

Northern Ireland Football League 2025-26



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There are three divisions in the Northern Ireland Football League and are listed below and three regional leagues at level 4.

Going there you can get flights to Belfast City or international Airports and it's a short journey into the city centre and you can drive from the UK you can get the ferry from either Holyhead to Dublin, Liverpool to Dublin P& O Ferries, Liverpool to Belfast Stenna Line or Troon and Crairyriane Stenna Line or PO Line in Scotland to Larne and Belfast.

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Ballymena United

Ground: Showgrounds, Warden Street, Ballymena, BT43 7DR

Telephone: 028 2565 9490

Capacity: Capacity: 8,000 (Seats 4,336)

Club Nickname: The Braidmen

Pitch Size: 109 x 70 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1903

Shirt Sponsors: Wright

Kit Manufacturer: Player Fit

First Team Colours: Sky Blue Shirts, White Shorts, Sky-Blue Socks

Second Team Colours: All Brown Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The Showgrounds first saw football in 1903 and is regarded as one of the finest sports facilities in Northern Ireland. The main entrance is at the end of Warden Street is the impressive new Warden Street stand.

This single seated 2,500 cantilever structure, cost £3m to build and is split jointly between home and away fans. It replaced the 23 years' old concrete structure in the same location, known as the Clock Stand, which it replaced in 2009.

The Showgrounds is surrounded by a wide oval tarmac running track, adjoining the stand is a control tower which replaced a low covered terrace a few years ago. Looking to the far left and right behind both goals there is currently no spectator facilities, although a panoramic view is offered of the countryside of County Antrim, plus a good number of floodlit training pitches in the foreground.

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Looking directly across the pitch centre line the Main Stand takes pride of place with its modern seating deck of 1,836 sky blue plastic seats beneath a high cantilever roof. The stand also has executive facilities at the rear and doubles up as a community facility during weekdays. Although the lowest seats in this stand start at pitch level there is no fencing in front of the stand to obstruct the view the modern corner floodlights, which stand far apart because of the size of the running track, they also plays host to stock car racing plus local feasts.



Away fans enter the ground at the main Warden Street turnstile block and are allocated a section of the new Warden Street Stand. The stand offers one of the best facilities in the country, with an excellent unobstructed view of the pitch.

Driving to the Ground

East



From Larne take the A8 to just past Milbrook then take a right on to the A36 road towards Ballymena town centre and then continue over the M2 bypass road, onto the A26 Larne Road Link. Continue past the town centre, then once in North Road take a right turn into Parkway and at the second roundabout take the forth exit into Warden Street, the ground is at the end of the street.

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From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Belfast then join the M2 and take it to Junction 1 and then take the sign for Ballymena and follow the A26 to the Balle Roundabout there take the third exit and continue to junction 11 and then take a right into Broughshane Street and at the second roundabout take a the first exit into Warden Street and the ground is at the end of the street.

There is a number of parking spaces situated alongside the training pitches close to the ground; there are however plenty of multi storey car parks in Ballymena town centre, ten minutes from the ground.

Public Transport



2 minutes



150



6 minutes

Train to **Ballymena Railway Station** then just outside take the **Transline Ulsterbus 150** bus from All Saints Church walk back cross the road and turn left and the ground is 5 minutes on the left.

Where to Drink

The Spinning Mill at 17-21 Broughshane Street and the Cabin Bar at 92 Broughshane Street will entertain you

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Bangor

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Ground Address - Clondeboy Park, Clondeboy Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 3JT
Telephone: 028 9145 7712
Capacity: 2,850 (500 Seats)
Team Nickname: The Blues
Year Ground Opened: 1935
Pitch Size: 105 x 72 yards
Shirt Sponsors: Send My Bag.com
Kit Manufacturer: Macron
First Team Colours: Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks
Second Team Colours: All Black Shirts, Shorts, Socks
Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The ground is located in Bangor's western suburbs with a training pitch to the south side of the ground. The west side of the ground has been enclosed in recent years by the building of a new housing estate with the club offices and two storey Social Club back onto Hawthorne Close on the North side, with the top floor of the Social Club overlooking the roof of the Main Stand.

The Main Stand consists of a smaller older part that sits roughly on the pitch centre and a newer extension running down towards the covered terrace at one end with the older part of the Main Stand has a pair of low and narrow dug outs in front of the four-row deck of around 150 seats.



The new extension is also covered and mirrors the height and columns of the old Main Stand adding around 185 seats to the Social Club side of the ground. On the other side of the Main Stand towards the West End has a two floor Clubhouse and Media Centre which has a narrow-enclosed viewing area slightly raised above pitch level?

The Clondeboy Road End Terrace which, being of the same height with the same blue cladding blends rather well with the Main Stand extension. The terrace owes its oval shape to the ground previously hosting stock car and go-kart racing and the pitch was enlarged after the race track was removed.

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The sturdy low cover has a number of columns along its front edge and lacks any crush barriers but nevertheless it's a fair elevated view of the pitch from the top of the curved concrete steps. On the opposite side of the Main Stand is an open expanse of concrete, with two lines of shallow steps which would have originally contained two narrow stands parallel with the penalty areas. The stand towards the West End has long since disappeared however the stand at the East End backing onto the Clandeboye Road turnstiles does still exist, its rustic barrel roof covering four rows of around 160 seats, and the seat bolted to a plank of timber then placed on top of a number of breeze blocks.

Driving to the Ground



North and South

Take the A2 from Belfast towards Bangor, passing Belfast City Airport and on nearing the centre of Bangor take the slip road sign posted 'Ring Road, A2, A21 Newtownards'. At the top of the slip road there is a T-junction with traffic lights. Turn right at the lights towards Newtownards/Donaghadee. At the next traffic lights (there is Jollye's Pet Store on the left) turn left into Clandeboye Road. The football ground is down the bottom of this road on the left.

Public Transport



10 minutes

Train to **Bangor Railway Station** walk out of the main entrance past the bus station walk straight on at the roundabout walk along Abbey Street then at the cross roads with the church on your left take a left and walk down Newtownards Road then take first right into Church Street the road changes to Claneboye Road and the ground is on the right this is 800 yards walk to the ground

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Where to Drink

The Bryansburn Inn on Bryansburn Road, Imperial Bar on Central Street is the best bars close to the ground

Carrick Rangers

Ground - Taylors Avenue, Carrickfergus, County Antrim, BT38 7HL

Capacity: 5,000

Telephone No: 07713103746

Pitch Size: 105 x 68 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1889 (Barn FC)

Club Nickname: The Gers

Shirt Sponsors: Hankook

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

First Team Colours: Gold Shirts, Black Shorts, Gold Socks

Second Team Colours: All Black Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2



Ground Guide

Taylors Avenue has a capacity of 6,000 and was first opened in 1889 and was the home of Barn Fc till 1928. The stand number of seats for around 400 however the roof line does not extend to cover the flat standing paddock in front of the stand.

The main entrance /exit gates and turnstiles can also be found on this side. Entering through the turnstiles spectators arrive behind the goal on a flat expanse of concrete. Looking to the left a flat expanse of concrete leads to a fenced off area-this is the site of the former Social Club, which was destroyed in a fire at the end of 2010.

Looking to the far end of the ground, with the tall spire of Carrickfergus church in the background is a low covered terrace which is given to away fans. A cosmetic change was made at the ground a couple of years ago, resulting in the external walls of both the main

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stand, and indeed the rear wall of the Taylors Avenue terrace being painted black to compliment the club's Amber and black home colours. The ground at present is complimented by 4 floodlight poles on the Main Stand and former social club sides.

Driving to the Ground

East



It's a 27 minutes' drive from Larne Harbour take the A8 out of the town then follow the A2 towards Carrickfergus and go through the centre of the town and about half a mile before the castle in the distance on your left you will see the ground, turn right into Taylors Avenue and follow the road bridge over the railway line and the ground is directly in front of you.



South



From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Belfast then join the M2 and then take the M5 to Whiteabbey then take the Shore Road past Carrickfergus Castle and you will see the ground on the left take a left into Taylors Avenue crossing over the Railway bridge and parking is around the ground

Public Transport



10 minutes

Train to **Carrickfergus Railway Station** and there are trains every half hour from Larne or Belfast to Carrickfergus. Walk out of the station its mock Tudor building very well kept walk straight down Victoria Street and at the end turn left into St Brides Road and cross the railway bridge and walk on and take the first right after the Rangers Supporters Club into Prince William Way walk to the end of the road and turn right into Taylors Avenue the ground is twenty yards on the right.

Where to Drink

The Royal Oak in Green Street, Brown Cow pub in Fareview Road along with the Harbour Alexander Pier, is all friendly and nice pubs to drink in before the game with the Royal Oak Bar only 300 yards away from the ground

Admission

Adults £15
Concessions & 13 to 17 £10
Under 12 £5.00

Cliftonville

Ground - Solitude Ground, Cliftonville Street, Belfast, BT14 6LP

Telephone: 028 3832 6815

Capacity: 8,000 (approx. 3,000 seats)

Pitch Size: 135 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1890

Shirt Sponsors: Sean Graham

Kit Manufacturer: O'Neil's

First Team Colours: All Red Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: All Green Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The ground is hidden amongst the residential area of Cliftonville, which is two miles north of Belfast City Centre. The main entrance and turnstiles are located at the rear of the red bricked Main Stand, which lies at the end of three Victorian terrace streets, Cliftonville Drive, Cliftonville Parade and Cliftonville Street.

The ground has undergone a transformation in the last few years. The Main Stand on the south side dominates the ground, a steep seated tier of 1,000 seats gives a good view of the pitch, however there are a couple of columns and floodlight poles which may impede your view.



To the front of this stand is a narrow standing area in front of the stand with a limited amount of shelter and to the right of the Main Stand, in the south south-east corner is the two storey

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social club with its sheltered viewing balcony, with the players and official dressing rooms directly beneath and it is a unusual feature of the ground.



The East side of the ground was, until recently, occupied by an old fashioned terrace, however the stand was demolished in late 2007 to make way for the new stand and the new structure, opened for home fans in 2008, has around 1,200 red plastic seats with the control box at the rear of the northern end, and a low enclosure for disabled supporters to one side of the goal line and every seat in the stand offers an excellent unobstructed view of the pitch.

Across the pitch from the Main Stand there is currently a shallow grass verge on the North side of the ground, which was originally a covered terrace until a fire closed this side of the ground.

The new away supporters stand on the west side of the ground. These 800 seats stand with its modern cantilever roof is much lower than the covered terrace and main stand, giving Solitude a slightly unbalanced look. The Club installed a new 3G artificial pitch for the 2010/11 season.

Driving to the Ground

East



It's a 44 minute drive from Larne Harbour take the A8 out of the town then follow the A6 Antrim Road into North Belfast at the Church beside the Phoenix bar turn right into Cliftonville Road. The ground entrance is eighth on the right and the ground is a 100 yards up the road in front of you.

South



From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Belfast then into South Belfast Junction 1. At the roundabout continue onto the A12 Westlink Road, then turn off towards the A6/A52 Junction.

At the Carlisle Circle roundabout take the third exit onto the Antrim Road and then follow the road to the Church at the lights, and turn left into Cliftonville Road. The ground entrance is eighth on the right and the ground is a 100 yards up the road in front of you.

Public Transport



12 minutes



12A



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minutes

Train to **Layton Place Station**, then walk out and turn right and walk up to Forsyth House turn right into Victoria Road cross the road, then walk up to Victoria Square take the **Translink Metro 12A bus** to Cliftonville Road that is the stop at the Spar then cross the road turn left and walk up Cliftonville Street the ground is in front of you. If you arrive at the Europa bus Station then it's ten minutes' walk over to City halls to get the above bus.

Where to Drink

The local bars are McGrath Bar on the Cliftonville Road and down across from the church at the lights is the Phoenix Bar on the Antrim Road which are between 300 yards and 600 yards away from the ground.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Coleraine

Ground - The Showgrounds, Ballycastle Road, Coleraine, BT52 2DY

Capacity: 5,000 (Seats 1,600)

Telephone: 028 7035 3655

Team Nickname: Bannsidiers

Pitch Size: 100 x 80 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1927

Shirt Sponsors: Fibrus

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

First Team Colours: Blue & White Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks

Second Team Colours: All Red Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The Showgrounds sits next to the Coleraine's Railway and Bus Interchange. And the main stand runs alongside Ballycastle Road and dominates the ground. Inside the ground, the Main Stand has a high cantilever roof with exposed steelwork above a shallow concrete seating deck with 1,400 dark blue plastic seats, and a row of executive boxes at the rear.

To the right from the stadium control box the social club building with its second floor viewing lounge fills in the remaining space to the corner flag. Behind the goal at both ends is a 'U' shaped terrace with a covered central section along the length of the penalty area.

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The Railway end is allocated for home supporters whereas the Ballycastle Road end is allocated for visitors. Both terrace covers have columns and fencing which may impede your view.



Across the pitch from the main stand there is a full length terrace, which originally had a roof. Since the terrace steps are much deeper than those behind the goals the view offered from the rear steps allows the spectator to see the whole ground from over the top of the fencing. The stadium has a set of four tall floodlights that were installed in 2009.

Driving to the Ground



East

From Larne take the A8 to just past Milbrook then take a right on to the A36 road towards Ballymena town centre and then continue over the M2 bypass road, onto the A26 Larne Road Link.

Continue on the A26 to Ballymoney and go straight on at the first roundabout then at the Fosse Road roundabout take the second exit towards Portrush, then just past Ballbogey take a left at the sign for Coleraine onto the B57 into Ballycastle Road and follow the road towards the

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town centre and the ground will be on the left hand side just before the railway station level crossing.

South



From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Belfast then join the M2 and take it to Junction 1 and then take the sign for Ballymena and follow the A26 to Ballymoney and go straight on at the first roundabout then at the Fosse Road roundabout take the second exit towards Portrush, then just past Ballbogey take a left at the sign for Coleraine onto the B57 into Ballycastle Road and follow the road towards the town centre and the ground will be on the left hand side just before the railway station level crossing.

Public Transport



2 minutes

Train to **Coleraine Railway Station** cross over the level crossing if you are coming from Belfast and take the first right turn into Ballycastle Road at Patsy Bar or you can have a pint in the Railway Inn. The ground is on the right-hand side and is only two minutes from the railway Station.

Where to Drink

Apart from the Social club at the ground the Railway Inn on Railway Road along with the Clyde Tavern plus Patsy Bar on Bushmill Road and the closest pubs to the ground for the neutrals.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Crusaders

Ground – Seaview, Shore Road, Belfast, BT15 3QG

Telephone No: 028 9037 0777

Capacity: 3,200 (All seated)

Team Nickname: Hatchet Men or The Crues

Pitch Size: 108 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened 1921

Shirt Sponsors: Boyle Sport

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

First Team Colours: Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks

Second Team Colours: All Black Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

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Ground Guide

Seaview is located two miles north of centre of Belfast located between the A2 Shore Road and the Belfast to Larne railway line. The stadium has seen some recent investment with new stands being constructed at each end and the St Vincents Street Terrace being made all seated.

The ground's mural that graces the corner of St Vincent Street as well as the all seated stand that takes up the space between the Shore Road touchline and the centre line. There are a number of columns which could impede your view but there is always good atmosphere going within the ground. The capacity of this stand is 1,100. Looking towards the Railway End, the club's two storey social club building and dressing rooms take up the space to the far touchline and opposite is the Main Stand, which sits on the centre line on by far the narrowest of the four sides of the ground.



The steep concrete based cantilever stand, built in the late 1970's was re-fitted in 2010 with new red seats. Both behind goal ends are virtually identical small all seated covered stands that were opened in 2011. Both have a capacity of 630 seats. The stadium is completed with a set of four modern floodlights.

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East

From Larne take the A8 to Ballyclare and then take the M2 to Junction 1B and then at the Docks Street lights take a right follow the road under the M2 and then take a right at the next lights into York Street and the ground is on the right at the top of the street just past imams kitchen.



South

From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Belfast then join the M2 and take it to Junction 1 and then take the sign for the A12 and continue straight through into Crumlin and then straight up the York Road and the ground is at the top of the road.

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Public Transport



6 minutes



2D



2 minutes

Train to **York Street Station** then walk out cross the road turn right and walk up to the bus stop and take the **Translink Metro 2D bus** to Shore Road and the bus drops you off at the ground, then cross the road and first left for the gates.

Where to Drink

Apart from the Social if it's a local derby then you will not be able to use it even as a neutral so the Grove Bar at 203 York Road is the alternative drinking venue and is within 300 yards of the ground.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Dungannon Swifts

Ground Name: Stangmore Park Fair Circular Road Dungannon, BT71 6PP

Telephone: 028 8772 3257

Capacity: 2,000 (Seats 300)

Pitch Size: 112 x 70 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1975

Club Nickname: The Swifts

Shirt Sponsors: Ten Square

Kit Manufacturer: UHL Sport

First Team Colours: All Blue Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks

Programme: £2



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Ground Guide

Stangmore Park is located beside the A29, one mile south of the town with Moy Road at the West end of the ground reserved for the away fans, to the right on the pitch centre line is the Main Stand, which has a modern cantilever roof and a concrete deck of 300 blue plastic tip up seats raised above dug outs.



To the side of the stand is a wide expanse of flat terracing, which steps up at the rear to provide a slightly elevated view. Looking directly ahead to behind the goal is the home (east) end which has a low cover almost the width of the pitch. This stand, which has shallow steps at the rear, was converted to seating and although it has doubled the grounds seating capacity and the stand also has a number of columns which may impede your view.

Looking back to the left from the away stand, the North side of the ground is very narrow and is hemmed in by a housing estate. Despite this a low cover with thin supporting posts runs the full length of the pitch and currently being the only ground outside of Belfast with spectator cover on all four sides.

Driving to the Ground



East

From Larne take the A8 to just past Milbrook then take the A57 for Newtownabbey and continue on the A57 to just before Belfast Airport then take the A26 to Moira Junction roundabout then join the M1.

Follow the M1 to Dungannon and at Junction 15 leave and then at the roundabout take the A29 third exit and then take the first right after Howard Primary school on the left.



South

From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Newry and then take the A28 and at the roundabout take the first exit and follow it to Armagh from there take a right onto the A3 then at the Victoria Bar lights take a left onto the A29 and continue straight up the road cross over the M1 and the ground will be on the right after Howard Primary School.

Public Transport



4 minutes



273 →



6

minutes

Train to **Belfast Central Railway Station** then walk over to Belfast Bus Station Platform 14 and take the **Translink Goldline Express 273 bus** to Ranfurly Heights then take a right then cross the road, and then take a left in to Fair Circular Road.

Where to Drink

Apart from the social club at the ground on the way to the ground is the Cobbles Bar on Victoria Road with a good range of food and beverages.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Glenavon

Ground Name: Mourneview Park Mourneview Avenue, Lurgan, BT66 8EW

Telephone: 028 3832 2472

Capacity: 3,300

Team Nickname: Lurgan Blues

Pitch Size: 109 x 76 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1895

Shirt Sponsors:

Kit Manufacturer:

First Team Colours: Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2



Ground Guide

The park is located in a residential area, but is around one mile south of the town centre. Spectators enter the ground through the new entrance turnstiles and gates in Mourneview Avenue this leads to a car park and the rear of the main stand which has a seating deck of 1,300 seats on a concrete base raised two metres above pitch level. Every seat in this stand has an excellent view of the playing action, and though the stand does have a number of columns they not impede the view. To the right of the Main Stand, behind the goal is a covered terrace for home supporters which has been converted to seating, and the seats start on the forth row of the former terrace, this is to allow spectators to see over the wall whilst allowing access to facilities at the far corner of the ground.



The three stands at present are all finished with the same deep blue roof panels and have a similar height, the Away supporters have their own turnstile block directly in front of the social club building at one end of Mourneview Avenue and in the current absence of an end terrace.

Across from the main stand is a new all seated stand which replaced a low covered terrace and the pitch length stand, currently used by away supporters, has 2,000 seats on a slightly raised concrete base, and a cantilever roof which offers an unrestricted view of the pitch.



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Driving to the Ground



East

From Larne take the A8 to just past Milbrook then take the A57 for Newtownabbey and continue on the A57 to just before Belfast Airport then take the A26 to Moira Junction roundabout then join the M1.

Follow the M1 to Lurgan and at Junction 10 leave and then at the roundabout take the Lough Road then at the lights take a right into Kiln Road and at the end take a left into Francis Street and then at the end take a left then right at McDonalds continue down to Lurgan Hospital there take a right and then take a first left into Pollok drive and the ground will be on the left.



South

From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Newry and then take the A27 and at the roundabout take the third exit and at the next go straight on and at the third roundabout take the first exit onto the A27 and continue this till you get to Scarva.

There take a right just as you enter the village and go down Station Road then at the end turn left just after crossing the bridge onto the B3 and follow it up to Lurgan and just after Pollock Park take a left into Pollock Drive and the ground is on the right.

Public Transport



20 minutes

Train to **Lurgan Railway Station** come out of the railway station on the ticket office platform, turn left and walk into Market Street, this road soon becomes High Street. From the High Street then turn into Union Street then continue along this road past the hospital and then take a left turn into Mourneview Avenue and the entrance to the ground is on the left hand side.

Where to Drink

When walking from the Railway Station to the ground or if you wish a drink before the match then the Railway Bar, Courthouse Bar, Beehive are in William Street and The Cellar just off William Street in Church Street and Central Bar on Market Street have all your requirements.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Glentoran

Ground Name: The Oval Mersey Street, Belfast, BT4 1FG
Telephone: 028 9045 6137
Capacity: 10,000 (Seats 5,000)
Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards
Team Nickname: The Glens
Ground Opened: 1892
Shirt Sponsors: Bet McLean
Kit Manufacturer: Macron
First Team Colours: Green/Red/White Shirts, Black Shorts, Green Socks
Second Team Colours: All Black Shirts, Shorts, Socks
Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The Oval is a football stadium in Belfast, Northern Ireland, which has been home to Glentoran F.C. since 1892. It was given to Glentoran by the Lord Mayor of Belfast. The Oval was bombed during the Belfast blitz of World War II, and was out of use until 1949 when it was rebuilt with assistance from Cliftonville and Distillery and it had a new stand built in 2000 but its capacity is currently restricted to 5,056 and has occasionally hosted the final of the Irish Cup as well as hosting the final of the County Antrim Shield and the Setanta Cup.

The ground is located near to the Port of Belfast, and Harland and Wolff's Samson and Goliath cranes are visible from inside the stadium and it is viewed as a historic ground by football fans because of its concrete terraces and steel fencing but This limits its capacity in UEFA-sanctioned matches to the 3,000 seats in the two main stands as terracing has not been permitted in UEFA matches since 1998.

Home fans enter the ground through a gateway at the end of Parkside Drive and the car park leads onto the rear of the Main Stand with its club shop, club offices and players dressing rooms on the ground floor.



The main stand from pitch side, this tall but narrow stand dominates the ground which sits to the left of the pitch towards the curved West Terracing, with the main stand originally had a

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small paddock area which was converted to seats to form a family area, with a low lightweight roof. Above it, raised a couple of metres above pitch level is the steep upper tier seating deck, complete with 2,720 seats. The view from these seats is spectacular, not just of the pitch but the dockyards and Harland and Wolfe shipyard cranes in the foreground and Cave Hill.



The East Terrace is the home terrace offers an unrestricted, if a little bit exposed view of the whole ground. There is no athletics track as the name may suggest so the terracing is not far removed from the action but there is however a tall pitch side fence around three sides of the ground.

On the opposite side of the pitch from the Main Stand there is a covered terrace which backs onto the railway line. This stand, which sits on the pitch centre line, has been converted to seating for 2,000 spectators and there are a number of columns at the front of the stand which may impede your view and the West Terrace end of the ground mirrors the dimensions and shape of the East Terrace. Because of its location, history and layout The Oval is regarded as something of old-fashioned classic ground by ground hoppers from outside Northern Ireland.



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South



From Larne take the A8 to Ballyclare and then take the M2 and Follow the M2 to South of Junction 1, Follow the signs for the M3 pass over the River Lagan onto the M3 and turn off at the Odyssey Arena junction.

Continue along the exit road, and at the roundabout take the second exit into Sydenham Road, cross over the M3 going towards the Harland Technology Park. And then take the first left turn into Mersey Street. The main entrance is at the end of Parkside Drive, on the left hand side which is second on the left after Mersey Road School building.

North



From Dublin Follow the M1 to Junction 1 continue along the A12 Westlink and join the M3 on the approach to Odyssey Arena and then pass over the River Lagan, and turn off at the Odyssey Arena junction and then continue along the exit road, at the roundabout take the third exit into Sydenham Road, which takes you back over the A2 Sydenham Bypass. Take a first left turn into Mersey Street. The main entrance is at the end of Parkside Drive, on the left hand side which is second on the left after Mersey Road School building.

There is a car park at the ground, at the rear of the main stand though as there is only one entrance and exit gate getting away after a game is time consuming just like it was in the old days at Stevenage Borough

Public Transport



4 minutes



G1



10 minutes

I like this ground, it's like an old Rugby Park in Kilmarnock before it was modernised there are two stations in Belfast you can get to the ground. Train to **Lanyon Place Railway Station**; cross the road and take the **Translink Glider G1 bus** to the Prince Albert on Albert Bridge Road, walk and take a left cross the road and turn right into Ribble Street at the top take a left and then right into the park walk straight into Yukon Street then at the end do left and cross the road and first left into Parkgate Drive ground main entrance is a further 200 yards walk at the end of the drive.

Where to Drink

Drink in the Prince Albert just beside the bus stop.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Larne

Ground - Inver Park, Inver Road, Larne, BT40 3BW

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Telephone: 028 7130 2129

Capacity: 2,800 (Seats 1,650)

Club Nickname: The Reds

Pitch Size: 120 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1895

Shirt Sponsors: Landmark, Pride & Pinon

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

First Team Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts, Red Socks

Second Team Colours: All Black Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2



Driving to the Ground

South



From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1/A1 to Lisburn and then continue on to A12 then keep on the left and follow the signs for Larne and join the M2 and keep on the M2 till Junction 4 then at the Sandynowes roundabout take the fourth exit onto the A8 and go straight on at the next six roundabouts and just as you come into Larne take a left just past the church into Pound Street and then at the lights beside the library take a right into High Street and then take first right after going under the bridge into Inver Road and the entrance to the ground is on the right after 100 yards.

From Belfast Ferry Port take Darragh Road and at the roundabout take the third exit and join the M2 and follow the above directions

From Larne Ferry port take the first exit at the first roundabout then first exit and the next roundabout and then take a right and then first exit at the roundabout and then first left at the Ulster bus depot then first right into Glynn Road and then just before the bridge take a left into Inver Road and the entrance to the ground is on the right after 100 yards.

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Church End

Public Transport



15 minutes

Train to **Larne Railway Station** walk up the approach from Larne Rail Station, then at the large roundabout the first roundabout then first exit and the next roundabout and then take a right and then first exit at the roundabout and then first left at the Ulster bus depot then first right into Glynn Road and then just before the bridge take a left into Inver Road and the entrance to the ground is on the right after 100 yards.

Where to Drink

The Thatch and Station Bar are only 200 yards away from ground.

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00

Linfield

Ground: The National Stadium, Windsor Park Donegal Avenue, Belfast, BT12 6LW

Telephone: 028 9024 4198

Capacity: 18,500 (All Seated)

Team Nickname: The Blues

Pitch Size: 110 x 75 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1905

Shirt Sponsors: Ready Construction

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

First Team Colours: Blue Shirts, White Shorts, Blue Socks

Second Team Colours: Orange Shirts, Purple Shorts, Orange Socks

Programme: £2

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Ground Guide

The ground was named after the area of Belfast of where the ground was built in 1905 Lingfield FC who had been formed in 1880 as Lingfield Athletic and had played at the Meadow, Ulsterville Avenue and Myrtlefield Park in the Balmoral area of Belfast.

The club refurbishment of the South, West and East end new stands as part of the new Windsor Park development has made it up to 18,500 all seated.



The new East Stand at one end is single tiered and extends around one corner of the stadium to the South Stand. It is quite smart looking in terms of design, with quite a high back wall, between the seated area below and the roof above. There is also some corporate hospitality areas located at the very back of this stand. The new South Stand on one side is a much larger affair, being taller, two-tiered and having a more noticeable semi-circular roof. In-between the two tiers there is a row of corporate boxes. There is also a large display screen in the South East Corner. The last edition to the ground the West Stand was opened in 2017 and this stand is single tiered and has a capacity of 3,400 seats.



The West End or Kop End and the Main Stand

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The one older stand still remaining is on the North side. Built in the late 1980's it is a covered all seated stand, which is two tiered and has a capacity of 6,862 seats. This stand is cantilevered meaning that fans enjoy unobstructed views across the playing area. This stand has undergone some refurbishment work and the seats have been replaced, with mostly green with a speckled white effect in the lower tier and in the upper tier, blue with the same effect. This seating effect has also been replicated in a similar way in the two new stands.

Driving to the Ground



South

Take the M2 to the North of Belfast and turn off onto the A12 Westlink Road and follow it and take the exit for the City hospital and at the Park roundabout take the first exit into Glenmachan Street and keep in the left filter and take first left into Donegal Road, just before crossing over the railway you then turn right into Donegal Avenue, follow it up to the ground.



North

From Dublin take the M1 to where it joins the A12 West Link there take the exit and at the first roundabout take the third exit and at the next take the third exit and keep in the left filter and take first left into Donegal Road, just before crossing over the railway you then turn right into Donegal Avenue, follow it up to the ground.

Public Transport



12 minutes

Train to **Adelaide Railway Halt Railway Station** this station is 12 minutes' walk south of the ground. Once at Adelaide Halt turn left and a twelve minutes' walk along Great Northern Street will take you to the railway footbridge and to the ground.

Where to Drink

Drink in the city centre then go to the game and then return back to the city centre for another chilled pint.

Admission

Adults £15
Concessions & 13 to 17 £10
Under 12 £5.00

Portadown

Ground: Shamrock Park Brownstown Road, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT62 3PZ
Telephone: 028 3833 2726
Capacity: 8,000 (Seats 3,800)
Team Nickname: The Ports
Pitch Size: 110 x 60 yards
Year Ground Opened: 1924
Shirt Sponsors: DFD
Kit Manufacturer: Adidas
First Team Colours: All Red Shirts, Shorts, Socks
Second Team Colours: All Grey Shirts, Shorts, Socks
Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The main entrance to the ground on the corner of Brownstone Road boasts an impressive new brick facade with the club crest high above a gateway, replicating a feature of the old Shamrock Park and is about a mile from the town city centre.

The new Met stand on the east side of the ground, to the left is the new south stand which replaced a curved open terrace the stand has 1,000 seats beneath and takes up the width of the penalty area, and is raised slightly above pitch level.



Unusually the stand sits in a similar position as the former south terrace, leaving a gap of several metres behind the goal where the speedway circuit used to be. The curved line of the former terrace fencing has been repositioned behind the goal and looking to the far right

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from the main stand the shape of the old ground layout becomes more obvious, with the former speedway track now been covered over beneath the new training pitch which sits behind the goal.



On the west side of the ground, the old main stand on the pitch centre line, with 1,000 seats on a raised seating deck. There are a number of columns to this stand which may impede your view.

Although the stand still maintains its distance from the pitch behind the former speedway track, the elevated seating deck ensures a good view of the action.

Driving to the Ground



South

From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Newry and then take the A28 and at the roundabout take the first exit and follow it to Markethill and after exiting the village take the B67 to the end then take a right and then first left into Markethill Road and at the end take a left and follow it into Portadown and at the end of the road take a right then first left into Brownstown Road with the ground entrance is on the left hand side.



North

From Larne take the A8 to just past Milbrook then take the A57 for Newtownabbey and continue on the A57 to just before Belfast Airport then take the A26 to Moira Junction roundabout then join the M1.

Exit the M1 at Junction 11 and take the M12 for Portadown. At the Kernan Loop follow the A3 Northway Road and take the road to past the railway station and town centre take the exit for Loughgall and take the first left turn into Brownstown Road, the ground is at the end of the street on the right hand side.

Public Transport

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20 minutes

Train to **Portadown Railway Station** turn right and walk down the car park and under the A3 then walk straight to the end of the lane and turn right into High Street walk down to the church and take the left road which is Church Street and follow the road as it bears left keep on walking past Quick Fit and over the railway bridge then at the Car showroom keep on walking the ground is just of the Armagh and Brownstown Road junction on the right.



The old ground before development

Where to Drink

There is little on offer in the immediate vicinity of the ground however there are plenty of pubs in Portadown Town Centre like Bennets, Jamisons and big macs

Admission

Adults £15

Concessions & 13 to 17 £10

Under 12 £5.00



Championship

Annagh United

Ground – Tandragee Road, Annagh, BT62 3BQ

Telephone: 07526 002846

Capacity: 1,500 (Seats 100)

Club Nickname: United

Pitch Size: 109 x 78

Year Ground Opened: 1963

Shirt Sponsors: BMG Insurance

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

First Team Colours: All Red Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts, Yellow Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The main developed area of the ground where the main entrance to the ground is situated with Tandragee Road itself being a quite narrow and busy road it's useful that there are two car parks situated at this side of the ground.

The main car park is used mostly by players and officials while on match days there is all-weather five a side pitch, which doubles as a car park. These two car parks are situated either side of the club house which has recently been extended and refurbished.



The ground has a capacity of 1,200 with its main feature of the ground is the Met Steel stand which runs either side of the half way line and is the most popular vantage point for watching the game. It was built in 2003 in preparation for the club's elevation from Mid Ulster Intermediate football to the Northern Ireland League and is covered and laid out in concrete steps, in preparation for the addition of seating.

The stand can accommodate 100 people and there is additional covered standing area within the Joe England stand. This stand is a new addition to the ground having been added for the

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2010-11 season. This stand is named after the club's Life Patron and provides disabled access and seating for wheelchair users and accompanying spectators.



Driving to the Ground



North and South

Take the M1 motorway to the M12 exit at junction 11. Follow the M12 until the end of the motorway and then turn left onto the Northway and stay on this road for approximately a mile and a half, turning left before the train station towards the town centre. Follow the one way system into the town centre onto Market Street and turn left onto Thomas Street and follow the road under the railway bridge for approximately half a mile and the football ground is on the left.

Public Transport



20 minutes

Train to **Portadown Railway Station** walk down to the High Street under the Subway then when get to the High Street walk straight on into Thomas Street and follow the road under the railway bridge for approximately half a mile. United's Tandragee Road football ground is on the left.

Where to Drink

There is little on offer in the immediate vicinity of the ground however there are plenty of pubs in Portadown Town Centre like Bennets, Jamisons and big macs etc.

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1

Ards

Ground - Clandeboye Park, Claneboye Road, Bangor, BT20 3JT

Telephone: 028 9145 7712

Capacity: 2,000 (500 Seats)

Team Nickname: The Red and Blues

Year Ground Opened: 1935

Pitch Size: 105 x 72 yards

Shirt Sponsors: Worthington Solicitors

Kit Manufacturer: Hummell

First Team Colours: Red & Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks

Second Team Colours: White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The ground is located in Bangor's western suburbs with a training pitch to the south side of the ground. The west side of the ground has been enclosed in recent years by the building of a new housing estate with the club offices and two storey Social Club back onto Hawthorne Close on the North side, with the top floor of the Social Club overlooking the roof of the Main Stand.

The Main Stand consists of a smaller older part that sits roughly on the pitch centre and a newer extension running down towards the covered terrace at one end with the older part of the Main Stand has a pair of low and narrow dug outs in front of the four row deck of around 150 yellow plastic seats.



The new extension is also covered and mirrors the height and columns of the old Main Stand adding around 185 seats to the Social Club side of the ground. On the other side of the Main Stand towards the West End is a two floor Clubhouse and Media Centre which has a narrow enclosed viewing area slightly raised above pitch level.

The Clandeboye Road End Terrace which, being of the same height with the same blue cladding blends rather well with the Main Stand extension. The terrace owes its curved shape

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to the ground previously hosting stock car and go-kart racing. The pitch was enlarged after the race track



On the opposite side of the Main Stand is an open expanse of concrete, with two lines of shallow steps which would have originally contained two narrow stands parallel with the penalty areas. The stand towards the West End has long since disappeared however the stand at the East End backing onto the Clondeboy Road turnstiles does still exist, its rustic barrel roof covering four rows of around 160 seats, bolted to a plank of timber then placed on top of a number of breeze blocks.

Turning finally to the West End of Clondeboy Park, then as far as we are aware this side has never had an area for supporters to stand and watch a game. Once the race track was removed a curved metal fence was installed to separate the ground from a new row of houses being built. Bangor football club sold this section of the ground to a property developer in order to clear club debts and in 2011 a high brick wall was built behind the goal to fully block off the ground

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North and South

Take the A2 from Belfast towards Bangor, passing Belfast City Airport and on nearing the centre of Bangor take the slip road signposted 'Ring Road, A2, A21 Newtownards'. At the top of the slip road there is a T-junction with traffic lights. Turn right at the lights towards Newtownards/Donaghadee. At the next traffic lights (there is Jollye's Pet Store on the left) turn left into Clondeboy Road. The football ground is down the bottom of this road on the left.

Public Transport



20 minutes

Train to **Bangor Railway Station** walk out of the main entrance past the bus station walk straight on at the roundabout walk along Abbey Street then at the cross roads with the church on your left take a left and walk down Newtownards Road then take first right into Church Street the road changes to Clondeboy Road and the ground is on the right this is a 800 yards walk to the ground.

Admission

Adults £9
Concessions, 13 to 17 £6
Under 12 £1

Where to Drink

The Bryansburn Inn on Bryansburn Road, Imperial Bar on Central Street are the best bars close to the ground.

Armagh City

Ground Address - Holm Park, Ballynahonemore Road, Armagh BT60 1JD

Telephone: None

Founded: 1964 (Milford Everton FC)

Capacity: 2,000 (100 Seated)

Team Nickname: Eagles

Year Ground Opened: 1992

Shirt Sponsors: Armagh Sports Trophies

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

First Team Colours: Blue & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Blue Socks

Second Team Colours: Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The ground has only one stand which runs the whole of the pitch and the three other ends are flat grass lands



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Take A3 Portadown-Armagh Road. First roundabout in Armagh (just inside City limits, as soon as housing developments are on either side of road), second exit (straight and then take first exit at next roundabout, follow the road along sharp right bend. Continue downhill and get in left lane as you approach traffic lights (with Armagh Gaol to your left). Stay in left lane and continue through next set of traffic lights. Stay in lane for left turn (A28) at next set of traffic lights (about 20m after the last set!).

Continue up Newry Road hill, pass two filling station on left before starting to go downhill. You will see the signposts for end of 30 mph zone and a car dealership ahead on the left and take the left turn before this (if you've left the 30-mph zone you've gone too far!).

The drive-up steady incline and take the first right and continue up road passing housing developments on either side, follow the road as it bends to the left then at this point, the road straightens up, you will see Holm Park, training pitches and hockey pitches in the distance to your left and then take the second left on the straight section of road will take you to Holm Park.



Take the A1/M1 to Newry then take the A28 Newry-Armagh Road and as you approach Armagh you will notice a car dealership on the right side of the road and 30mph signs, then take first right after 30 mph signs.

Go up steady incline (high embankments either side). Take the first right Continue up road passing housing developments either side. Follow the road as it bends to the left. At this point, the road straightens up, you will see Holm Park, training pitches and hockey pitches in the distance to your left. Take the second left on the straight section of road to take you to Holm Park.

Public Transport



7 minutes



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371B



6 minutes

Train to **Portadown Railway Station** walk down to High Street and along to Church Street then take the **Translink Ulsterbus 61 bus** to Armagh Bus Centre then walk along and take the **Translink Ulster bus 371B bus** to Ardmore Crescent then walk back and turn left and before the church turn left and walk up the path to the ground.

Where to Drink

The nearest bars to the ground are in the centre of Armagh Croziers, The Bridge and Maddens plus another of others where you will get a good drink and food.

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1

Ballinamallard United

Ground - Ferney Park, Ballinamallard BT94 2HH

Telephone No: 028 6638 8600

Capacity: 2,000

Founded: 1898

Year Ground Opened: 1975

Club Nickname: Mallards or Ducks

Shirt Sponsors: Severnfield

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

First Team Colours: All Blue Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: All White Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

United are the most westerly of the current Premier League clubs and are the only County Fermanagh football club to be promoted to the top division. Ferney Park is located on the Enniskillen Road, five minutes south of the village centre and the ground; it is set in a rural location.

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The ground has seen a lot of recent investment resulting in the club house side of the ground is new small covered seated stand. This low all seater cantilevered stand for home supporters was opened in 2010, though this stand has a concrete rather than a metal deck. It contains 205 seats over 4 rows with space and additional seats at one end for disabled supporters and their helpers and there new terracing either side of this stand.



Opposite the stand are two small covered terraces have been constructed, one on each side of the half way line. Each runs for around a quarter of the length of the pitch but are situated towards each end, the stands have been built with low cantilever steelwork and contain four rows of terrace.



The two new stands have been named 'The Fisher Stand', in dedication to the late Tommy Fisher who was a club President and 'The Village Stand', in recognition of the funding from the Ballinamallard Enterprise Centre. This side of the ground is also complimented by a row of four of the grounds eight new modern floodlights poles, which alongside the creation of the walkways and standing areas were part of the first upgrade to meet Championship requirements.

Driving to the Ground

South



From Dublin Docks take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then at junction 3 at Dublin Airport follow the M50 then at Junction 6 take the N3 for Blanchrestown and keep on the right fork and onto the N3 and follow this till just outside Carrigan there turn right at the roundabout and follow the A4 into Enniskillen down the Sligo Road to Brooke Park which is in front of you then take a right into Darling Road cross the river then first left into Queen Elizabeth Road then at the roundabout take the first exit onto the A32.

Follow this to Drumcoo roundabout there take the first exit and go through the next roundabout and then just before the Agriculture College take a right and follow it to the village and Ferney Park is situated on the right hand side as you approach the village, with the car park direct ahead of you.



The alternative from Dublin Docks take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1 to Junction 14 Charlesville Bridge and on to the N3 and at the Carrickroadmoss Road roundabout take the third exit onto the N2 follow the N54 west of Monaghan then as you go through the town of Clones turn right onto the A34 and head north, turning left onto the A4 then in Enniskillen just past Semus Connelly bar take the first right into Forthill Street and follow the A32 to Drumco Roundabout there go straight on and follow the above directions.

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From Larne take the A8 to just past Milbrook then take the A57 for Newtownabbey and continue on the A57 to just before Belfast Airport then take the A26 to Moira Junction roundabout then join the M1.

Follow the M1 to Dungannon, then the road merges into the A4 just south Of Dungannon and stay on the this road to Fivemiletown there take a right onto Clabby Road and follow it to the village of Clabby and take the B107 for Enniskillen then as you enter the village take a left and the ground will be on the left.

Public Transport



2 minutes



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5 minutes

Train to **Belfast Central Railway Station** then from Stance 14 take the **Translink Goldline Express 273 bus** to Omagh, then take the **Translink Ulsterbus 94 bus** to the Orange Hall at its 5 minutes' walk down the Enniskillen Road to the ground which is on the left down a path.



2 minutes



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2 minutes

Coming back taxi to Enniskillen bus Station then its **Translink Goldline Express 263 bus** to Dungannon Bus Station then the **Goldline Express 273 bus** to Belfast Central Railway Station.

Don't miss this or your will have to go via Dublin back to Belfast.

Where to Drink

The two bars on Main Street the Mallard Bar and the Poachers Inn have both a welcoming presence and good beer and food or you can try the bar at the ground.

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1

Dundela

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Ground - Wilgar Park, Wilgar Street, Belfast BT4 3BQ

Telephone: 028 9067 3729

Capacity: 1,500 (100 Seated)

Founded: 1895

Year Ground Opened: 1895

Club Nickname: Duns

Shirt Sponsors: Spares Direct

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

First Team Colours: Green and White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks

Second Team Colours: All Red Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Driving to the Ground



Take the A2 to Harlem and Wolf Yard then at the lights from West take a right at the lights and from east take a left into Sydenham Road, take the second exit at the roundabout into Dee Street, then take the first left after the bridge into Mersey Street, go straight on at the mini roundabout, take a left after the river bridge into Parkgate Avenue, at the T Junction take a left into Hollywood Road, at Melville mansion turn right into Dundela Road, just after the school at the bend in the road turn left into Dundela Avenue, then first left into Wilgar Street and the ground is on the left if the gates are open then park in Dundela Infant School.

Public Transport



2 minutes



3b



2 minutes

Train to **Laydon Place Railway Station** walk down and take the **Translink Metrolink 3B** bus to Wilgar Road with the ground which is on the right.



Where to Drink

The Great Eastern and Crawfords which are 600 yards away from the ground or the clubs Social Club are the closest pubs to the ground or you can drink in Belfast City Centre

Admission

Adults £9
Concessions, 13 to 17 £6
Under 12 £1

HW Welders

Ground – Blanchflower Park, 12 Hollywood Drive Belfast BT4 2HP
Telephone: 028 9045 1930
Capacity – 2,000 (450 Seated)
Founded: 1965
Year Ground Opened: 2021
Club Nickname: Welders
Shirt Sponsors: MC Cosh Welders
Kit Manufacturer: Macron
First Team Colours: Yellow & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Second Team Colours: Black Shirts, White Shorts, Black Socks
Programme: £2



Main Stand

Ground Guide

The club moved into the Danny Blanchflower Stadium in 2021 from their old ground. The new ground has two stands which have a seating capacity of 450, with covered ends on Hollywood Road and at the Bowling Green ends and is a smart new stadium.

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Bowling Green End

Driving to the Ground

From the East & West



Take the A2 to Harlem and Wolf Yard then at the lights from West take a right at the lights and from east take a left into Sydenham Road, take the second exit at the roundabout into Dee Street, then take the first left after the bridge into Mersey Street, go straight on at the mini roundabout, take a left after the river bridge into Parkgate Avenue, at the T Junction take a left into Hollywood Road, and the ground is on the left with a nice car park



Public Transport



2 minutes



3b →



2 minutes

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Train to **Laydon Place Railway Station** walk down and take the **Translink Metrolink 3B bus** to the ground which is on the left.

Where to Drink

Using the Translink 3 B bus drop of at Great Eastern Pub on Newtonards Roads near Glentoran The Oval ground, and then walk back out and get the bus to the ground with an all-day bus ticket £4.00.

Admission

Adults £9
Concessions, 13 to 17 £6
Under 12 £1

Institute

Ground Address – Brandywell Park, 155 Lone Moor Road, Derry, BT48 9LA

Telephone: 028 7130 2129

Capacity: 7,900 (2,900 Seats)

Founded: 1905 (Merger of Presbyterian Working Men's Institute 1882 and North End Olympic 1893)

Club Nickname: Stute

Pitch Size: 120 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1928 (Derry City FC)

Shirt Sponsors: Mc Cay Legal

Kit Manufacturer: Ulhspor

First Team Colours: Sky-Blue & Maroon Shirts, Sky-Blue Shorts, Sky-Blue Socks

Second Team Colours: All Maroon Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2



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Ground Guide

Brandywell has been transformed with a new Main Stand being constructed on the West side of the stadium and the existing East Stand opposite being refurbished complete with new seating. A new artificial 3G pitch has also been installed.

Brandywell is located close to the Bogside area, to the South-West of Derry/Londonderry City Centre. The ground shares its surroundings with County Derry's Celtic Park Stadium, and for those who are sightseeing both stadiums are visible from the Grand Parade side of the City's ancient walls. The vast hillside City Cemetery looms over both grounds and dwarfing the surrounding housing estates. Institute share the ground with Derry City after their ground was washed away in floods, Derry City themselves are a Northern Ireland club who were accepted into the League of Ireland in 1985. Brandywell itself, which is owned by the local council, is a distinctive stadium, its shape being formed by a history of hosting greyhound races.

The new Main Stand has a capacity of 955 seats. Running for around half the length of the pitch it sits astride the halfway line. It has a tall cantilevered roof, meaning that there are no roof supports to hinder your view of the playing action. The East Stand opposite was opened in 1991 it contains around 2,700 seats despite being set back from the pitch the stand still feels well connected to the action. Interesting both sides of this covered seated stand extend around both corners of the ground, which makes you think that at one time it was intended to redevelop the whole ground in this way. The low cantilever roof offers an unobstructed view of the pitch and the fact that both home and away supporters are accommodated in this stand can make for a great atmosphere on a matchday. Both ends are currently unused for spectators. The stadium is completed with a set of four tall floodlights.

In 2018 Brandywell Stadium was renamed the Ryan McBride after a former player and Captain of Derry City. Institute are rebuilding their old ground and will move back in in 2027.



Driving to the Ground

From the East 

Take the A6 towards Londonderry Hospital and just before the hospital take a right into Church Brae, and follow the road right at the church, at the mini roundabout take the second

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exit then the first exit into Irish Street, at the next mini roundabout take the second exit onto Fountain Hill, at the T Junction take a left into Spencer Road, at dukes Pub Crossroads take a left into Victoria Road, then first right into Bridge Street, then follow the road left and cross the bridge, then turn left into Foyle Road, at the mini roundabout take the second exit for the GAA Stadium, the ground is on the right just past the greyhound Stadium parking is the streets of Brandywell Terrace which is first right after the ground.

Public Transport



20 minutes

Train to **Derry Railway Station**, when you come out of the railway station booking office, turn right and walk along the riverside. Cross the River Foyle on the nearby Craigavon Bridge. You will then come to a roundabout with the "hands across the divide" statue. Turn left into Abercorn Road and follow the road as it kinks to the right and becomes Barrack Street. You will then see the floodlights of Celtic Park GAA Stadium direct ahead of you with the floodlights of Brandywell just visible to the left.

As the road starts to slope down turn left into Windmill Terrace and follow the road as it snakes downhill and joins Lecky Road. Take the second right turn into Brandywell Road. Turnstiles for the New Stand on the East side of the stadium are on the left with turnstiles to the old West side terracing, with the open seating and Glentoran Stand further up the hill.

Where to Drink

Have a drink in Londonderry as the nearest pubs are two mile away in the city centre or drink at the social club at the ground

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1

Limavady United

Ground - The Showgrounds, Rathmore Road, Limavady, BT49 0DF

Telephone: 028 7776 4351

Founded: 1884 (merger of alexander Cricket Club 1876 & Limavady Wanderers 1880 in 1884 and merger with Limavady Athletic JFC in 1955)

Capacity: 1,500 (250 Seated)

Team Nickname: The Rosesiders, The Lims

Year Ground Opened: 1882

Shirt Sponsors: City of Derry Airport

Kit Manufacturer: Player fit

First Team Colours: Blue Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks

Second Team Colours: Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

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Driving to the Ground

From the East

Take the A26 to Colraine at the Lodge Road Roundabout take the second exit onto the A29, at Barn River Roundabout take the second exit, at the next roundabout take the second exit onto the A37, at the Limavady roundabout take the second exit, then take the first exit for Limavady Park and Stay, the ground is on the right with a small car park.

Public Transport



2 minutes



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6 minutes

Train to **Coleraine Railway Station** then walk over to Bus Centre and take the **Translink Ulster 134 Bus** to outside the ground.



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Where to Drink

The Crown Bar, Nouton Inn, Corner Bar, Owens, The Pub, Banters, Belmont and the Robert Douglas are all within 400 yards of the Ground and at the ground United have their own Social club.

Admission

Adults £9
Concessions, 13 to 17 £6
Under 12 £1

Loughgall

Ground - Lakeview Park Ballygasey Road, Loughgall, BT61 8HU

Telephone - 028 3889 1400

Founded: 1967

Capacity: 1,650 (200 Seated)

Team Nickname: The Villagers

Year Ground Opened: 1970

Shirt Sponsors: Rue Circle

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

First Team Colours: All Blue Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: All Red Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

Ground Guide

The ground has three grass terraces along with a 200 seater stand and six pylons for floodlights.

Driving to the Ground

From the North



From the Larne port take the first roundabout and then third exit of the next roundabout down Harbour Highway and go straight on at the next roundabout then take the right fork onto the A8 and then at the roundabout go straight on.

Go straight on at the next four roundabouts and at the fifth roundabout take the second exit onto the M8 and at Sandknowes roundabout take the third exit and join the M2 and then at Junction 1 take the slip road for the A12 and follow the signs for the West and M1 and join the M1 and follow it to Junction 13 Loughgall and join the B131 and at the end take a right for Loughgall and at the bottom of the Bally Road take a right and go through the village and the ground is on the left just after St Luke's church

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From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1/A1 to Newry then take the the A28 go straight on at the next roundabout and continue on the A28 to just past Markethill then take a right onto the B78 and at Hamiltons bawn cross do a right and then left and continue to Richhill then at the mini roundabout take the first exit and then take a left onto the A3 and then first right onto the B111 and at the end take a right into Ballygasey Road and the ground is on the right as you enter the village

Public Transport



7 minutes



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2 minutes

Train to **Portadown Railway Station** walk down to High Street and along to Church Street then take the **Translink Ulsterbus 61 bus** to Armagh Bus Centre then walk along and take the cost is around £15.00 and book a taxi for coming back from Callan Premier Taxis or Diamond Taxis.

Where to Drink

The Hogs Bar which is 700 yards from the ground serves good food and beverages

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1

Newington

Ground - Inver Park, Inver Road, Larne, BT40 3BW

Telephone: 028 9037 0777

Capacity: 2,800 (Seats 1,650)

Founded: 1979 (Jubilee Athletic FC)

Team Nickname: YC

Pitch Size: 120 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened 1921

Shirt Sponsors: B Cabs

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

First Team Colours: All Green Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks

Programme: £2



Driving to the Ground

South 

From Dublin Ferry port take the Tolka Road and Promenade Road and join the M50 then follow the M1/A1 to Lisburn and then continue on to A12 then kepp on the the left and follow the signs for Larne and join the M2 and keep on the M2 till Junction 4 then at the Sandynowes roundabout take the fourth exit onto the A8 and go straight on at the next six roundabouts and just as you come into Larne take a left just past the church into Pound Street and then at the lights beside the library take a right into High Street and then take first right after going under the bridge into Inver Road and the entrance to the ground is on the right after 100 yards.

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Church End

From Belfast Ferry port take Darraghan Road and at the roundabout take the third exit and join the M2 and follow the above directions

From Larne Ferry port take the first exit at the first roundabout then first exit and the next roundabout and then take a right and then first exit at the roundabout and then first left at the Ulster bus depot then first right into Glynn Road and then just before the bridge take a left into Inver Road and the entrance to the ground is on the right after 100 yards.

Public Transport



15 minutes

Train to **Larne Railway Station** walk up the approach from Larne Rail Station, then at the large roundabout the first roundabout then first exit and the next roundabout and then take a right and then first exit at the roundabout and then first left at the Ulster bus depot then first right into Glynn Road and then just before the bridge take a left into Inver Road and the entrance to the ground is on the right after 100 yards.

Where to Drink

The Thatch and Station Bar are only 200 yards away from ground.

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1

Where to Drink

Apart from the Social if it's a local derby then you will not be able to use it even as a neutral so the Grove Bar at 203 York Road is the alternative drinking venue and is within 300 yards of the ground.

Queen's University Belfast

Ground – The DUB, Upper Malone Road, Belfast BT9 5NB

Telephone: None

Founded: 1910

Capacity: 1,200 (300 Seated)

Team Nickname: The Students

Year Ground Opened: 2012

Shirt Sponsors: Scan

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

First Team Colours: White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks

Second Team Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts, Black Socks

Programme: £2



Driving to the Ground

Take the M3 to Sailor Town roundabout from the south or the M2 from Larne from both merge onto the A12, then onto the M1, at Junction 2 take the slip road for the A55, at the Balmoral Interchange take the first exit onto the A55, just past Balmoral Railway Station take a left into Harberton Road, at the T Junction take a left into Upper Malone Road and then first right into the complex and the ground is on the right.

Public Transport



2 minutes



150



6 minutes

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Train to **Balmoral Rail Station** then walk across the car park past the Kings Head Pub onto the Upper Lisburn Road cross the road past the Kings Hall and turn left walk down Balmoral Avenue walk to the end of the avenue turn right and walk down Malone Road till the roundabout then take a right down Upper Malone Road then through the gates at Sports Northern Ireland and walk through the park to the ground.



Where to Drink

The Kings Head and Lillys on the Lisburn Road are the best pubs to enjoy good food and beverages

Admission

Adults £9
Concessions, 13 to 17 £6
Under 12 £1

Warrenpoint

Ground Address: Milltown Upper Dromore Road, Warrenpoint, BT34 3PN

Main Telephone No: 0759 4784548

Capacity: 2,000 (Seats 250)

Founded: 1987

Club Nickname: The Point

Pitch Size: 109 x 78

Year Ground Opened: 1997

Shirt Sponsors: CTS

Kit Manufacturer: UHLsport

First Team Colours: All Blue Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Second Team Colours: All Black Shirts, Shorts, Socks

Programme: £2

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Ground Guide

Milltown although largely an open stadium, it has modern facilities after seeing some much needed investment have risen quickly from the Mid Ulster League. The small Main Stand, which runs for around half the length of the pitch, contains a couple of covered rows of seating like a few Northern Ireland League grounds is elevated above pitch level, meaning that spectators have to walk up some steps to enter it and there are also flat standing areas to either side of the stand.

Opposite are two smaller covered seated stands that are separated on the half way line by a small press box and team dug outs. And at the opposite end is a small covered terrace that runs the full width of the playing area. The teams come onto the pitch from one corner of the ground, near to the main entrance.



Driving to the Ground

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North



Take the A1/M1 to Newry and then take the A2 ferry and at the end of the exit road and at the roundabout take the second exit for Warrenpoint and at the end take a right onto the A25 and at the caravan roundabout take the first exit onto the B8 and continue to J Lynch car sales take a right and follow it to the end then turn right into Bridge Street and go through Burren and at the end take a left and the ground is 200 yards on the left.

North



From Dublin take the A1/M1 to just outside Newry the take A2 turnoff and at the roundabout take the third exit onto the Dublin Road and go straight into Newry cross two bridges over the river then at the light at the church take the right filter onto Warrenpoint Road and at the Park roundabout take the first exit onto Old Warrenpoint Road and take the second right just past Nissan dealership into Grennans Road and the ground is just past Milltown Industrial estate on the left.

Public Transport



2 minutes



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30 minutes

Train to **Newry Railway Station**, then take the **Translink Ulsterbus 341 bus** to Newry Bus Station and then take the **Translink Ulsterbus 39 bus** to Warrenpoint Square then take a left and it's a 30 minutes' walk to the ground which is on the right.

Where to Drink

There are quite a few bars in the town and then get a drink at the Social club on the ground which even sells beer during the game if you wish.

Admission

Adults £9

Concessions, 13 to 17 £6

Under 12 £1