

2019-20

Away Visitor Guide

Sheffield Wednesday

Hillsborough

Capacity: 34,835 (all seated)

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Club nickname: The Owls

Year ground opened: 1899

What's Hillsborough like?

Hillsborough is a historic and traditional football stadium rated as one of the best 'away days' in the league. The ground is situated in the North West of Sheffield just six miles from the M1 and three miles from the city centre.

The South Stand is the main stand, housing the main reception, the directors' box, private executive boxes and hospitality suites. The dugouts and tunnel are also situated within this stand. Behind one of the goals is the Spion Kop – the largest of the stands – housing over 11,000 fans. The North Stand runs along the entire side perimeter of the pitch. Situated behind the other goal on the Leppings Lane side of the ground, the West Stand is where visiting supporters are housed with an upper and lower tier, with a maximum allocation of 4,700.

Away fans are normally placed in the upper tier of the West Stand, but, if a small away support is expected then the open corner between the Leppings Lane and North Stand is only made available. There are several supporting pillars in the West Stand, which could impede your view.

On the concourse food on sale includes; A range of pies, sausage roll, burgers and hot dogs.

Directions

Leave the M1 at Junction 36 and follow the A61 into Sheffield. Continue along the A61 for approximately eight miles. You will see Hillsborough Stadium on your right. This is not the shortest route to the ground, but this is definitely the easiest and avoids Sheffield City Centre.

Car parking

There is limited street parking available on matchday due to the residential nature of Hillsborough, with parking at the stadium permitted for permit holders only. There are some unofficial car parks along the A61 that charge in the region of £4.

Another option is to park at Meadowhall Railway Station, near to the well-known shopping centre. Located by Junction 34 of the M1, where you can park for free and then take a yellow Supertram to Leppings lane, which takes about 35 minutes. There is also the option of renting a private driveway near the Hillsborough Stadium via YourParkingSpace.co.uk.



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By train

Sheffield Railway Station is located over three miles away from the ground. Either get a taxi up to the ground (around £10) or bus from the bus station which is a one-minute walk away. Bus No.53 to Ecclesfield runs every 10 minutes to the ground with a journey time of about 30 minutes.

Getting a 'Supertram' from the railway station is also an option. The blue tram towards Malin Bridge stops a 10-minute walk for the stadium, or the yellow tram to Leppings Lane is next to the ground. A 'Dayrider' ticket costs £3.90 for adults and £2 for children. Further details are on the <u>SuperTram</u> website.

Pubs for awayfans

A pub that admits away fans is the Railway Hotel on Penniston Road, which is the main A61 that runs by the stadium.

A number of good pubs are also located along the Supertram routes. The Rawson Spring is located opposite a tram stop and is a 15-minute walk to the ground. The Howard pub, on Howard street opposite Sheffield Railway Station, is also a good option for away fans to visit. A reasonable selection of the usual draught beers/lagers and prices were very reasonable with a good selection of pub grub.

Otherwise, alcohol is available to visiting supporters in the away section of the ground. Cans of John Smith's Bitter, Guinness, plus bottles of Kingston Press and Bulmers Cider are also available as well as miniature bottles of wine and spirits.

Hotels

 $A Travel Lodge (S91JQ) \ and \ Premier Inn (SA92YL) \ are located next to Meadowhall shopping centre, also near to Meadowhall railway station.$

These locations are around five miles from Hillsborough but are located near to decent transport links like the Supertram which take around 30 minutes to get to the ground.

Disabled facilities

Sheffield Wednesday offers 10 accessible bays are kept for away supporters, these are reserved in advance by contacting the club.

There is a limited amount of matchday parking available for disabled supporters priced at £5 per space. These can be booked through the Ticket Office on 0871 900 1867, payment is required upon booking and spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

Hillsborough has nine Wheelchair user spaces for visiting fans located in the West Lower Stand.

There are 30 radio headsets available allowing the visually impaired to receive hospital radio commentary. Headsets must be collected from stewards at Gate 6 with a limited number for away supporters.

Further details for disabled supporters at Hillsborough can be found - https://www.swfc.co.uk/fans/disabled-supporters/