



**2019-20**

## **Away Visitor Guide**

### **Reading**

#### ***Madejski Stadium***

**Capacity:** 24,161 (all seated)

**Address:** Bennett Road, Reading, RG2 0FL

**Telephone:** 0118 968 1100

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**Ticket Office:** 0118 968 1313

**Club nickname:** The Royals

**Year ground opened:** 1998

#### **What's the Madejski Stadium like?**

Reading moved to the stadium in 1998 after spending 102 years at Elm Park. The stadium is totally enclosed with three sides single tiered, whilst the West (Main) Stand is two tiered, including a row of executive boxes.

Away fans are located at one end of the stadium in the South Stand where up to 4,300 can be accommodated. The facilities in this stand are good with plenty of leg room and the views of the pitch are superb. Food on offer inside the stadium includes cheeseburgers, burgers, hot dogs, steak and local ale pies, chicken balti pies and vegetarian pies.

#### **Directions**

Madejski is another of the more direct grounds to get to for car drivers. Travelling along the M4 from the west you can see the stadium on your left. Leave at Junction 11, bear left on to the A33 relief road which leads you directly to the stadium. The Madejski Complex is well signposted from Junction 11. Allow extra time for your journey as there are tailbacks on the motorway at J11 on matchdays.

**Post Code for Sat Nav:** RG2 0FL

#### **Car Parking**

There is limited stadium parking available at £10. There is also offsite parking available close to the stadium at the site of a demolished greyhound track (5-10 minute walk). From the M4 at J11 take the A33 towards Reading town centre. Follow the dual carriageway past the stadium then look for the 'Alternative Parking' signs ahead. On the left you will reach a small slip road into the parking site with 500 spaces and a cost of £10. It is stewarded and has the advantage of a quick post-match exit.

There are also a number of unofficial car parks in the area sited at local businesses. For example, a warehouse car park located on Acre Road costs £5. There is also the option of renting a private driveway near the Madejski Stadium via [YourParkingSpace.co.uk](http://YourParkingSpace.co.uk).

Alternatively, there is a Park and Ride facility at Mere Oak (Postcode: RG7 1PB) near to Junction 11 of the M4, which has buses running to Reading town centre via the Madejski Stadium. Parking is free but a return bus ticket costs; Adults £3.50, Under 19's £1.70, or there is a group ticket available at £7 (for up to 4 people).



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### **By train**

Reading Railway Station is situated just over three miles away from the Madejski Stadium. Probably the easiest way to get to the ground is to catch the F1 'Football Special' bus, which leaves just down from the Railway Station on Station Hill (as you exit the station from the main entrance turn right and head down the steps, the buses line up on the left-hand side). The bus service starts at 1pm for Saturday afternoon games and normally takes about 15 minutes to get to the ground.

### **Pubs for awayfans**

No pubs are located close to the stadium but mobile bar units are located outside the East Stand which both home and away fans can use. A Holiday Inn (Reading South) is located next to an Irish bar called Callaghans a 15-minute walk away. By car, leave the M4 at Junction 11 and take the A33 towards Reading, turn right at the first roundabout into Imperial Way. Go down this road and you will come to the hotel on your left. You can also park there at a cost of £7 per car.

Alcohol is available inside the stadium to away fans, including pints of Heineken, Guinness, Amstel, Theakstons Bitter and Symonds Cider, plus red or white wine.

### **Hotels**

The Millennium Madejski Hotel is located next to the stadium and is integral part of the Madejski Stadium complex. Further details can be found - <https://www.readingfc.co.uk/hospitality/hotel/>

### **Disabled facilities**

Reading offer 136 disabled parking spaces on site at Madejski Stadium but there is limited matchday availability in the Orange Disabled car park to pay on the day (£5). Space is limited and is offered on the day of the match on a first-come first-served basis to supporters who are in receipt of a valid Blue Badge. Please note that badges will be checked and the badge holder must be with the vehicle. Drop off facilities are available.

Madejski Stadium has 14 wheelchair positions for away supporters located in the South Stand. If required, a personal assistant can be accommodated in each position.

Supporters who have difficulty in climbing large numbers of steps are able to request a seat in the most accessible part of the Stadium. Please advise the Ticket Office of this request at the time of booking.

Madejski Stadium has six positions for away ambulant supporters including, if required, their personal assistants. These seats have been identified as providing the easiest access with limited steps and/or additional legroom.

Further details can be found online - <https://www.readingfc.co.uk/fans/disabled-supporters/>