Team Appearances – 750 Neville Southall 1981 – 98

Colours



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Alternative

Former Names

St Domingo FC (1878/79)

Former Grounds

Stanley Park (1878 – 82),
Priory Road (1882 – 84)
Anfield Park (1884 – 92)
Goodison Park (1892 – 2025)

Ground Guide

Walking up to Goodison Park, and the crowds filling the narrow streets around the ground make you feel that you are going back in time, to when the outside of every football ground appeared like this.

There is a problem at Goodison and apart from the modern Park Lane Stand (which has an electric scoreboard on its roof and was opened in 1994), There are lots of supporting pillars on some of the stands i.e. Main and Bullens Stands but unlike some new grounds, Goodison has atmosphere and the three-tiered Main Stand, which was opened in 1971, is still an impressive sight. There are two large video screens at opposite corners of the ground. The best view is from the top balcony of the Main Stand. Not only do you get a 'bird's eye' view of the game, but also views across Stanley Park, with Anfield in the distance.

Goodison Park is the only ground to have a church called St Luke's which sits in one corner of the ground (it sells teas & snacks on match days). If you have time before the game look out for the statue behind the Park Stand; a tribute to the legend that was Dixie Dean who scored the most goals in a football league season. After all these years, the Everton team still come out to the theme tune of the old BBC TV police drama series of the 1960's and 70's called Z-cars.

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Howard Kendall Gwladys Street Stand (North)



Sir Philip Carter Park Lane Road Stand



Main Stand

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Visiting supporters are seated in the Bullens Road Stand, at the end closest to Stanley Park. Generally, the section of the Upper and Lower Tiers reserved for away fans will seat 3,000 although for games when the away allocation is increased to 10% of the total capacity, the section extends down towards the half way line. Both tiers are close to the Park End stand so you can expect a decent bit of banter with the home supporters. The quality of the seating, leg room and views of the game from the Bullens Road stand is unfortunately not the best. The Lower Tier has a low ceiling, especially in the back rows, which makes it very dark and claustrophobic and you should be prepared to stand up at frequent intervals as well as having to contend with supporting pillars blocking your view.



Bullens Stand

The catering from the small concourse area includes; Hot Dogs (£4.40), Beef Burgers (£4.20), Steak Pie, Meat & Potato Pie, Cheese & Onion Pie, Bombay & Vegetable Pie (all £3.40) and Sausage Rolls (£3.10). But I use any one of three bakeries on the County Road in Greggs, Patisserie and Pound Bakery saves money for things you like to wash it down with. The Arkle Pub at 77 Anfield Road for both Liverpool as well as Everton games it offers a well-stocked bar and always has a lively and welcoming atmosphere.

Behind the Park Stand is a small outdoor fanzone which serves alcohol, as well as food. Currently visiting supporters are allowed free entry into the fanzone and about a 15 minutes' walk away from the visiting supporter's entrance, is the Thomas Frost pub on Walton Road.

Driving Directions



North

From the M6 exit at junction 26 onto the M58 and continue until the end. At junction 7 turn left onto the A59 Ormskirk Road. Continue on this road until Breeze Hill roundabout then take the A5058 (signposted M6) and after 450 yards turn right at the lights into Walton Lane and continue down to the Hot Wok at the lights turn right into Spellow Lane Goodison Road and the ground are first on the right.

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South

Take the M6 exit at junction 21a onto the M62. Exit the M62 at Junction 4 and then follow the A5058 towards Liverpool. After three miles turn left at the traffic lights into Utting Avenue (At McDonalds) on the corner of this junction. Go along for one mile and then turn right at the corner of Stanley Park into Priory Road.

If you arrive early then there is street parking to be found around Walton Lane if not then you should park in Stanley Park itself with the entrance to the car park which costs £8. As you drive down Walton Road take a left into Priory Road before the lights and the entrance to the car park is on the right just past the Gulf Petrol Station.

Airport & Public Transport to the Ground



19, 21 or



345



→ 5 mins

Take the train to **Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station** then walk over to **Liverpool Queen Square, Bus Station**, stand 8 you can catch various buses from the bus station which is seven minutes' walk away from Liverpool Lime Street and is well signposted. Either the **Arriva in the North 19, 21** will drop you right outside the ground **or Stagecoach in Merseyside 345** which will drop you off at Ludlow Street just turn right and walk two minutes to the ground.

Admission

Adults £30 - 50
Over 65's £21 - 28
Under 16's £16

Fulham

Ground: Craven Cottage, Stevenage Road, London, SW6 6HH

Main Telephone No: 0870 442 1222

Ticket Office: 0870 442 1234

Capacity: 29,600 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 109 x 71 yards

Club Nickname: The Cottagers, The Whites or Badgers

Year Ground Opened: 1896

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: W88

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

Website: www.fulhamfc.com

Programme: £3

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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1879 (Fulham St Andrew's Church Sunday School & Cricket Club F.C)

Years at Today's Ground – 122 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1907 Elected from the Southern League replaced Burton United

First Official Floodlit Match – 1962

Highest Attendance – 49,335 v Millwall 08/10/1938

Highest Score for – 10 – 1 Ipswich Town Division One 26/10/1963

Highest Against – 0-9 v Wolverhampton Wanderers Division One 16/09/1959

Highest Scorer in a Season – 41 Frank Newton in 1931/32

Highest Scorer Overall – 178 Gordon Davis 1978 – 91

Player with most First Team Appearances – 458 John Haynes 1952 – 70

Colours



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Away



Alternative

Former Names

Fulham St Andrew's Church Sunday School & Cricket Club F.C, 1879 - 1887

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Fulham Excelsior 1887 - 1901

Former Grounds

Hurlingham Park, Fulham (1879),
Star Road, Hammersmith (1879–83),
Eel Brook Common, Fulham (1883–84),
Lillie Recreation, Fulham (1884–85),
Putney Lower Common, Putney (1885/86)
Ranelagh House, Fulham (1886–88), (Dressing rooms in the Elm Pub)
Barn Elms Playing Fields Barnes (1888–89),
Roskell's Fields (next to Parsons Green tube station 1889–91),
Half Moon, Putney (1891–95),
West Brompton (1895–96),
Craven Cottage, (1896–2002),
Loftus Road (2002 – 04)

Ground Guide

The Main Stand on Stevenage Road was originally designed by Archibald Leitch (who designed a number of football grounds in the UK in the early part of the 20th century) and replaced four separate stands known as the Rabbit Hutches and was opened in 1905.

Although it has a number of supporting pillars and old wooden seating in its upper tier, they are one of few in Scotland and England to keep the classic looking gable on its roof; with the club's name Fulham Football Club between it. The main Stand which has recently been renamed the Johnny Haynes Stand after the former Fulham great who played between 1952 -70 and the Pavilion to the side of the last one standing in British Football (The last one in Scotland was at Broomfield in Airdrie) which sits neatly between the Main and the Putney Stands.

Opposite the main Stand is the aptly named Riverside Stand. With its back to the banks of the River Thames, this all seated, It also has a row of executive boxes running across the back of it and also houses a television gantry and it has a couple of supporting pillars and now has a capacity of 9,000 which replaced the old 1972 stand in 2022, within the stand



The last football pavilions

include restaurants, meeting facilities, bars, nine flats and a new riverside walkway behind it

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and has raised the capacity of Craven Cottage to 29,600.



Jonny Hayes Stand

Both the Hammersmith End has one large pillar towards the front and middle of the stand, whilst opposite the Putney End has a row of pillars running across the stand, about a third of the way down it replaced terracing and are simulate stands. Attached to these stands in three corners of the ground are three storey structures that are used to for corporate boxes.



Hammersmith End

An unusual feature is that the teams enter the field from one corner of the ground at the Pavilion (The Cottage) and then make their way up onto the pitch as it is raised. There is a small electric scoreboard situated above the Putney End and outside the stadium alongside Stevenage Road is the Johnny Haynes Statue.

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The Putney End

Away fans are housed to one side of the Putney End Stand on the river side of the ground. This stand is shared with 'neutral' supporters, with away fans being allocated approximately 2,700 seats in this stand. There are a couple of supporting pillars that could impede your view, but this only applies to certain seats in Row DD and above. Some of these are classed as 'restricted view' seats and are discounted off the regular ticket price and the grub on the concourses on offer includes a range of Pies (£4.50), Cheeseburgers (£5) and "Moms Bad Boy Hot Dogs" (£5) with flat screen televisions showing the game being played inside.

It is best to use the bakeries like the Bake House on North Richmond Road 50 yards from Putney Railway Station or if you come of at Putney Bridge then walk up to Cake & Leaves in Fulham Park Garden or Danish Pastries on Munster Road



The Riverside End

Dukes Head is an away friendly pub that at 8 Lower Richmond near Putney Bridge railway station come out of the station cross over the river and turn right the pub is two minutes away their good friendly atmosphere good food and a good selection of beer and a family run pub.

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Lowcountry Pub formerly Zulu's is an away friendly pub located at 4 Fulham High Street and is on the way from Putney Rail Station just take the evening directions to the game the pub is on the righthand side, the menu includes a variety of steaks and seafood. Crawfish, steamed cracked crabs; and seafood gumbo, served with andouille sausage are some of the unique offerings and excellent selections of beers.

Near to Putney tube station is the 'Eight Bells' but if you find it full then head for the "The Temperance" which is only a few mins walk away on the corner of Fulham High Street and prices were reasonable and the service excellent. And opposite the Temperance on the same road is the King's Arms, which is also popular with visiting supporters.

The Crabtree on Rainville Road (10 mins walk from the ground) also welcomes all away supporters and to find this pub go along Stevenage Road away from the Cottage and the away end. On reaching the home end of the ground, turn left along an alley which runs behind the stand and when you reach the River Thames turn right and walk along the riverside path and the pubs on your right.

If you like Wetherspoons pubs, then on the opposite side of the Thames to the ground is the Rocket pub and from the Putney Bridge tube station go on up to the main road, then cross the Thames via Putney Bridge and over on your left you will see a semi-circular tower located on the river front and it is located at the bottom of this tower and once over the bridge look for the path on the left taking you down to the river bank and walk along from there.

If arrive at **Putney Overground Railway Station** then there is a pub virtually opposite the station entrance called the Railway which is a large and there was a good mix of supporters inside all getting on fine.

Driving Directions



North

Take the M1 to Junction1 then turn right onto A406 North Circular Road heading west. Continue for 4m until you get to the Hangar Lane roundabout. Go straight over onto Hangar Lane. After 2m, you will see Gunnersbury Park and shortly after this Chiswick roundabout.

Take the second exit onto the A4 and at the next roundabout (Hogarth), take the first exit, continuing along the A4 Great West Road. After 1m, you will get to Hammersmith, follow the one-way system until heading back in the direction you came from and turn left onto the A219 Fulham Palace Road. After 1 mile, then turn right into Inglethorpe Street, and at the bottom, turn left into Stevenage Road and the ground is on the right.



South

Take the A24 into London. At the crossroads with the A214 by Tooting Bec station, turn left onto Trinity Road and after 1.5m turn left onto the A3. One mile later, the road forks in two, take the right-hand lane, Upper Richmond Road, and then turn right at the next crossroads into Putney High Street. Continue across Putney Bridge, then after 700yards, turn left into Findlay Street, turning right at the bottom for the ground.

If you want to park your car then use Smugglers Way, London SW18 1DB car park there is usual a number of spaces and there is security walking around and it only a fifteen-minute

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walk to the ground

Public Transport



→ 15 mins

Train to **Putney Bridge Underground Station** and the ground is about a fifteen-minute walk from Putney Bridge you turn left out of the station and then just walk through Bishops Park along the riverbank to the ground past Fulham Palace (note that the park is unavailable after evening games) for Evening games walk up Palace Road and on the first left walk down Bishop Park Road and follow it round to the ground.

Admission

Putney End:

Adults £30 - £80

Over 65's/Under 22's £30

Under 18's £15 to £25

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

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

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

Highest Scorer Overall – 218 Ray Crawford from 1958 – 68

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



Former Grounds

Broom Town (1878-1880)

Brooks Hall (1880 – 1884)

Colours



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Away

Ground Guide

The Sir Alf Ramsey Stand and the Sir Bobby Robson Stand, are similar in appearance and

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size, and dwarf the older stands, located on each side of the ground. Unusually, both ends have a larger upper tier which overhangs slightly the smaller lower tier. Both have windshields to either side of the upper tier opened a year apart in 2001 & 2002.

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



Sir Alf Ramsey Stand (South Stand)

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

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

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

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

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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

Adult – £24 - £38

U23 – £15 - £21

U19 – £7 - £13

65+ – £19 - £29



The Two Sirs Alf Ramsey and Bobby Robson

Where to have a Drink

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

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

Leicester City

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

Main Telephone Number: 0844 815 6000

Ticket Office: 0844 815 5000

Ground Capacity – 32,500

Pitch size- 110 x 76 yards

Club Nickname: The Foxes

Year Ground Opened: 2002

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: King Power

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.lcfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1884 (Leicester Fosse)

Years at Today's Ground – 16 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1957 Old City Stadium

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

Highest Score for – 13-0 v Nottinghamshire Olympic FA Cup Qualifying Round One

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03/10/1894

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

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

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

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

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Former Names

Leicester Fosse (1884 – 1919)

Former Grounds

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

Ground Guide

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

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

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King Power inside with all four stands

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

Driving Directions



North

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



South

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



West

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



East

Take the A47 into Leicester city centre. Follow signs to Rugby into Almond Road, and then turn into Ayleston Road. Swing a left into Walnut Street, then left into Filbert Street. If Tigers

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are not playing at home then park at Leicester Rugby Club which cost £8 in Almond Street which is a ten-minute walk away from the stadium. If they are at home then park plenty of street parking around the Upperton Road area and on streets running off the A5460 by the railway bridge.

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

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

Public Transport



→ 18 mins

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



→ 5 mins



88 or



47 or 84 →



→ 5 mins

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

Admission

Adults £46

Over 65's/Under 22's £41

Under 18 £33

Under 16 £23

Under 12's £12

Liverpool

Ground: Anfield Stadium, Anfield Road, Liverpool, L4 0TH

Main Telephone No: 0151 260 1433

Ticket Office: 0151 260 8680

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Capacity: 54,500 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 110 x 75 yards
Club Nickname: The Reds
Year Ground Opened: 1884 (Everton FC)
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Standard Chartered
Kit Manufacturer: Nike
Website: www.liverpoolfc.com
Programme: £3



Former Names

Everton Athletic (1892/93)
Liverpool & Athletic Football Club (1892/93)

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1892
Years at Today's Ground – 126 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1893
First Official Floodlit Match – October 1957
Highest Attendance – 61,905 v Chelsea Division One 1949
Highest Score for – 11–0 against Strømsgodset in the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, 17/09/1974
Highest Against – 1-9 against Birmingham City Second Division, 11/12/1954
Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 47 Ian Rush in 1983/84 & 346 goals 1980 – 1996
Player with most First Team Appearances – 857 Ian Robert Callaghan 1960 – 80

Colours

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Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground is lot smaller than their neighbours Everton across Stanley Park but the one open and famous Kop Terrace which was covered in the 1960's and was finally demolished was replaced in 1994 by a huge stand, designed to emulate the atmosphere of the old Kop, hence it's semi-circular look and large single tier.

Opposite the Kop is the Anfield Road Stand, part of which is given to away supporters, is the most recent addition to the ground, having been opened in 1998. It boosted not only the overall capacity of the stadium, finally gave an enclosed feel as the remaining corners were filled.

Opposite the Main Stand is the Centenary Stand, where the front tier leg room was measured for a midget but has now been upgraded to a more modern stand with the Centenary Stand was originally called the Kemlyn Road Stand, part of which was built in the 1960's with an additional tier and row of executive boxes being added in 1992.



The Kop from Anfield Road Stand

The Main Stand which was opened in 1973 and it was looking its age with a number of

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supporting pillars before the Main Stand with two extra tiers have made this stand simply huge, having increased the capacity of the stand from 12,000 to 20,500 and increased the overall capacity of Anfield to over 54,000. The expanded Main Stand now towers of the rest of the stadium. The Main Stand itself looks smart with single rows of executive boxes located between the tiers and having the players tunnel and team dugouts located at out front. Its most striking feature though is its roof and mostly made up of transparent panels to allow more light to the pitch like Bayern Munich, it protrudes out over the stand by quite some distance and is curved to each side of the stand



Main Stand

The Arkle at 77 Anfield Road for both Liverpool as well as Everton games it offers a well-stocked bar and always has a lively and welcoming atmosphere but it does get busy so The Flat Iron which was five minutes' walk away and although the pub was mostly full of Liverpool fans, the bars were mixed and all were very friendly.



Centenary Stand

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To find this pub, turn left at the junction where Arkles is (opposite direction to where Anfield is over to your right) onto Anfield Road and head away from the ground and the pub is down at the bottom of this road on the righthand side'. Otherwise located near to the away turnstiles is a food and drink area, which serves alcohol too. Bottles of Carlsberg (500ml) are also available inside the stadium, at a cost of £3.90 each.

Around the outside of the ground, there are the Bill Shankly Gates on Anfield Road. These wrought iron gates have the phrase 'You'll Never Walk Alone' displayed in gold letters above them. There is also a statue of Scotsman, Bill Shankly the man who started there run of titles and European adventures placed near the Club shop. Also along Anfield Road, there is the memorial to the 97 victims of the Hillsborough disaster.

Visiting supporters are located in the lower tier of the Anfield Road stand (on the main stand side) where there are seats for up to 3000 fans. Views are generally good but try to avoid the seats in the back three or four rows of the lower tier as it can become very difficult to see if people in front aren't sitting down. There is a betting outlet and the refreshment kiosks sell a wide variety of Pies including a 'Scouse Pie', Potato and Meat, Potato and Butter, Cheese Slices and Sausage Rolls (all £3.40). But I use any one of three bakeries on the County Road in Greggs, Patisserie and Pound Bakery saves money for things you like to wash it down with.

Driving Directions



North

From the M6 exit at junction 26 onto the M58 and continue until the end. At junction 7 turn left onto the A59 Ormskirk Road. Continue on this road until it becomes Rice Lane and cross over the roundabout into County Road. After 1/4 mile turn left into Everton Valley and then Walton Lane with Goodison Road and the ground are on the left.



South

Take the M6 exit at junction 21a onto the M62. Exit the M62 at Junction 4 and then follow the A5058 towards Liverpool. After three miles turn left at the traffic lights into Utting Avenue (At McDonalds) on the corner of this junction. Go along for one mile and then turn right then turn right at the Arkle pub for the ground. If you arrive early then there is street parking to be found around Walton Lane if not then you should park over towards Everton FC or in Stanley Park itself with the entrance to the car park which costs £8, is in Priory Road just past the Gulf petrol station.

Airport and Public Transport



→ 7 minutes →



17 or 39



→ 2

minutes

Train to **Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station** then walkover to the bus station which is seven minutes' walk away from the train station and is well signposted just turn left out of the station and it will be on the left for **Queen Square Bus Station**, from Stand 8 you can catch various buses from the bus station which is seven minutes' walk away from Lime Street and is well signposted. Either the **Stagecoach 17 or 19** will drop you right outside the ground

Admission

Adults £40 - 60
Over 65's £25 - 45
under 22's £20
under 17's £12

Manchester City

Ground: Etihad Stadium, Sportcity, Rowsley Street, Manchester M11 3FF
Main Telephone No: 0870 062 1894
Main Fax No: 0161 438 7999
Capacity: 48,000 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 116 x 77 yards
Year Ground Opened: 2002 * (Commonwealth Games Manchester)
Team Nicknames: The Blues
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Etihad Airways
Kit Manufacturer: Nike
Website: www.mancity.com
Programme: £4



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1875
Years at Today's Ground – 19 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 from the Alliance League Founder Member of Division Two
First Official Floodlit Match – October 1953 Maine Road
Highest Attendance – 84,569 v Stoke City in the FA Cup Fourth Round 03/03/1934
Highest Score for – 12–0 v Liverpool Stanley, FA Cup Qualifying First Round, 4/10/1890

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Highest Against – 1–11 v Newton Heath LYR Manchester Cup Round Two October 1886

Highest Scorer in a Season – 38 goals Thomas Clark Fisher (Tom) Johnson in 1928/29

Highest Scorer Overall – 178 Eric Brook 1928 – 39

Player with most First Team Appearances – 676 Alan Oakes 1959 – 76

Colours



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Away



Second Away

Former Names

St Marks FC (Merged with West Gorton 1880),

Ardwick FC (1887 – 1894)

Former Grounds

Belle Vue Athletics Ground (1875 – 80)

Clowes Street (1880/81),

Kirkmans Cricket Ground Hyde (1881- 82),

Queens Road (Donkey Common 1882 – 84),

Pink Back Lane (1884 – 87),

Hyde Road (1887 – 1923),

Maine Road (1923 – 2003)

Ground Guide

The Club moved to the then called City Of Manchester Stadium (Eastlands) in August 2003 after playing at Maine Road since 1913. The stadium was originally built for the Manchester Commonwealth Games, held in 2002 and cost in the region of £90m to construct.

After that event it was agreed Manchester City would become the new tenants, with the club spending £20m in refitting costs, including the removal of the track and extending the stands further downwards and adding a further 10,000 seats to the capacity so that the spectator areas are closer to the playing action. And the ground was fully enclosed when a roof was also added to one end of the stadium.

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The stadium has a bowl design and is totally enclosed. Both stands on either side of the pitch are virtually identical, three tiered, with a row of executive boxes running across the stands between the second and third tiers and the West Stand was named after City legend Colin Bell.

The North and South ends are smaller in size, being two tiers high, again with a row of executive boxes, but this time running across the back just below the roof. Both these ends are of the more traditional rectangular design.



Colin Bell stand

The upper tiers are steeper than the lower, ensuring that spectators are kept close to the playing action. The stadium also has two large video screens in opposite corners of the ground. Outside the ground near the main club entrance is a memorial garden.

Away fans are located in one side of the South Stand at one end of the ground, spread across the upper, middle, and lower tiers, where up to 3,000 fans can be accommodated (4,500 for cup games). The concourse has food Hot Dogs (£4.50) and a range of pies; Peppered Steak, Chicken Balti, Potato and Meat, plus Cheese & Onion (all £4 each). The best food and pastries

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are the Wrapit, Triangle Shopping Centre, Manchester M4 3TR and for coffee or tea then Java bar at Manchester Victoria station good value and at Manchester Piccadilly there is Esquires on Whitworth Street just 100 yards from the station.

Walk up 200 yards up Piccadilly and drop in at the Piccadilly Tavern at 60 - 75 Piccadilly friendly bar is the perfect spot before going to either grounds in Manchester and with generously portioned food plus wide range of beers or alternative is the Printworks at 27 Whity Grove M4 2BS, near Manchester Victoria Station

Driving Directions



North/South

Leave the M6 at Junction 19 and (take the first exit from the North and Third from the South) then follow the A556 towards Stockport and then join the M56 at Junction 8 taking the third exit on to it and going towards Stockport. Continue onto the M60 heading on towards Ashton under Lyne. Then leave the M60 at Junction 23 and take the A635 towards Manchester. Take the second on the right onto Ashton New Road towards Droylsden and stay on the road for around three miles and you will reach the Stadium on your right.



West/East

Leave the M62 at Junction 18 and then join the M60 then leave the M60 at Junction 23 and take the third exit at the roundabout following the signs for the A635 towards Manchester. Then take second on the right onto Ashton New Road towards Droylsden/Manchester. Stay on the A662 for around three miles and you will reach the Stadium on your right.

There is some parking available at the stadium itself which costs £10 per car with the East Car Park is nearest to the away entrance. Please be aware that there is a resident's only parking scheme in place in the streets near to the ground, which extends about a mile out from the stadium. I park in the K2 car park, which is a field/scrubland, located on Ashton Old Road (A635) just before the junction with Pottery Lane and Hyde Road. The entrance is on the south carriageway of Ashton Old Road roughly about 200 yards from the junction (postcode M11 3AA will get you right outside the entrance). It cost £7, and is infinity throughout the afternoon. The stadium is 15 minutes' walk turn left at the lights on to Alan Turning Way keep straight on at the junction and after preceding up the road you will come to the stadium on your left.

Public Transport



→ 5 mins



Navy



→ 3 mins

Train to **Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station**, then walk over to **Manchester Piccadilly Metro Station** and take the Navy Line to outside the ground and three minutes' walk to the away end.

Admission

Adults £30 - 60
Over 65's £20 - 40
Under 22's £20 - 25

Under 16's £15 - 20

Manchester United

Ground – Old Trafford, Sir Matt Busby Way, Manchester, M16 0RA

Main Telephone No: 0161 868 8000

Ticket Office: 0161 868 8000

Ground Capacity: 76,100 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 116 x 76 yards

Club Nickname: The Red Devils

Year Ground Opened: 1910

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Team Viewer

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

Website: www.manutd.com

Programme: £4

Former Names

Newton Heath Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway FC 1878 - 1891

Newton Heath FC 1891 – 1902



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1878

Years at Today's Ground – 108 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 (took the place of Darwin as Newton Heath)

First Official Floodlit Match – March 1957

Highest Attendance – 83,260 v Arsenal at Maine Road in Division One 17/01/1948

Highest Score for – 10–0 v Anderlecht, European Cup Preliminary Round, second leg, 26 September 1956

Highest Against – 0-7 v Blackburn Rovers, First Division, 10 April 1926, v Aston Villa, First

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Division, 27 December 1930, v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Second Division, 26 December 1931

Highest Scorer in a Season – 46 Dennis Law in 1963/64

Highest Scorer Overall – 252 Wayne M Rooney 2004 - 2016

Player with most First Team Appearances – 963 Ryan John Giggs 1990 – 2014

Colours



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Away



Away Alternative

Former Grounds

North Road Monsall (1878 – 93),
Bank Street Clayton (1893 – 1910),
Old Trafford (1910 – 1945),
Maine Road (1945 – 48)

Ground Guide

Old Trafford has over the last couple of decades raising its capacity off 76,100, making it the largest Club ground in Britain. Both ends, which look almost identical, are large two-tiered stands, which were originally built in the early 1990's and had an additional tier added at the turn of the millennium. Each are quite steep, with a large lower tier and smaller upper tier.

The three tiered renamed the Sir Alex Ferguson Stand, opened in 1996, at one side of the ground, is the largest capacity stand in England. The corners to each side of this stand are also filled with seating and extend around to meet both ends.

These stands dwarf the older Main (South) Stand opposite. This stand is single tiered, with a television gantry suspended below its roof. All the stands have a row of executive boxes at the back of the lower tier.

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North Stand

The best views of the ground are from the front of this stand and from the away section, as you look out upon the three newer, larger sides. Because there is still a centre tunnel in the main stand between the dugouts



South Stand

Unusual aspects of the ground include the raised pitch, and that the teams enter the field from the corner of the Main Stand and not from the middle tunnel. Outside the ground is the Sir Matt Busby Statue fronting the impressive green glassed East Stand facade, outside the North Stand is a statue of Sir Alex Ferguson. There is also a clock and plaque in remembrance of the Munich disaster of 1958. Across Sir Matt Busby Way is the recently erected to United Holy Trinity Statue of three of the 1968 European Cup team; George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton.

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Stretford End

Away supporters are normally located in one corner of the ground, taking up part of the East and Sir Bobby Charlton Stands. The views from the away sections are excellent and up to 3,000 away supporters can be accommodated and when you get to the concourse there is enough food and drinks outlets that the queues never seem to get too long. These sell a range of pies; Meat & Potato, Steak, Chicken Balti, a 'United' Pie, which I believe is a Spicy Chicken Pie. In addition, a 'Limited Edition' pie which varies from match to match (all Pies £4 each). Other refreshments on offer include; Cheese & Onion Pasties (£3.80) and Rollover Hot Dogs (£4.60) and at the far end of the concourse is a large flat screen television showing Sky Sports.

The best food and pastries the Wrapit, Triangle Shopping Centre, Manchester M4 3TR and for coffee or tea then Java bar at Manchester Victoria Station good value and at Manchester Piccadilly there is Esquires on Whitworth Street just 100 yards from the station.



East Stand

Walk up 200 yards up Piccadilly and drop in at the Piccadilly Tavern at 60 - 75 Piccadilly friendly bar is the perfect spot before going to either grounds in Manchester and with generously portioned food plus wide range of beers or alternative is the Printworks at 27 Whity Grove M4 2BS, near Manchester Victoria Station.

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Driving Directions



South

Leave the M6 at Junction 19 and follow the A556 towards Altrincham. At the Little Bonnington roundabout go straight onto Chester Road/ A56 towards Manchester carry straight through Altrincham. Keep on the A56 for 8 miles and then you will come to see Sir Matt Busby Way on your left. It best you park in Altrincham and take the Metro straight to Old Trafford as there is little parking around the ground



North

Leave the M6 at Junction 30 and take the M61 towards Bolton. At the end of the M61, join the M60 at Junction 14. Leave the M60 at Junction 9 and follow the A5081/ Park Way to the Trafford Centre and park the car here it's free and take the Metro or walk to the ground it's just over a mile.



West/East

Follow M56 until its end and then take the M60 (W&N) as for Trafford Centre and at Junction 7 leave M60 and take the A56 towards Stretford and then stay on the A56 for 2.1 miles then you will come to see Sir Matt Busby Way on your left.

The ground is half a mile down this road on your left, although on match days this road may be closed to traffic. So, park at the Trafford Centre Car Park it's so big they don't have a restriction on time and take the Metro or walk to the ground it's just over a mile.

The alternative parking is at Media City in Salford Quays on the banks of Manchester's historic ship canal. Old Trafford and is a 25 minutes' walk or take the metro from Media City to Pomona and walk five minutes down to the ground outside the car park making this an ideal location for supporters to leave their vehicles. The car park is easily accessible via Junction 2 on the M602 leaving the M60 at Junction 12 allowing us bypass the usual traffic queues around Old Trafford and for a three hour stay the cost will be circa £4.50.

Public Transport



Purple



→ 4 mins

Train to **Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station**, then from Manchester Piccadilly Metro Stop to **Trafford Bar Metro Station** for Altrincham take the **Purple Line**. then turn left on to Talbot Road then second right into White City Way then take the left fork onto Chester Way and second right onto Sir Matt Busby Way and down to the ground.

The alternative is to take the train to **Old Trafford Halt Railway Station** next to the ground which is located next to Lancashire County Cricket Club on Warwick Road, which leads up to Sir Matt Busby Way. The railway station is less busy than the Metro and is best used after the game as everybody takes the metro.

Admission

Adults £41

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Over 65 £33.00
18-20 £33.00
16-17 £25.00
Under 16 £20.00

Newcastle United

Ground -St. James' Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4ST
Main Telephone No: 0191 201 8400
Ticket Office: 0844 372 1892
Capacity: 52,400 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 114 x 74 yards
Club Nickname: The Magpies or Toon
Year Ground Opened: 1881
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Fun88
Kit Manufacturer: Puma
Website: www.nufc.co.uk
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1881 (as Newcastle Stanley)
Years at Today's Ground – 125 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1893 Division Two from the Northern Football League
First Official Floodlit Match – February 1953
Highest Attendance – 68,386 v Chelsea in Division One 03/09/1930
Highest Score for – 13-0 v Newport County, Second Division, 5/10/1946
Highest Against – 0-9 v. Burton Wanderers, Second Division, 15/04/1895
Highest Scorer in a Season – 41 Andrew Alexander (Andy) Cole, (1993-94)
Highest Scorer Overall – 206 Alan Shearer 1996 – 2006 (395 Appearances)
Player with most First Team Appearances – 496 James (Jimmy) Lawrence 1902 -1922

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Third

Former Names

Newcastle Stanley (1881 – 82)

Newcastle East End (1882 – 1892) merger with Newcastle West End (1882) in 1892)

Former Grounds

Chillingham Road Heaton (1881 – 92)

Ground Guide

The ground was largely rebuilt in the 1990's and is now unrecognisable from the St James' Park of old. The East Stand was rebuilt and North and South Corners added and the South Enclosure was demolished and a new two-tier stand was built.



The club finished rebuilding the stadium with the additional tier to the Milburn and Sir John Hall Stands in 2000, the capacity has been increased to over 52,000. These stands have a huge lower tier, with a row of executive boxes and a smaller tier above.

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However, the ground now looks somewhat imbalanced with one half of the ground being significantly larger than the other two sides. These remaining two sides the Gallowgate (South Stand) End and East Stand are both of the same height and are two-tired. The stadium is also totally enclosed with all four corners being filled with seating.



Sir John Hall Stand

Away fans are housed on the very far side of the Leazes Stand, in the top tier. Up to 3,000 supporters can be accommodated in this section for league games and a larger allocation is available for cup games. It is quite a climb of 14 flights of stairs up to the away section (There is a lift available if you are unable to take the stairs) and that you are situated quite far away from the pitch but on the plus side, you do get a wonderful view of the whole stadium, plus the Newcastle skyline and countryside in the distance.

Also, the leg room and height between rows are some the best that I have come across and the facilities on offer are pretty good. Away fans also get the best view of the new video screen that has been installed as it is located on that side of the stand. The concourse is spacious and there is a fair selection of pies on offer including the Chicken Balti Pie (£3.50), plus the usual burgers and hot dogs, all served in Newcastle United branded packaging but it best to go to the Pink Lane for Coffee & Tea at 1 Pink Lane 20 yards from the railway station and for pies the Pink Lane Bakery at 40 Pink Lane (not very good for the waist line).

The Goose is an away friendly pub. This pub is located at Percy Street take a right just before St James metro and walk up Percy Street and it's just before the bridge on the left A very large pub (part of the Goose pub chain) that was previously known as Scruffy Murphy's and The Filament and Firkin. From the main entrance there is a long wooden bar to the righthand side and the furnishings are of a very smart wooden mahogany style. There is an abundance of seating throughout with a mixture of high and low tables and chairs. There good on offer of food and loads of beer to be sampled.

Driving Directions



North

From the A1 until take the Junction (Signposted Jedburgh/ City Centre/ A167) and keep on the left hand lane and take the first exit on the roundabout onto the A167 go straight over four roundabouts and take the second exit of the A167 and at the t Junction take a right after this

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at the roundabout take the second exit into Clarendon Road then at the next roundabout take the third exit into Queen Victoria Road the parking here is in a multi storey and allows a reasonably quick getaway after the game and its only 800 feet from the stadium.



South

Take the A1 (M) continue on the A1 and then at the junction (Signposted Gateshead/ Newcastle (Centre)/ A184) and at the roundabout take the third exit towards Gateshead. Continue along this road. Continue to the next roundabout and take the second exit then at the lights turn left onto High Street and continue over the River Tyne on the Tyne Bridge, from which the ground can be clearly seen. Carry on straight up the dual carriageway (St James Boulevard/M167) and come off at the junction for City Centre (North) and come on to the Great North Road at the lights take a left into Clarendon Street then continue up the hill to the roundabout then take a left and park at the Hospital and allows a reasonably quick getaway after the game and its only 800 feet from the stadium.



Public Transport/Walking



→ 15 minutes

Train to **Newcastle Central Railway Station** is half a mile from the ground and takes 10-15 minutes to walk. Come out of the station, and then head up the Pink Lane, cross Clayton Street West left then after 100 yards into left into Westgate Road at the top, up Bath Lane with the old city walls on your right. Turn right on to Stowell Street. At the end of Stowell Street bear left up St Andrews Street by Rosie's Bar, St James is on your right passing after passing **St James Metro link**'.

Admission

Adults: £32 - 78

Over 65's & Full Time Students £30

Under 18's £17

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Nottingham Forest

Ground - City Ground, Trentside North Lane Nottingham, NG2 5FJ

Main Telephone No: 0115 982 4444

Ticket Office: 0871 226 1980

Capacity: 30,576 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 115 x 78 yards

Club Nickname: The Reds or Forest

Year Ground Opened: 1883

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: BOXT

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.nottinghamforest.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1865

Former Names – Nottingham Forest Football and Bandy Club

Years at Today's Ground – 120 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 from Alliance League Joined Division One

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1961

Highest Attendance – 49,945 v Manchester United in Division 1 28 October 1967

Highest Score for – 14 – 0 v Clapton F.A. Cup First Round 17/01/1891

Highest Against – 1-9 v Blackburn Rovers Division Two 10/04/1937

Highest Scorer in a Season – Wally Arnold 36 in 1950/51

Highest Scorer Overall – 217 Arthur Grenville Morris from 1898 – 1913

Player with most First Team Appearances – 692 Robert (Bob) McKinley from 1951 – 70

Colours

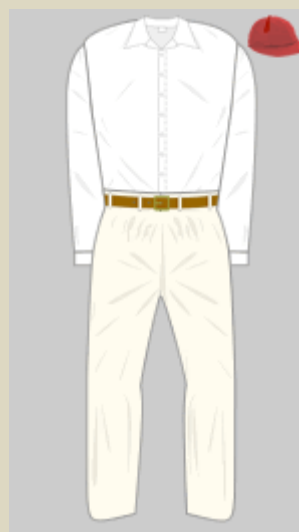
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Former Grounds

Nottingham Race Course (1865 – 79),
The Meadows Cricket Ground (1879/80)
Trent Bridge Cricket Ground (1880-82)
Parkside (1882-85)
Gregory Ground Lenton (1885 – 90),
Town Ground Woodward's Field (1890 – 98)

Ground Guide

The ground sitting on the banks of the River Trent is like the Old Meadow Ground in Shrewsbury the ground is a roads width from the river. Two ends were re-developed during the 1990's.

At one end, the Bridgford Stand houses away fans in the lower tier up to 4,500 away fans are accommodated but do not use the front few rows when raining you will get very wet, to get there is to go through the car park via Scarrington Road of Lady Bay Bridge with the corners filled in between it and the Brian Clough Stand.

Opposite, the Trent End, is the most recent addition to the ground. It is a large two-tiered stand that looks quite smart. One unusual feature of the stand is that running across the middle are a number of rows of seating enclosed within a covered shaded glass area. On one side there is a two-tiered stand, with executive boxes in between, which was built in 1980.

Once called the Executive Stand, it was recently renamed the Brian Clough Stand in honour of their greatest manager. Facing this is a smaller and much older Main Stand. Unlike some grounds the food is well priced and the burgers are very good with onions.

Food inside the ground includes a range of Pukka Pies; Chicken Balti, Meat and Potato, Cheese and Onion (all £3), plus Cornish Pasties (£3) and Sausage Rolls (£2.30). Also available are Cheeseburgers (£3.60), Burgers (£3.40) and Hot Dogs (£3.40) so get your food outside the ground at Poundway near to the station.

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Brian Clough Stand

For drinking turn up County Road for a pint at the Meadows Notts County Social Club if county is away from home (cheap booze) and then go up to the next junction and walk across via Lady Bay Bridge and then take the steps down to the Trent River and amble to the ground. The Nottingham Rowing Club beside the ground welcomes all away fans and neutrals for a small fee but its only 20 yards from the ground.



Trent End (Dan)

If you want a pub in the centre of Town then the Company Inn just of Canal Street at Castle Wharf good food and a section of real ale just come out of the station turn left walk up Carrington Road then take a left walk down the canal takes the bridge and walk up to the pub.

The visit to Ye old trip To Jerusalem pub in Brewhouse Yard Castle Road, is one of England's oldest pubs Great little old pub nice good food the staff very helpful dinner is really nice. There are lots to see while you're there and it as a good selection of beers and wines.

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Bridgford Stand



Driving Directions

North



Leave the M1 at Junction 26 and take the A610 towards Nottingham and then signs for Stapleford and Nottingham and at the roundabout take the first exit and follow the road to the City Centre in Nottingham at the Upper Parliament roundabout take second exit and follow the sign for the Railway Station into Maid Marian Way and keep in the left lane after St Nicholas church then at the roundabout take the second exit onto London Road and then cross the River Trent and take the first left after the bridge you will see the ground on your right.

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South



Leave the M1 at Junction 24 and take the third exit at the roundabout onto the A453 towards Nottingham. After six miles you will come to the Spinney roundabout take the first exit and then go straight on at the exit roundabout. Then after two miles on Clifton Lane take the junction for A46/ A606/ Grantham/ Newark / Melton and take the first exit on to the B679 Wilfred Lane go through one roundabout and turn left into Loughborough Road and take the first right after Trent Bridge into Radcliffe Road then take the first left into Pavilion Road and park down by the rowing club for £4.00 which is situated 30 yards from the ground.



The Alternative is to leave at Junction 21A for Braunstone & Kirkby Muxloe (as Junction 24 can be a nightmare to get through on a Saturday) on to the A46 follow it right at the fork, follow signs for A46/Leicester North/Newark and merge onto A46 and after 7 miles you will come to the Syston Roundabout take the first exit to keep on the A46 then after about ten miles take the exit for Nottingham and Melton Mowbray A606 and at the roundabout take the first exit continue on the is road for about five miles then at the roundabout take the third exit to keep on the A606 and follow this road into Nottingham take the first right after Trent Bridge into Radcliffe Road then take the first left into Pavilion Road and park down by the rowing club for £4.00 which is situated 30 yards from the ground.

Public Transport & Walking



11, 11A or 11C



→ 5 mins

Take the two **Nottingham Railway Station** then across from the station at Stop S2 take the **Nottingham Transport 11, 11A or 11C bus** to Trent Bridge Cricket Ground and it's a five minutes' walk to the ground turn left up Fox Lane and the ground will be in front of you

Admission

Adults £42
Over 65's £35
Under 18's £25
Under 12's £15

Southampton

Ground – St Mary's Stadium, Britannia Road, Southampton, SO14 5FP
Main Telephone No: 0845 688 9448
Ticket Office Enquiries: 0800 280 0050
Capacity: 32,689 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 112 x 74 yards
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Sports Bet

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Kit Manufacturer: Under Armour
Website: www.southamptonfc.com
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1885 (St Mary's YMCA)

Years at Today's Ground – 17 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1951 The Dell

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

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

Highest Against – 0–8 v Crystal Palace, Southern League Division One, 16/11/ 1913, v Tottenham Hotspur, Second Division, 28/03/1936 v Everton, First Division, 20/11/1971

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

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

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

Former Names

St Mary's YMCA 1885 - 1887

St Mary's FC 1887 - 1892

Southampton St Mary's FC 1894 - 1897

Former Grounds

The Common (1885 – 86),

Antelope Ground (1886 – 97),

Hampshire County Cricket Ground (1897 – 1898)

The Dell (1898 – 2001)

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Alternative

Ground Guide

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

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

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

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All sides of the ground

Best to get food around Southampton Station and cheaper and for the neutrals and away fans The King Alfred Public House 51 Northam Road is neutrals and away fans only and there is a very good selection of wines beer and food and is close to the ground. The Alternative is on Onslow Road at Rockstone pub, which has up to seven real ales. It also known for its large gourmet burgers! A five minutes' walk from the Rockstone is the Guide Dog pub on Earl's Road which has up to 11 real ales on tap. Both these pubs are listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide if you are into that ancient and new beers.

Driving Directions



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

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

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

The road goes past a Tesco Express on the left and the Cineworld cinema on the right before

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

Public Transport



7 or 18



→ 7 mins

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

Admission

Adult £30

Over 65's £25

Under 18's £18

Under 11's £12

Tottenham Hotspur

Ground: Tottenham Stadium (Greater White Hart Lane), Bill Nicholson Way, 748 High Road, Tottenham, London, N17 0AP

Main Telephone No: 0844 499 5000

Ticket Office: 0844 844 0102 (If calling from overseas: 00 44 208 365 5161)

Year Ground Opened: 2019

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: AIA

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.tottenhamhotspur.com

Programme: £4

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1882

Years at Today's Ground – 6 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1908 from Southern League for Lincoln City

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1953 at (White Hart Lane)

Highest Attendance – 75,038 v Sunderland FA Cup in the Sixth Round 05/03/1938 White Hart Lane and **85,512** v Bayer Leverkusen, Champions League, 2 November 2016 (at Wembley)

Highest Score for – 13–2 v Crewe Alexandra, FA Cup, 3 February 1960

Highest Against – 0–8 v FC Köln, UEFA Intertoto Cup, 22 July 1995

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Highest Scorer in a Season – 49 Clive Daren Allan in 1986/87 (110 Appearances and 60 goals 1984 – 1988)

Highest Scorer Overall – 280 Harold Edward Kane MBE (2009 – 2024) also England Highest Scorer 60 goals 2010 - pd)

Player with most First Team Appearances – 854 Stephen John (Steve) Perryman 1964 – 86 (32 goals)



Colours



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Alternative

Former Names

Hotspur FC (1882 – 1885)

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Former Grounds

Tottenham Marshes (1882 - 98),
Northumberland Park (1898 – 99)
White Hart Lane 1899 – 2017
Wembley Stadium 2017 - 19

Ground Guide

I have always like going to the old White Hart Lane ever since my first visit back in 1965 when I was taken by my dad who was playing for the opposition that day. It always had a good atmosphere in the old days.

The new White Hart Lane Ground has a capacity of 62,062 it is the second largest stadium in the Premier League. The design and quality of build too has been built very much with the fan experience in mind and it boasts some great facilities and inside the stadium, you notice its large curved roof that sweeps around the ground. Although essentially a bowl design like Wembley and Highbury, the new stadium with the main West Stand on one side and the East Stand opposite, are very similar both being four-tiered. Both have a large top and lower tier, with two smaller tiers sandwiched in-between. These two smaller tiers are for corporate hospitality areas. Above the tiered areas below the roof, there is a glassed fronted area running along the length of the stands. The West Stand is the 'Main Stand' having the team dugouts situated out front. At the Paxton End the stand is three-tiered, whilst opposite the club have built the single largest stand in the country and although this stand has just two tiers, it has a staggering 17,500 seats, in 82 rows



South Stand (Park Lane End)

Entrance to the stadium is gained by a security cordon at Gate 11 for away fans are housed in the lower tier of the North East corner of the stadium, where up to 3,000 fans for League matches. A much larger visiting allocation of up to 9,000 can be made available for domestic

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cup ties and for these matches visiting fans will be housed in the same area of the stadium but over the three tiers with a great view of the action from this section.



West and east looking towards the Paxton End

The Walkabout at 56 Shepherds Bush Green next to QPR ground is the away supports pub for match days. The atmosphere is incredibly friendly and good times are guaranteed every day of the week. The meals are cheap, delicious the beers are always flowing everywhere you look there is a plasma TV. One of the best places for watching live sport in London then take the N22 to the ground.

Driving Directions



349 or 279

Leave the M25 at Junction 25 and take the A10 Cambridge Road. Continue on the A10 through Enfield and at the roundabout continue straight, turn left onto Church Street at Edmonton Cemetery. Take the road to Edmonton Green roundabout and take the third exit onto Bill Nicholson Way and the ground is on the righthand side.

Parking has an exclusion of over a mile round the ground so at the Edmonton Roundabout take the second exit and then second right into Monmouth Road and there is a car park for about 300 cars it cost £4 for four hours and take the **London buses 349 or 279** from the roundabout to the ground and do the reverse on the way home and you will get home quicker. Spurs have laid on free buses from a number of stations around the ground apply for a seat through the club

Public Transport



→ **3 mins**

Take the Underground to **Seven Sisters Underground** and take the London Overground train

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to **White Hart Lane Rail Station** from there turn left out of the station go to the end of Love Lane then take a left into Whitehall Street then right into High Road and then take the second left up to the ground.

The Alternative is to take the train to **Northumberland Park Railway Station** and walk out on to Park Lane and then walk straight down Park lane the ground is in front of you

Admission

Adults £42

Over 65's £30

Under 22's £23

Under 18's £15

West Ham United

Ground – London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ST

Telephone: 020 8548 2748

Ticket Office: 0333 030 1966

Pitch Size: 105m x 68m

Pitch Type: Grass

Club Nickname: The Hammers or Irons

Year Ground Opened: 2012

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Betway

Kit Manufacturer: Umbro

Website: www.whufc.com

Programme: £4.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1895

Years at Today's Ground – 3 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1919 elected from the Southern League to Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – April 1953

Highest Attendance – 42,322 v Tottenham Hotspur Division One Division Boleyn Ground 17/10/1970

Highest Score for – 10–0 v Bury - Football League Cup 25 October 1983

Highest Against – 0–7 v Barnsley 1 September 1919, v Everton 22 October 1927, and v Sheffield Wednesday 28 November 1959

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 41 Victor Martin (Vic) Watson 1929/30 & 326 goals from 1920 – 35 (426 Appearances)

Player with most First Team Appearances – 800 William (Billy) Bonds 1967 – 84 (48 goals)

Colours



Home



Away



Away alternative

Former Names

Thames Ironworks FC (1895 – 1901)

Former Grounds

Hermit Road Canning Town (1895/96),

Browning Road East Ham (1896/97),

Memorial Ground (1897 – 1904)

The Boleyn Ground (1904 – 2016)

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Ground Guide

The ground was built for the 2012 Olympics, the London Stadium cost in the region of £500m to build and originally it had a capacity of 80,000, but this has since been reduced to an all seated capacity of 60,000 and since 2012 a further £200m has been spent on further upgrading the facilities, including the construction of the largest cantilevered roof in the World and the build quality of the stadium is excellent and it is certainly up there as being one of the best in the country.

Away fans are housed in the both the upper and lower tiers in the South West part of the stadium, where just under 3,000 can be accommodated for League games (or up to 8,000 for domestic cup ties). Everybody enjoy fine unobstructed views, however some fans are housed quite far away from the playing area, especially at the back of the upper tier, so get yourself a seat in the lower tier or at the front of the upper tier and due to the nature of the retractable seating for athletics there is a fair gap between the lower and upper tiers of the visiting fans sections.



On the plus side the facilities inside the stadium are excellent, with ample food and drink outlets located on spacious concourses. And of course, a visit to a game of football wouldn't be complete without a pie, although it will set you back £4.20 for a choice of Steak and Ale, Chicken and Vegetable or Vegetarian Pie. Even the toilets, which when I compare to other grounds that I have visited, can only be described as more of akin to a hotel rather than a stadium.

Go to Pound Bakery next to the station for your pies save money for the away fans there are a few pubs like The Goose pub at 78 Broadway were away fans are made welcome and you can bring the kids in, there is the Hamilton Hall Wetherspoons pub at Liverpool Street Station before journeying onto Stratford and the Stadium.

There are a number of eating places and restaurants within the nearby Westfield Shopping Centre that also serve alcohol and The 'Cow' on Westfield Avenue, but there is also a bar inside Aspers Casino, as well as the Holiday Inn, which are all situated on the Westfield complex and just outside Stratford International Station there is the 'Tap East' at 7 International Square, Montfichet Road which brews its own beers and if you are coming from Hackney Wick station there are two bars that also are attached to breweries, The CRATE at near the station and the 'Howling Hops' are both housed next door to one another in an old warehouse complex

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at Unit 7 and 9A Queen's Yard, White Post Lane and whilst just a little further along the canal from these brew pubs (in the opposite direction to the stadium) is Mason & Company which is a Craft Beer and Italian Food outlet at 25 E Bay Lane.



Driving Directions



Leave the M25 at Junction 27 and take the M11 towards London. At the end of the M11 motorway keep in the righthand lane and follow the signs for the North Circular A406 (W). At the bottom of the flyover where the roads merge, move into the left-hand lane for the A12. At the roundabout take the fourth exit onto the A12 towards Central London and Stratford. Keep straight on the A12 for around four and a half miles at this point you should be able to see the Velodrome building over on your left. Exit here onto the A106, signposted Stratford and Westfield. At the bottom of the slip road at the traffic lights, take the left-hand filter lane, towards Stratford and Westfield. Continue along this road and you will reach the stadium on the right and the Westfield Centre on the left. Just before the Westfield Shopping Centre you will reach a set of traffic lights, where you turn left for the Westfield Car Park, A, B & C, which are clearly signposted from this point. So, park outside of London and save you some money and follow the transport guide from the North you should park at Luton Parkway Railway Station and from the South and South West at Heathrow Airport you will get home quicker than trying to get out of Stratford on a Saturday.

Public Transport.



→ 8 mins

For those coming from Kent change at **Woolwich Railway Station** then DLR to **Stratford DLR**.

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→ 8 mins

Train to **Stratford Underground Station** then walk from either the DLR, Underground or main railway station takes about 8 mins you walk out onto Montherfichet Road there take a left and after crossing the railway bridge and follow the path to the stadium.

Admission

Adults £42
Over 65's £25
Under 16' s £15

Wolverhampton Wanderers

Ground – Molineux, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4QR

Main Telephone No: 0871 222 2220

Main Fax No: 01902 687 006

Ticket Office: 0871 222 1877

Ticket Office Fax No: 01902 687 003

Capacity: 31,700 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 116 x 75 yards

Club Nickname: The Wanderers or Wolves

Year Ground Opened: 1889

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Man Bet X

Kit Manufacturer: Astro Pay

Website: www.wolves.com

Programme: £4



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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1877 (St. Luke's FC)

Former Names – St Luke's FC merged with Blakenhall Wanderers FC 1880

Years at Today's Ground – 129 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1953

Highest Attendance – 61,135 v Liverpool, FA Cup 4th Round on the 11 February 1939

Highest Score for – 14–0 v Crosswell's Brewery, FA Cup 2nd round, 13 November 1886

Highest Against – 1–10 v Newton Heath, (Manchester United) Division 1, 15 October 1892

Highest Scorer in a Season – 37 Dennis Westcott in 1946/47 (130 appearances 120 goals 1936 – 48)

Highest Scorer Overall – 311 Steven G Bull from 1986 – 99 (577 appearances) (Bully the predator)

Player with most First Team Appearances – 609 Derek Parkin from 1967 – 1982 (10 goals)

Colours



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Away



Alternative

Former Grounds

Goldthorn Hill (1877 – 1884)

Dudley Road (1884 – 89)

Ground Guide

The new Stan Cullis Stand at one end of the stadium. This impressive looking structure towers over the rest of Molineux and the stand is two tiered, with a larger lower tier, with the upper tier having a large windshield on one side. The stand extends partly around one corner towards the Steve Bull Stand and some seats in the upper tier in that corner will have a restricted view of the playing area, due to the roof of the Steve Bull Stand being directly in the line of sight.

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Stan Cullis Stand

Away fans are normally housed on one side of the new Stan Cullis Stand, where around 1,600 fans can be accommodated and are housed in both the upper and lower tiers, although tickets for the upper sections are sold first. For games where there is a larger away following, then the away fans are not given an 'end' as such, but are instead housed in the lower tier of the Steve Bull Stand along the side of the pitch where up to 2,750 are accommodated.



Jack Harris Stand

Both sides of the stadium are two-tiered covered stands that have a row of executive boxes situated along the middle. They are unusual in being oval in shape using the old contours of the old ground, meaning that those sitting on the half way line are furthest away from the playing action.

The oldest of these is the Steve Bull Stand, which was opened in 1979, whilst opposite is the Billy Wright Stand which was opened in 1993. This stand is the Main Stand (Billy Wright Stand) at Molineux, which contains the Directors area, team dugouts in front and a television gantry below its roof.

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Steve Bull and Stan Cullis Stands

At one end is the Jack Harris Stand, which was also opened in 1993, and this is a large single tiered stand, situated in the corner between the Jack Harris and Billy Wright stands, is a temporary stand that has a capacity of 900 seats. The seats are green coloured which makes it look a little out of place to the rest of the stadium. This is affectionately known as the Wolves Community Trust End and this is the only area is open to the elements.



Billy Wright Stand

Away fans are housed in the lower tier of the Steve Bull Stand, which runs along one side of the pitch, where up to 2,750 away supporters can be housed. For cup games then if required part of the Stan Cullis Stand at one can also be allocated, where an additional 1,500 visiting fans can be housed, high up on one side of the upper tier (towards the Steve Bull Stand side of the ground).

The facilities are fine, including the catering, serving a range of pies including; Steak, Rogan Josh, Potato & Meat, Vegetable, Cheese & Onion (all £3.10), Cornish Pasty (£3.10), Sausage Rolls (£3.10) Hot Dogs (£3.60), Burgers (£3.60) and Chips (£2.50). So, use the Pound Bakery in Queen Street great pies and save money for the better things.

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The Walkabout bar on Queen Street 100 yards from the station staff always great, decent prices and a massive projector screen for sports. they always have loads of different channels of sport and you get checked in and out by some of the meanest people on the door as this is the dedicated away pub so no home fans.

The Bluebrick inside the Premier Inn hotel, located near to the railway station, but it does though charge a £2 entrance fee. If arriving by train then as you leave the station entrance, turn right and you will see a walkway going down under the station and at the bottom of the walkway turn left and after a short walk you will see the Bluebrick over on your right.

Alcohol is available inside the stadium this includes Carling (Pint £3.70), Banks's Bitter (Can 440ml £3.40), Aston Manor Cider (Bottle 500ml £3.70), Magners Cider (Bottle 330ml £4), Guinness (Can 520ml £4), plus wine and spirits (£4).

The two statues that sit outside the ground statue of Billy Wright and sit outside the main entrance to the club offices and the other is of former player and manager Stan Cullis and The Stan Cullis Statue is located outside the entrance to the Club Museum.

Driving Directions



North

Leave the M6 at Junction 12 and take the A5 towards Telford and then the first turn on the left onto the A449 towards Wolverhampton. On reaching the traffic island that intersects with the ring road, turn right. Then follow the directions from the South. Alternatively, if you carry on at the lights then into the city centre into Slatford Road and then take the third exit at the roundabout at the University you will find a space in the Civic Hall Car Park, and this remains open for night matches and costs £2.70 for three hours or £3 for evenings



South

Leave the M6 at Junction 10 and take the A454 towards Wolverhampton. Continue to follow the A454 right into Wolverhampton (be wary of speed cameras on the A454). On reaching the traffic island that intersects with the ring road, turn right. As you approach the second set of lights look for the signs for football parking and the ground is over the second set of lights on the right.

Public Transport



→ 17 mins

Take the train to **Wolverhampton Railway Station** which is in the centre of city is 14 minutes to the ground. Leave the main station entrance and go straight on to Wednesfield Road then turn left towards the town centre and as you reach the inner ring road turn right. Just follow the ring road as it continues in a circular pattern (This side is known as St Patricks) around to the right and turn into Waterloo Road Molineux on the right.

Admission

Steve Bull Stand (Lower Tier):

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Adults £30 - 50
Over 65's/Under 21's* £15 - 25
Under 17's £15 - 20
Under 12's** £10 - 15

Wembley Stadium

Ground: Wembley Stadium, Empire Way, London, HA9 0WS

Capacity: 90,000 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 105m x 68m

Year Ground Opened: 28/04/1923 (Empire Stadium)



Ground Guide

The National Stadium is that it has its own individual identity and character and from the moment you see the Arch towering over the stadium in the distance, then you know that this is going to be something special, and unlike a number of other stadiums around the world that host a number of sporting events including football, Wembley is primarily for football and is the home of the England team.

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The stadium is totally enclosed and comprises three tiers, with both sides of the stadium being slightly larger than the ends. These sides are semi-circular in construction and although on a larger scale and both these side stands large upper and lower tiers, with a smaller middle tier sandwiched in-between. This middle tier overhangs the large lower tier and has a row of executive boxes at the back of it.

At each end there is a large video screen, which is moulded into the third and hence is an integral part of the stadium. The stadium has a complicated looking roof that initially appears retractable and unlike the old stadium whereby the players would enter the field of play from a tunnel at one end, the players now enter the field in the conventional way, onto the half way line from the North Stand, where the Royal Box is situated. Unlike the old Wembley there are enough shops to feed the crowd and over 2,000 Toilets so there is no queue.

Driving Directions



The stadium is well signposted from the end of the M1 & M40. Basically, the stadium is just off the A406 North Circular Road and at the roundabout at the end of the M1, turns right onto the A406 (North Circular/West Wembley). Continue along the A406 for a couple of miles and then after crossing a metal suspended bridge, you will pass a McDonalds on your left. At the traffic lights with an Ikea Store on one corner bear left onto Drury Way and keeping the Ikea store on your right go straight across the next two roundabouts. You will pass a Tesco petrol station on your right and then at the traffic lights turn left into Grand Central Avenue (B4557). The stadium is at the end of this road.

I would recommend parking at one of the tube stations at the end of the Metropolitan Line such as Uxbridge, Hillingdon and Ruislip from the West and North, or at Stanmore on the Jubilee Line from the East and then take the tube to Wembley Park.

Public Transport

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For those taken the plane the journey although Wembley Central is slightly further away from the stadium and has both rail & underground connections.



→ 7mins

From the North train to **Banbury Railway Station** and then take the Chiltern railway train to **Wembley Railway Station** and turn right out of the station and it's a seven minutes' walk to the ground



→ 8 mins

Take the Metropolitan Line for **Wembley Park Underground Station** from there turn left on Bridge Road then first left and walk up to the ground.

Admission

Various prices for depends on the game so go online to buy tickets

Where to have a Drink

The two best pubs around Wembley Park Station is the Crock of Gold at 23 Bridge Road turn left out of the station and its 20 yards on the left and then there Wembley Tavern on Wembley Park Drive you will get goods range of pints and wines and food at both these pubs.

Other Pubs to the East of the station are - Blue Check Cafe - 12/13 Empire Way, Wembley, HA9 0RQ, Crystal Club (Silverspoon) -South Way, Wembley, HA9 0HB, First Class Sports Bar - 125 Wembley Park, Flyer's Bar - 45 Blackbird Hill, NW9 8RS, The Parish - 120 Wembley Park Drive, Wembley, HA9 8HP, The Torch - Bridge Road, Wembley, HA9 9AB.

Watkins Folly - 1 Empire Way, Wembley HA9 0EW or on the west side are the following pubs
The Arch, 324 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA9 8LL, Blue Room - 53 Wembley Hill Road, Wembley, HA9 8BE, Copper Jug - 10 The Broadway, Wembley, HA9 8JU, Corner House - 313 Harrow Road, Wembley HA9 6BA, Flannerys - 610 High Road, Wembley, HA0 2AF, Fusilier Inn - 652 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2HA, Green Man Dagmar Avenue, Wembley, HA9 8DF, JJ Moons - 397 High Road, Wembley, HA9 6AA, Liquor Station - 379 High Road, Wembley, HA9 6AA, Masti's - 576 - 582 High Road, Wembley, HA0 2AA, Moore Spice - Wembley Retail Park, Unit 2, Engineers Way, HA9 0EW, The Station 31 - 299 -303 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA9 6BD and Thirsty Eddie's - 412 High Road, Wembley, HA9 6AH.