



**2018-19**

**Away Visitor Guide**

## **Aston Villa**

### ***Villa Park***

**Capacity:** 42,785 (all seated)

**Address:** Trinity Road Birmingham B6 6HE

**Telephone:** 0121 327 2299

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**Ticket Office:** 0333 323 1874\*

**Club nickname:** The Villans

**Year ground opened:** 1897

#### **What is Villa Park like?**

Although the stadium has been completely rebuilt since the late 1970s, it has some individuality, as the four stands each have their own design, making it one of the more interesting in the league. The most significant is the Holte End - a large two-tiered structure seating 13,500 fans.

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. If only a small away following is expected, then just the upper tier is allocated.

Food on offer includes a selection of Pukka Pies; chicken balti, steak, chicken & mushroom, cheese & onion, sausage rolls, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and chips. There are wide screen televisions on the concourse, showing past encounters between the teams before kick-off. There is also betting facilities available in the lower tier. Entrance to the stand is gained by entering your match ticket into an electronic reader.

#### **Directions**

Villa Park can be seen from the M6 if you are coming from the north side of Birmingham. Leave the M6 at Junction 6 and take the slip road signposted Birmingham (NE). At the roundabout below the motorway, turn right (the fourth exit), towards City Centre/Aston/Star City, Villa Park is well signposted from here. However, to be on the safe side, turn right along Lichfield Road, at the second set of traffic lights on to Aston Hall Road. This road will take you down to the ground.

#### **Car parking**

Street parking is available although be aware of a residents-only parking scheme now in place in the streets around the Witton roundabout area. Street parking is also available in streets around Aston Railway Station (which you will pass if you continue along Lichfield Road towards the City Centre). Alternatively, free parking is available, but around 1.5 miles away (or a 30-minute walk) at the Star City leisure complex which is also well signposted, on leaving the M6. There is also the option of renting a private driveway near Villa Park via [www.yourparkingspace.co.uk](http://www.yourparkingspace.co.uk).

Due to the limited number of stadium car parking spaces available to supporters on match days, Villa don't offer stadium car parking to every Blue Badge holder. However, they endeavour to fulfil the needs of disabled drivers and passengers and will sell stadium car parking to Blue Badge holders subject to availability. Passes are available to purchase on a match-by-match or seasonal basis.

Car parking spaces for disabled supporters are situated in the Holte End and North Stand car parks at Villa Park and the away supporters' coach park, which is situated directly across the road from Villa Park.

For more information on accessible car parking or to purchase car park passes, contact the accessible liaison officer on 0333 323 1874.

**Post code for Sat nav:** B6 6HE



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### **By train**

From Swansea, the journey takes on average between three to three-and-a-half hours, with the nearest

Take the short train journey from Birmingham New Street (around 10-15 minutes) to either Aston or Witton station. Witton Railway Station is nearer to the away section and is only a few minutes' walk from the ground.

Aston station is about a ten-minute walk away from Villa Park. Extra trains are laid on to the ground on matchdays.

### **Pubs for away fans**

Recommended pubs on match days are The Witton Arms, which is only two minutes' walk from the away entrance, right on Witton Island. Please note, a charge £2 per person is in force.

Away fans were also welcomed at the Yew Tree, which is on the same road as the Witton Arms.

Also around a 15-minute walk away near Birmingham City University is the Hare of the Dog pub.

If you arrive a bit earlier then you may wish to visit the historic Bartons Arms, located about a 15 minute walk away on High Street Aston (A34). This Grade II listed building is one of Birmingham's finest pubs, with superb Victorian decor. It is a regular entry in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

Entertainment complex Star City has a big free car park, plus plenty of food and drink outlets. It is just off Junction 6 of the M6 and about a mile-and-a-half walk to the ground.

Alcohol is normally available to away supporters but only in the lower tier of the Doug Ellis Stand.

However, for some high-profile games, Villa decide not to sell alcohol to away fans.

If arriving by train into New Street Station, there are plenty of pubs to be found in the city centre. Just outside the main entrance to the station is the Shakespeare pub, which is popular with away fans.

On Bennetts Hill, which is only a few minutes further walk away (pass the Shakespeare on your left, turn left at Tesco, then take the next right hand turn by Ask Italia onto Bennetts Hill) are a number of pubs including the Sun On The Hill, which also shows televised sports and a Wetherspoons pub called the Briar Rose (colours are not allowed). Further up the hill is the Wellington, which does not provide food but has no objections to you bringing in your own. There are a taxi ranks nearby that can get you to Villa Park or you can hop back on the train.

### **Hotels**

There are a number of hotels in the immediate vicinity of the stadium. The [Holiday Inn Express](#) located across Star City shopping centre is closest, but is mostly convenient if you get in by car. You can walk to the stadium from there.

Further toward the centre, there are a [Campanile Hotel](#) and [Premier Inn](#).

If travelling by public transport, it is likely best to find a hotel in Birmingham's centre, and take a bus or train to the match.

### **Disabled facilities**

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<b>Parking</b>	



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<b>Notes</b>		
<b>For more info on Parking See Disabled Go below:</b>		
<a href="#">Parking and Traffic exclusion zones</a>		
<b>Facilities</b>		<b>✓/x</b>
Wheelchair Spaces away end has a capacity of 8 spaces +PAs		✓
Ambulant Seating		✓
Matchday Commentary/ Audio Headsets		✓
Audio Descriptive Commentary		x
Changing Places		✓
Accessible toilets N.B located approx. 17 meters These are fitted with RADAR locks		✓
Hearing Loops		✓
Assistance Dog provision		✓
Sensory Room		x
Auxiliary aids for ASD Supporters		x