PREMIER LEAGUE 2020-21 SEASON



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Guide to the Premier League teams for 2020/21 season. In this part of the book I have outlined their history, old grounds with pictures, a ground guide plus historical facts plus how to get there driving, public transport and walking to the ground along with where to drink for a neutral or away supporter and what you will pay to get in. Remember if travelling by train then you can save on the cost of fares by booking in advance look at you away days and even book as far as 3 months ahead so visit the Trainline.com



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Arsenal

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

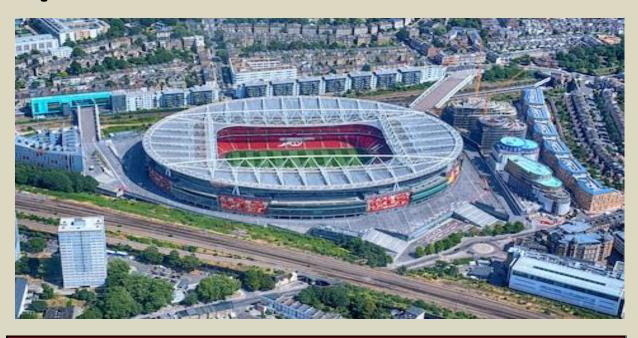
Telephone - 020 7619 5003

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)

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



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.

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 and 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

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 minute 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.

Airports and Public Transport









→ 5mins

Flying in to **Heathrow Airport** then take the **Heathrow Express** to **Paddington Railway Station**, then either take the Hammersmith & City Line or Circle Line to **Kings Cross Railway Station** then 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.









 \rightarrow 5mins

Flying into Gatwick Airport then walk to the Train Station, take the Gatwick Express to **Victoria Railway Station** then take the Piccadilly Line for the **Arsenal Underground Station**. It is only a few minutes' walk from here to the stadium and on exiting the station turns right and follows Drayton Park Road around to the left. Then walk over the bridge over the railway line to the stadium.





 \rightarrow 6 mins

From Watford Junction Railway Station take the Metropolitan Line to Kings Cross Railway Station and then change to the London City Line and take it Highbury & Islington

Railway Station.



The alternatives to take the London Overground train to **Highbury & Islington 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.



From the North you can also use this by getting off at **Watford Junction Railway** Station by London Overground change at **Willesden Junction Railway Station** on the London Overground to **Highbury & Islington Railway Station**. You can wait a few minutes at take the train three to four an hour to **Drayton Park Railway Station** which is two minutes from the ground



For those going to the match from East Anglia takes the train to **Stratford International Railway Station** and then change to the London Overground to **Highbury & Islington Railway 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 30.00 Over 65's/Under 16's £20.00

Aston Villa

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

Telephone - 0121 327 2299 **Main Fax No**: 0121 322 2107 **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: Unibet

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



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.



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

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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.



Trinity Road

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.

Public Transport



Flight to **Birmingham City Airport** then walk over to the railway station then take the train to **Birmingham New Street Railway Station** from there it's a 22 minutes journey to either **Aston or Witton (West Midlands) Railway Stations**.

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 minute 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 is extra trains are laid on to the ground on match days.

Admission

Douglas Ellis Stand

Adults £30 Concessions £20 Under 18's £15 Under 8's £10

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.

Brighton & Hove Albion

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

Main Telephone No: 01273 695 400

Fax No: 01273 648 179
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: £3



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 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







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.



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 the makes the ground particularly striking is the amount

of transparent material used in the roofs of the stadium.

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 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





 \rightarrow 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' walk to the away stand. There are frequent trains and specials on from both Brighton and Lewes on days of matches.

Admission

Adults £30 Over 65's £23 Under 21's £23 Under 18's £15

Burnley

Ground - Turf Moor, Harry Potts Way, Burnley, BB10 4BX

Main Telephone No: 0871 221 1882

Fax No: 01282 700 014
Ticket Office: 0871 221 1914
Capacity: 22,546 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 115 x 73 yards
Club Nickname: The Clarets
Year Ground Opened: 1883
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Dafabet
Website: BCFC.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1882

Years at Today's Ground – 131 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1957

Highest Attendance – 54,775 v Huddersfield Town in the FA Cup Third Round 23/02/1924 **Highest Score for** – 9-0 v Darwen Division 1 9/11/1892, v Crystal Palace FA Cup Second round Replay 10/02/1909, v New Brighton FA Cup Fourth round 26/01/1957

Highest Against – 0-10 v Aston Villa Division One 29/08/25, v Sheffield United Division One 19/11/1929

Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 Bertram Clewley (Bert) Freeman 1912/13

Highest Scorer Overall – 188 George William Beel 1923 -32

Player with most First Team Appearances – 569 Jeremiah Dawson 1906 – 29

Colours



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Former Grounds

Calder Vale (1881-83)

Ground Guide

The club has played at Turf Moor since 1883, which is one of the longest continual occupations of ground by any club in the League. Half the ground was re-developed in the mid 1990's with two new stands being opened.

The first of these the James Hargreaves Stand was opened in early 1996. It has two large tiers, with a row of executive boxes, housed between them. Which replaced the Longside Terrace, which was a big steep covered terrace and a few months later by the Jimmy McIlroy Stand was opened at one end of the ground. This two-tiered stand is similar in design which gives half the ground a uniform look.



David Fishwick Stand

The Bob Lord Stand at one side of the pitch was opened in 1974. It is a small all seated single tiered stand, with a row of supporting pillars running across its middle and has windshields to either side. The Cricket Field Stand at one end of the ground was opened in 1969 and again it is single tiered stand that has some supporting pillars.



Bob Lord Stand

There is a Police Control Box situated in one corner of the stadium in-between the Bob Lord and Jimmy McIlroy Stands. Unusually the teams emerge from a tunnel from one end of the ground in the David Fishwick Stand.

The away fans are housed in the covered David Fishwick Stand (Ladbrokes Stand) at one end of the ground up to 2,100 away fans can be accommodated for league matches and can be found on the Bob Lord side of the stand. Views are unrestricted and facilities are very good with the club keeping the old turnstiles after the redevelopment.



James Hadgreaves Stand

The grub inside the ground includes has a number of refreshment outlets available which serve include; Hot Dogs (£2.70), plus a range of Holland's Pies; Big Potato and Meat (£3), Cheese & Onion (£3) and Peppered Steak (£3). Although the food in the ground is good I fall either Clarets Bakery at the ground or go to Oddies at 38 St James Street on the way to ground pies and cakes are of excellent quality

The Cricket Club; 'the clubhouse is open on match days and visitors are always made welcome which is ideal as it is right next door to the ground. The beer and wine are cheap here as well as there is good food.

Driving to the Ground



Leave the M6 at Junction 29 and onto the M65 and then leave the M65 at Junction 10 and follow signs for Follow the A682 to the town-centre and take the first exit at the roundabout (by Gala bingo club) into Yorkshire Street. Continue through traffic lights into Brunshaw Road for the ground which is on the left. There is a car park at the cricket ground before Turf Moor which costs £6 or otherwise street parking across from the cricket ground in Leyland Road.

Public Transport & Walking









 \rightarrow 18 mins

From the North and South take the Virgin Trains to **Preston Railway Station** then by Northern Rail to **Burnley Central Railway Station** then walk out the station across the road down Railway Street towards a small retail park and then turn left into Curzon Street. You will reach the inner ring road Active Way, straight on across the Active Way till you get to Bankfoot where you turn left then walk to the roundabout walk across the car park into Hall Street this will bring you out into Yorkshire Street. Continue down this road over the canal and you will reach Turf Moor on your left.





→ 18 mins

From the West take the Northern train to **Burnley Central Railway Station** and from the East take the Transpennine Railway from either **Leeds** or **York** to **Burnley Central** then the above walk details

Admission

Adults £30.00 OAP's/Under 22's £18 (£17) (£14) Under 18's £13 (£8) (£5)

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: Yokohama Tyres

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas **Website:** www.chelseafc.com

Programme: £4

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

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



Colours



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.

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East Stand today (BEG)

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.

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.

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.



Old Stamford Bridge and the erasing of the running track 1974



The same view in 2020

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 selections 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 right hand 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 and from the Airport for directions.



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

Airports & Public Transports to the Ground

For those coming by the airports below are the quickest I know to the ground:



Fly into **Heathrow Airport** then walk down to the railway station, take the First Capital train to **Paddington Railway Station** 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.



Fly into **Gatwick Airport** then walk over to the railway station take the First Capital train to **Clapham Junction Railway Station** and 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.



Take the Underground on the Victoria Line to **Green Park Underground Station** and switch to the Piccadilly Line and alight at **Earls Court Underground Station** and switch to 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

The alternative from the North is to take the London Overground from Watford Junction Railway Station to Clapham Junction Railway Station to West Brompton Railway Station. And from the South use Clapham Junction 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.







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From the south take the South West train to **Clapham Junction Railway Station** and 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 - £30 Over 65's - £23 Under 20s - £23

Crystal Palace

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

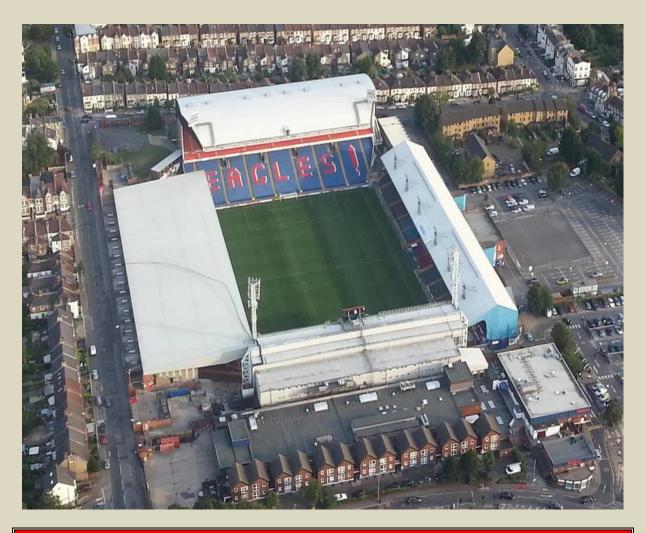
Main Telephone No: 0208 7686000

Fax No: 0208 7715311
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: Mansion
Kit Manufacturer: Macron
Website: www.cpfc.co.uk

Programme: £4

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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

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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.



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.



Arthur Wait Stand

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 are 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.

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, Soulfood 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.



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 3mile 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 hour limit. So please take note of any street signs advising of parking restrictions, or else you win 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 their 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.

Airports & Public Transport to the Ground



17mins

Fly into **Heathrow Airport** then take short walk over to the Railway Station then take the First Capital train to **Paddington International Railway Station** then take the Bakerloo Line to **Oxford Circus Underground Station** and then take the Victoria Line to **London Victoria Underground Station** and then go up to the main line station, take a Southern 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



Fly into **Gatwick Airport** walk over to the rail station then take the First Capital train to **East Croydon Railway Station** and then take the train for **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



From Charing Cross Railway Station take the Metropolitan Line to Piccadilly Circus Underground Station then take the Piccadilly Line direct for Victoria Underground Station then walk up to the Rail Station and then the First Capital or Southern Trains 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. From Euston, Farrington and Kings Cross Railway Stations take the Piccadilly Line direct to Victoria Underground Station then walk up to the Rail Station and then the First Capital or Southern Trains 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



If you are coming from East Anglia get off the train **Stratford International Railway Station** take the Jubilee Line to **London Bridge Underground Station** then walk up to the main line station take the train 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 South West change at Clapham Junction Railway Station and take London Overground to East Croydon Railway Station and then Southern Train to Norwood Junction Railway Station then walk up to Station Road take a right and walk up past Lidel and at the crossroads walk straight on till the roundabout at South Norwood Church then take a left and walk down to the ground and for away supporters take a right into Park Road.

From North West change at Watford Junction Railway Station and take the London Overground train to Willesden Junction Railway Station then change and take the London Overground to East Croydon Railway Station or Clapham Junction Railway Station and then Southern Train to Norwood Junction Railway Station then walk up to Station Road take a right and walk up past Lidel and at the crossroads walk straight on till the roundabout at South Norwood Church then take a left and walk down to the ground and for away supporters take a right into Park Road

Admission

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

Everton

Ground: Goodison Park, Goodison Road, Liverpool, L4 4EL

Main Telephone No: 0871 663 1878

Fax No: 0151 286 9112 Ticket Office: 0871 663 1878

Ground Capacity: 40,569 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 78 yards Club Nickname: The Toffees Year Ground Opened: 1892 Undersoil Heating: Yes Shirt Sponsors: SportPesa Kit Manufacturer: Umbro 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) Deans 1927/28 & 399 goals 1925 – 37

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

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Former Names

St Domingo FC (1878/79)

Former Grounds

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

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.



Howard Kendall Gwlady's Street Stand (North)

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

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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.



Sir Philip Carter Park Lane Road Stand

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.



Main Stand

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 minute 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.

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



Fly to **Liverpool Airport** get the **Arriva 81A bus** from Stop 5 which will drop you off at Queens Drive at Haggerston Road walk back the way you have come and take a right into Haggerston Road then second right and first left into St. Mary Lane and at the top turn right into Church Lane then first right into City Road and at the top you will St Luke's church and the ground on the left this is a 15 minute walk.



Train to Liverpool Central Railway Station then Mersey Rail to Kirkdale Railway station which is the closest to the ground, from the station turn right and then cross the railway bridge, you will see a pub opposite called the 'Melrose Abbey', then walk up Westminster Road, alongside the pub, for about 400 yards. Turn left into Goodall Street then follow it round at the junction walk straight forward into Spellow Lane the ground in front of you.



Take Mersey Rail or Northern Rail to Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station which is over three miles from the ground 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 19, 19a, 20, 21 or 311 355 will drop you right outside the ground the journey takes about 15 to 25 minutes.

Admission

Adults 30 Over 65's £21 Under 16's £16

Fulham

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

Main Telephone No: 0870 442 1222

Fax No: 0207 384 4715 Ticket Office: 0870 442 1234

Ticket Office Fax No: 0207 384 4810

Capacity: 25,678 (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: Dafabet Kit Manufacturer: Adidas Website: www.fulhamfc.com

Programme: £3



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



Former Names

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



The last football pavilion

Opposite the main Stand is the aptly named Riverside Stand. With its back to the banks of the River Thames, this all seated, covered stand was opened in 1972. 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.



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.

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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.



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 BadBoy 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 old 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 selections of beer and a family run pub.

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 right hand 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 pathand the pubs on 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 Statio**n 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 walk to the ground

Public Transport







→ 15 mins

Fly into **Heathrow Airport** then walk down to the Underground Station then take the Piccadilly Line for **Cockfosters Underground Station** and change to the District Line at **Earls Court Underground Station** and take the train for **Wimbledon Underground Station** and get off at **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.







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The Alternative is to take the Piccadilly Line to **Hammersmith Underground Station** then walk over and take the **London Bus 220 bus** to Kingwood Road then cross the road and walk straight down Harbord Street and at the end turn left the ground is on the right across the road



Fly into **Gatwick Airport** then walk over to the railway station then take the First Capital train to **Clapham Junction Railway Station** and take the London Overground to **West Brompton Railway Station** and take the District Line to **Putney Bridge Underground Station** 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.



From London City Airport take the DLR to Canning Town DLR then take the Jubilee Line to Green Park Underground Station then change onto the Piccadilly Line for Earls Court Underground Station then change to the District Line for Putney Bridge Underground Station and 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. The Alternative is to take the Jubilee Line from Canning Town Underground Station to Westminster Underground Station then change the District Line for Putney Bridge Underground Station.



Cross London by the tube to **Victoria Railway Station** take the South West Trains to **Putney Railway Station**, which can also be reached from **Waterloo Railway Station** and **Clapham Junction Railway Station**. It's about an 18 minute walk to the ground. Turn right upon leaving the station, and keep going straight, down Putney High Street and over Putney Bridge 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 for 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. Then walk out on Pursers Road then on left on to Fulham Road walk across Bishops Park past Fulham Palace to the ground if in Evening at the End of the Fulham Road turn right into Palace Road and then cross the road and on the first left walk down Bishop Park Road and follow it round to the ground.



If you wish to avoid central London and coming from the North West then change at **Watford Junction Railway Station** and take the London Overground to **Willesden Junction Railway Station** and then change and take the train to **Clapham Junction Railway Station** and onto **Putney Railway Station** and follow the above directions

Admission

Putney End:

Adults £30 (B £20), Over 65's/Under 22's £20 (B £15) Under 18's £15 (B £10)

Leeds United

Ground - Elland Road, Elland Road, Leeds, LS11 0ES

Main Telephone No: 0871 334 1919

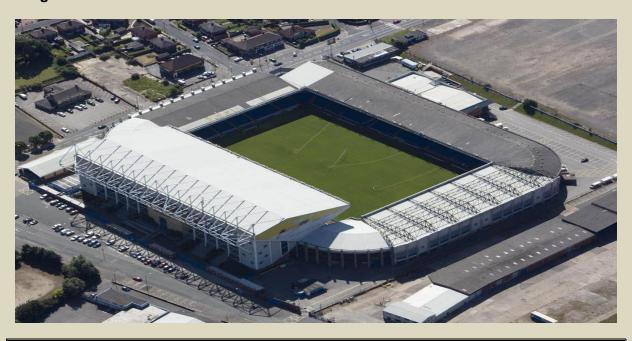
Main Fax No: 0113 367 6050 Ticket Office: 0871 334 1992 Capacity: 37,900 (all seated) Pitch Size: 117 x 76 yards

Club Nickname: The Whites or United

Year Ground Opened: 1896 (Holbeck Rugby FC as the Old Peacock Ground)

Undersoil Heating: Yes Shirt Sponsors: 32Red Kit Manufacturer: Kappa Website: www. leedsunited.com

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1919

Years at Today's Ground – 99 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 in Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – November 1953

Highest Attendance – 57,892 Sunderland, FA Cup Rd. 5 replay, 15/03/1967 **Highest Score for –** 10-0 v Lyn Oslo European Cup Round One 17/09/1969

Highest against – 1-8 v Stoke City Division One27/08/1934, 0-7 v Arsenal, League Cup Round Two, 4/09/1979 & 0-7 v West Ham United, League Cup Round Three 7/11/1966

Highest Scorer in a Season - 42 John Charles in 1953/54

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Highest Scorer Overall – Peter Patrick Lorimer 238 from 1962 – 79 & 1984/85 **Player with most First Team Appearances –** John (Jack) Charlton 773 from 1953 – 73

Colours



Ground Guide

The ground is dominated by the East Stand on one side of the stadium. This stand which holds around 17,000 supporters was opened in the 1992-93 season, and is at least twice the size of the other three stands at Elland Road. The Away fans are housed up to 5,000 between this stand and the South Stand

The East Stand is a two tier stand which has a large lower tier of seating with a smaller tier above. In-between the two tiers is a row of executive boxes. The stand is completed by a large imposing roof. The rest of the stadium is that it is totally enclosed, with the corners of the ground being filled with seating.

All the remaining stands have a number of supporting pillars and at the back of the West Stand (which was renamed in March 2004, the 'John Charles Stand' in honour of their former great player), the stand was first opened in 1957. This stand also houses the team dugouts and television gantry. There is an electric scoreboard in one corner of the ground between the South & John Charles Stands. Outside the stadium there are statues of Billy Bremner and Don Revie.

Driving Directions



From The North West

Take the M62 to Junction 27 and then follow signs for the M621. Join the M621 and after one and a half miles leave the motorway at the junction 2 with the A643. Then at the roundabout take the third exit into Elland Road Go down past the ground on your right and the Old Peacock pub on your left, you will come to a couple of entrances to a the large car park which cost £5.



From The South

Follow the Motorway M1 to Junction 47 and then onto the M621 and come off at junction 2 take the first exit at the roundabout. You will pass the ground on your left and there are entrances on either side to a couple of very large car parks (£5).

Public Transport





 \rightarrow 35 mins

Take the East coast Train, Transpennine and Northern Trains to Leeds Railway Station is around a 35 minute walk from the station so come out of the back entrance of the car park and follow the road around to the left into Neville Lane and walk across the bridge that spans the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and the next junction turn left into Water street and cross the road and turn back into Neville Street and continue down Victoria Street follow the road on to Meadow Road and then take Pedestrian and cycle path at Junction 3, this will take you on to Holebrook Road. Then walk across the park into Top Moor Road and continue over the bridge and the first junction after the bridge turn into Elland Road and follow it up keep on after the junction the ground is on the right.



There is a shuttle bus which costs £2.50 return and leaves from Sovereign Street opposite the Hilton Hotel (on Neville Street) you will get the bus to take you to the ground, about a two minute walk from **Leeds Railway Station**. The buses drop you off at the ground on Lowfields Road, next to the South Stand and just walk round to the John Charles Stand for neutrals and away.

Admission

Adults: £29 (B £24) (C £18) Over 60's: £19 (B £17) (C £14), Under 16's £15 (B £12) (C £10)

Where to have a Drink

Just past Elland Road is the Drysalters Pub a warm atmosphere, friendly service and an exciting menu packed full of all your pub favourites and is away pub with some Leeds fans dropping in and the banter is good.

Leicester City

Ground - Walkers Stadium, (New Filbert Street), Filbert Way, Leicester, LE2 7FL

Main Telephone Number: 0844 815 6000

Main Fax No: 0116 247 0585 Ticket Office: 0844 815 5000 Ground Capacity – 32,500 Pitch size- 110 x 76 yards Club Nickname: The Foxes Year Ground Opened: 2002

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Undersoil Heating: Yes Shirt Sponsors: King Power Kit Manufacturer: Puma Website: www.lcfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1884 (Leicester Fosse)

Years at Today's Ground – 16 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match - October 1957 Old City Stadium

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colours







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.



King Power inside with all four stands

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 more light 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.

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 thought 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



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 Aylestone Road. Swing a left into Walnut Street, and then turn left into Filbert Street.



Take the M1 of 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.



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



Take the A47 into Leicester city centre. Follow signs to Rugby into Almond Road, and then turn into Aylestone Road. Swing a left into Walnut Street, then left into Filbert Street. If Tigers are not playing at home then park at Leicester Rugby Club which cost £3 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.

Alternatively you can park at Leicester Rugby Club (£10) which is a ten minute walk away from the stadium and the official car park in Filbert Street has to be pre-booked with the Club and costs £15 per car.

Public Transport





 \rightarrow 18 mins

Train to **Leicester Railway Station** then it's a 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.

Admission

Adults £30 Over 65's/Under 22's £15 Under 16's £10

Liverpool

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

Main Telephone No: 0151 260 1433

Main Fax No: 0151 260 8813 Ticket Office: 0151 260 8680 Ticket Office Fax: 0151 261 1416 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: New Balance 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



Ground Guide

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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 Kon from Annfield Road Stand

The Main Stand which was opened in 1973 and it was looking its age with a number of supporting pillars before the Main Standwith 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

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.



Centenary 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 a five minute walk away and although the pub was mostly full of Liverpool fans, the bars were mixed and all were very friendly.

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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 right hand 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 96 victims of the Hillsborough disaster.

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



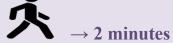




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Fly to **Liverpool Airport** get the **Arriva 81A bus** from Stop 5 which will drop you off at Haggerston Road walk back to the crossroads and take a right into Walton Drive till you get to Stanley Park and cut across the park and it will bring you out on Anfield Road just behind the ground.









→ 19 minutes

Train to Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station by Northern Rail or Mersey Rail then walkover to Liverpool Central Railway Station which is a 100 yards away from Liverpool Lime Street Rail the take it to Sandyhills Railway Station and then turn left out of the station at the end of the road turn left into Commercial Road then cross over the road and take a right into Lambeth Road then at the end of the road cross overtake a left right into Kersley Street then cross the Kirkdale Road and then into Everton Valley and Walk down till

you get to Stanley Park then turn into Annfield Road or before you get to Stanley Park turn right into it and the ground is on your left 200 yards down the road.







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→ 17 minutes

Train to Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station by Northern Rail or Mersey Rail then walkover to the bus station which is seven minutes' walk away from the train station and is well signposted. Liverpool, Queen Square, 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 Arriva17a 17b 17c or the 26 will drop you right outside the ground

The alternative it to take the train to Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station by Northern Rail or Mersey Rail and take the train to Kirkdale Railway Station turn right and then cross the railway bridge, you will see a pub opposite called the 'Melrose Abbey', (which has been recommended) and then walk up Westminster Road, alongside the pub and continue along it and will pass the Elm Tree pub. Then follow the road around the right hand bend and then turn left into Barlow Lane. At the end of Barlow Lane you will come to the County Road (A59).

Cross over this road at the traffic lights and then go down Spellow Lane to the left of the Aldi superstore. At the end of this road you will reach the Walton Lane. You will see Stanley Park in front of you and then cross Walton Lane and walk through Stanley Park following the footpath (keeping to the right), which will exit you into Anfield Road and the away end. Or bear right down Walton Lane and then turn left in Anfield Road at the end of Stanley Park for the ground and will take you to the away end which is on your left.

Admission

Adults £30 Over 65's £22.50 under 22's £15 under 17's £9

Manchester

Ground: City Of Manchester 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

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Website: www.mancity.com

Programme: £3



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 **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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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.



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.

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.



Colin Bell stand

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 is 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 minute 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.

Air & Public Transport



Fly to Manchester Airport and then take the Transpennine train or Northern Rail to Piccadilly Railway Station and then take the Manchester Metro either tram 3 or 7 and this will drop you of at Sports City and its straight walk to the ground.



Train to Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station, then walk over to Manchester City Centre, Lever St/Warwick Street where are normal bus service and special match day buses leave from the right hand side of the square in Piccadilly which Manchester City Centre, Lever St/Warwick St Stop EM. 216 and 217 the main service buses, but the Stagecoach 185, 186, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, X36 and X37 also go from the city centre to the stadium On the return, the special buses leave from Ashton New Road just across from the away end.



There are also the number **3 and 7 trams** from **Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station** which go to the stadium

Admission

Adults £30 Over 65's £20 Under 22's £20 Under 16's £15

Manchester United

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

Main Telephone No: 0161 868 8000

Fax No: 0161 868 8804 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: Chevrolet
Kit Manufacturer: Adidas
Website: www.manutd.com

Programme: £4



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

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

Former Names

Newton Heath Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway FC 1878 - 1891 Newton Heath FC 1891 – 1902

Colours





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.



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.

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 is 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

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Driving Directions



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



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 minute 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.



Flight to **Manchester Airport** then **Northern Rail** train to **East Didsbury Railway Station** then walk over to the Metro and take the Manchester Metro 5 for Rochdale and alight at Trafford Bar 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 **Manchester Metro 6** from outside the Airport and alight at Trafford Bar 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.



Train to Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station by Northern Rail, then by Metro to Old Trafford for the Metro line 5 or 6.



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 £30 Over 65's/Under 18's £20 Under 16's £15

Newcastle United

Ground -St. James' Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4ST

Main Telephone No: 0191 201 8400

Fax No: 0191 201 8600 **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

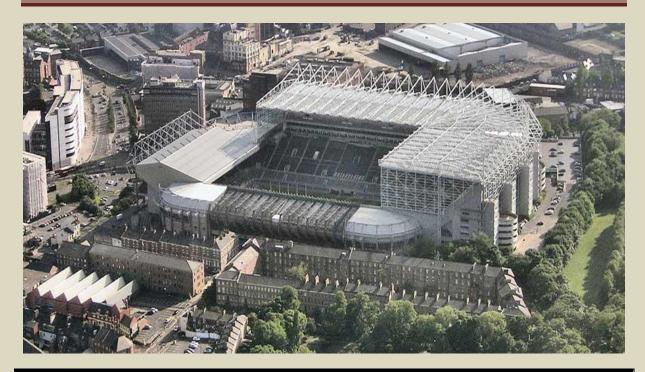
Highest Score for - 13-0 v Newport County, Second Division, 5/10/1946

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 Apperances)

Player with most First Team Appearances – 496 James (Jimmy) Lawrence1902 -1922



Colours



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.

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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.

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).

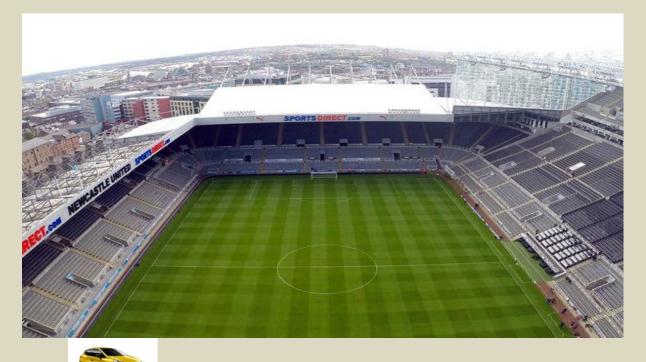
The Goose is an away friendly pub. This pub is located at Percy Street take a right just before St James metro and walk up Percy Street and it's just before the bridge on the left A very large pub (part of the Goose pub chain) that was previously known as Scruffy Murphy's and The Filament and Firkin. From the main entrance there is a long wooden bar to the right hand 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 at the roundabout take the second exit into Claremount 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 Claremount 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



Flight to Newcastle Airport and take the Metro to St James Metro Station and it is one minute to the ground



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: £30

Over 65's & Full Time Students £20

Under 18's £15

Sheffield United

Ground - Bramell Lane, Sheffield, S2 4SU Main Telephone No: 0871 995 1899

Fax No: 0871 663 2430 Ticket Office: 0871 995 1889 Capacity: 32,702 (all seated) Club Nickname: The Blades

Year Ground Opened: 1853 (Sheffield United Cricket Club & Yorkshire County Cricket Club for 120 Years). Oldest playing Football Ground in the Football League (Sheffield FC) 1862

(159 not out))

Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards **Undersoil Heating:** Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Ramsden Currency

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas Website: www.sufc.co.uk

Programme: £3



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

Colours



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1889

Years at Today's Ground – 129 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – March 1955

Highest Attendance – 68,287 v Leeds United, FA Cup 5th round, 15 February 1936 **Highest Score for** – 10–0 v Port Vale, Division Two, 10/12/1892 & v Burnley, Division One, 19 January 1929

Highest Against – 0–13 v Bolton Wanderers, FA Cup 2nd round, 1 February 1890 **Highest Scorer in a Season –** Jimmy Dunne 41 goals from 41 appearances, Division One, 1930–31

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

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



Former South End Stand (Pavilion End)

Ground Guide

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



The construction of three large modern looking stands, on the North East & West of the ground plus the filling in of the corners (albeit one corner is filled with administrative offices),

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makes it a great ground and one that has character.



South Stand (Dan 92)

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



The Kop End (Dan 92)

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



John Street Stand (Dan 92)

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

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

Driving Directions



North

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



South

Leave M1 at Junction 33 and take the first exit onto A630 till Castlebreck where it joins the A57 and carries on till Sheffield City Centre. On reaching the inner ring road keep in the left hand lane then at Park Square Roundabout take the third exit into Sheaf Street follow this onto the one way system and at the bottom of Sutton Road get into the right hand lane and

take a right into St Mary's Road go past Pure Gym then at St Marys roundabout take the first exit and follow the signs for A621 Bakewell, the ground is about a 400 yards down Bramall Lane.

The best place to Park is at **Meadowhall Railway Station**, near to the Shopping Centre, just by Junction 34 of the M1, which is free, then take the **Supertram** to Granville Road and then walk to the ground which is about 10 minutes. You walk straight on at the first set of lights and carry on down St Marys Road till the roundabout then take a left and walk down to the ground.

Public Transport & Walking



Take the East Midlands train to **Sheffield Railway Station** which is twelve minutes from the ground. As you come out of the station, walk left along the main road. Where the road splits take the right fork which is Shoreham Street and continue at St Mary's Road cross over and down this road to the ground. The bus for the ground is the **252 TM Travel** from Pond Street/Howard Street it drops you of at Bramell Lane its 3 minute walk up to the ground.

Admission

Adults £24 (B £23), Concessions £18 (B £14), Under 16's £12 (B £7.50)

Southampton

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

Main Telephone No: 0845 688 9448

Main Fax No: 0845 688 9445

Ticket Office Enquiries: 0800 280 0050

Capacity: 32,689 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 112 x 74 yards
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Virgin Media
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)

Colours



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)

Ground Guide

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

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



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

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 minute 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 right hand lane and do not take the left hand turning to go over the bridge, continue straight over the next set of traffic lights, marked "Docks".

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

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



Flight to **Southampton Airport** then walk three minutes over to the train station and then take Southern Trains from **Southampton Airport Parkway** and to **Southampton Central Railway Station** and the local council have signposted the way. The stadium is located around one and a half miles away from Southampton Central Rail Station it's a 27 minutes to walk and there is also a shuttle bus in operation from the Blechynden Terrace bus stop outside the station to the ground from 1pm.

If you wish to walk to the ground you first take a right into Blechynden Terrace and then at the end turn right into Havelock Road and follow the road left into Civic Centre Road cross the East Park and past Solent University and then at the next junction walk straight onto Northam Road then after the railway bridge take a right and walk down to the ground.



The **Bluestar Bus 18** from Central Station bus stops will take you to Britannia Road and it's a seven minute walk down Radcliffe Road to the Ground or the **Bluestar Bus 7** will take you to Anglesey Terrace and it's also a seven minute walk to the ground



Take Southern Trains or Cross Country too **Southampton Central Railway Station** and the local council have signposted the way. The stadium is located around one and a half miles away from Southampton Central Rail Station it's a 27 minutes to walk. There is also a shuttle bus in operation from the Blechynden Terrace bus stop outside the station to the ground.

The normal route I take to the ground from the station is to turn right to go onto Blechynden Terrace then walk up to the road till it changes to West Park Road then straight on to

Commercial Street and stop the Ye Cat Pub on Arts and Bar Road then take the next left into New Road and walk across a beautiful East End Park and past Solent University till you hit the junction walk across the junction into what become Northman Road.

At the next junction take a right and at the end of the street take a left and take a pint in the King Alfred then follow it back on to Northman Road and follow the road till the footbridge then cross the footbridge over the railway line and the stadium is in front of you.

Admission

Adult £30 Over 65's £25 Under 18's £18 Under 11's £12

Tottenham Hotspur

Ground: Greater White Hart Lane, Bill Nicholson Way, 748 High Road, Tottenham, London,

N17 0AP

Main Telephone No: 0844 499 5000

Main Fax No: 020 8365 5005

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 – 3 months

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

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

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

Highest Scorer Overall – 266 James Peter (Jimmy) Greaves (340 Appearances 1961 – 70) **Player with most First Team Appearances** – 854 Stephen John (Steve) Perryman 1964 – 86 (32 goals)

Colours



Former Names

Hotspur FC (1882 – 1885)

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

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when I was took 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 Hibury, 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 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





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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 right hand 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 three hours and take the **London buses 349 and 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



Fly into **Heathrow Airport** then take the Heathrow Express Elizabeth line to **Paddington International** and then from **Paddington Underground** take the **Bakerloo Line** for **Oxford**

Circus and change to the **Victoria Line** and take the train to **White Hart Lane Rail Station** from there turn right 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.



8 mins

Fly into **Gatwick Airport** then take the **First Capital** train to **London Victoria** and then from **London Victoria Underground Station** take the **Victoria Line** to **Seven Sisters** and then train to **White Hart Lane** and from there turn right 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.



From Charing Cross, Euston Railway Station, Kings Cross then take the Victoria Line to Seven Sisters then take the 149, 279 496 London buses to the ground. From London Bridge Railway Station take the Northern Line to Euston Railway Station and change there and take the Victoria Line to Seven Sisters then take the 149, 279 496 London buses to the ground.



From London Liverpool Street Railway Station to Tottenham Hale Railway Station and take the Greater Anglia train to Northumberland Park Railway Station turn left and go to the end of Garman Street then left right into Park Lane and the ground is on the left at the end of the Lane.



From Paddington International Railway Station take the Circle Line to St Pancras Underground Station then take the Victoria Line to Finsbury Park Underground Station then change to the Piccadilly Line and alight at Wood Green Underground Station and take the W3 or 243 London Bus to outside the ground its every six minutes for these buses.

Admission

Adults £30 Over 65's £19 Under 22's £22.50 Under 18's £17

West Bromwich Albion

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

Main Telephone No: 0871 271 1100

Main Fax No: 0871 271 9861 Ticket Office: 0871 271 9780

Ticket Office Fax No: 0871 271 9781

Capacity: 26,500 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 115 x 74 yards
Undersoil Heating: Yes
Shirt Sponsors: Ideal Boilers
Kit Manufacturer: Puma
Website: www.wba.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1878

Former Names – West Bromwich Strollers (1878 – 80)

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

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Years at Today's Ground – 118 years

First Admitted to the Football League - 1888 Founder Member

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1957

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colours



Ground Guide

The club took over 30 years to convert the old ground into the Modern and they started with the Halfords Lane Stand.

This stand which was opened in 1982 which stretches around two corners of the ground with the home end Birmingham Road Stand which is a large, covered, and quite steep and at the opposite end is for the away fans where around 3,000 are accommodated which are housed in the Smethwick End with both these ends were built and completed in 1995.



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



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



Birmingham Road Stand

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



Smethwick Road End

Driving Directions



Leave the M5 at Junction 1 take the A41 towards Birmingham, the ground is on your right after 400 yards (speed cameras on this stretch of the A41). Street parking or alternatively

there are a few private Matchday car parks at local industrial units near the ground, or at Hawthorns station which costs £4.

Public Transport



Flight into **Birmingham Airport** and walk over to the railway station from there take the train to **Birmingham New Street Railway Station** and then walk down Temple Street across the

to Birmingham New Street Railway Station and then walk down Temple Street across the park over to Snow Hill Railway Station and get the train to the Hawthorns Railway Station which is about five minute walk from the ground just turn right and walk up to the ground which is on the right.



Take the train to **Birmingham New Street Railway Station** and then walk over to the Grand Central metro Stop and take the **MM1 tram** to the **Hawthorns Metro Station** which is about five minute walk from the ground just turn right and walk up to the ground which is on the right.



From the North take the train to **Wolverhampton Railway Station** and then take the path up to the Price Albert pub then take a left then walk down to the court house and take a right and the stop is on the left about 100 yards take the metro **Tram MM1** from St Georges Wolverhampton it's a six minute walk from the main station, and take it to the **Hawthorns Metro** which is about five minute walk from the ground just turn right and walk up to the ground which is on the right.

Admission

Adults £30 Over 60's £20 Students/Under 23's £20 Under 17's £15

Where to have a Drink

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

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 form 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 form 1920 – 35 (426 Apperances)

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

Colours







Away alternative

Former Names

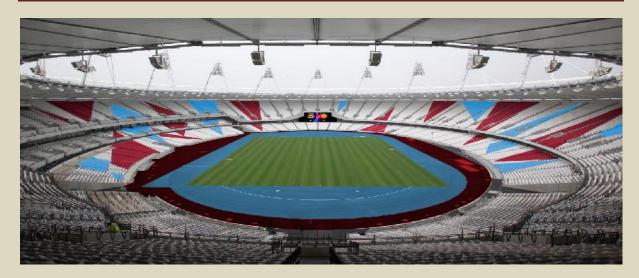
Thames Ironworks FC (1895 – 1901)

Former Grounds

Hermit Road Canning Town (1895/96), Browning Road East Ham (1896/97), Memorial Ground (1897 – 1904) The Boleyn Ground (1904 – 2016)

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 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 right hand 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.



Fly into **Heathrow Airport** then take the Piccadilly Line to **Holborn Underground Station** and then take the Central Line to **Stratford Underground Station** then walk out onto Montherfichet Road there take a left and after crossing the railway bridge and follow the path to the stadium. The Alternative is to use the Elizabeth Line to **Ealing Broadway Railway Station** then take the Central Line to **Stratford Underground Station**



Fly into **Gatwick Airport** then walk over to the station, take the First Capital train to **London Victoria Railway Station** and then from **London Victoria Underground Station** take the District Line to **Mile End Underground Station** and then the Central Line to **Stratford Underground Station**.



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



From the City Railway Stations use the Central Line to Stratford Underground Station



From Liverpool Street Railway Station take the Elizabeth Line TFL to Stratford International Railway Station.



From Victoria Railway Station take the Victoria Line to Kings Cross/St Pancras Station International Railway Station and take the South Western Train to Stratford International Railway Station



From London Bridge Station take the Northern Line to Bank Underground Station then change to the Central Line to Stratford Underground Station

The 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 £30 Over 65's £20 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: the money shop

Kit Manufacturer: Puma **Website:** www.wolves.com

Programme: £4



History Facts & Records

Goldthorn Hill (1877 – 1884) Dudley Road (1884 – 89)

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 apperances 120 goals 1936 – 48)

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

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

Colours



Former Grounds

Founded – 1877 (St. Luke's FC)

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

Ground Guide



Stan Cullis Stand

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.

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.



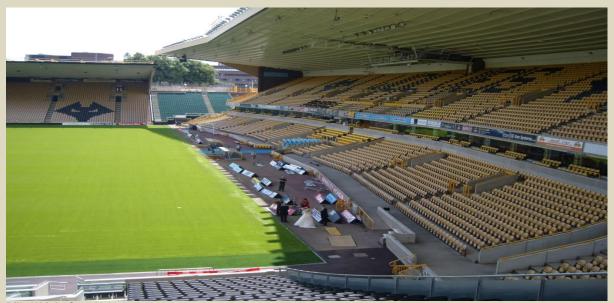
Both sides of the stadium are two tiered covered stands that have a row of executive boxes situated along the middle. They are unusual in being oval in shape using the old contours of the old ground, meaning that those sitting on the half way line are furthest away from the playing action.



Steve Bull and Stan Cullis Stands

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.

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.

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 guys 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 Slateford 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



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





 \rightarrow 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.

There is always the West Midlands Bus from the Bus station 3 4 5 and 5a to the stadium.

Admission

Steve Bull Stand (Lower Tier): Adults £30, Over 65's/Under 21's* £15, Under 17's £12, Under 12's** £10

Wembley Stadium

Ground: Wembley Stadium **Capacity:** 90,000 (all seated)

Address: Empire Way, London, HA9 0WS

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.



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

For those taken the plane the journey from the following airports is as follows although Wembley Central is slightly further away from the stadium and has both rail & underground connections. This underground station is served by the Bakerloo line, whilst the railway station is on the London Euston-Milton Keynes line and the nearest train station is Wembley Stadium which is on the London Marylebone-Birmingham line but I find Wembley Park as the quickest to get to:



Fly into **Heathrow Airport** walk over to the Railway Station then take the **Heathrow Express** Elizabeth Line TFL to **Paddington International Railway Station** and then from Paddington Underground take the Circle or Hammersmith Lines to **Baker Street Underground Station** and from there change on to the Metropolitan Line for **Wembley Park Underground Station** from there turn left on Bridge Road then first left and walk up to the ground.



Fly into **Gatwick Airport** then walk over to the Railway Station take the First Capital train to **London Victoria Railway Station** and then from **London Victoria Underground Station** take the Victoria Line to **Oxford Circus Underground Station** and then Bakerloo Line train to **Baker Street Underground Station** and from there change on to the Metropolitan Line for **Wembley Park Underground Station** from there turn left on Bridge Road then first left and walk up to the ground.

For those going to the ground by land then the following is the quickest way although Wembley Central is slightly further away from the stadium and has both rail & underground

connections. This underground station is served by the Bakerloo line, whilst the railway station is on the London Euston-Milton Keynes line and the nearest train station is Wembley Stadium which is on the London Marylebone-Birmingham line but I find Wembley Park as the guickest to get to the ground:





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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 minute walk to the ground







 \rightarrow 8 mins

From Charing Cross and Euston Railway Stations then take the Victoria Line to Kings Cross Underground Station then change on to the Metropolitan Line for Wembley Park Underground Station from there turn left on Bridge Road then first left and walk up to the ground.

From London Bridge Railway Station take the Jubilee Line to Finchley Road Underground Station and from there change on to the Metropolitan Line for Wembley Park Underground Station from there turn left on Bridge Road then first left and walk up to the ground.

From London Liverpool Street walk over to the underground 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.

From Paddington Railway Station take then Bakerloo Line train to **Baker Street Underground Station** and from there change on to 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, HAO 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.

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