



**2018-19**

**Away Visitor Guide**

**Stoke City**

***Bet365 Stadium***

**Capacity:** 30,089 (all seated)

**Address:** Stanley Matthews Way, Stoke On Trent, ST4 4EG

**Telephone:** 01782 367 598

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**Ticket Office:** 01782 367 599

**Club nickname:** The Potters

**Year ground opened:** 1997

**What's the Bet365 like?**

Perched on a hill with hardly any buildings around it, the bet365 stadium looks imposing from afar. The Q-railing (Main) Stand is the tallest with a large lower tier of seating and a smaller tier above separated by Executive Boxes. The rest of the stadium is comprised of three single tiered stands that extend around two corners of the stadium. Behind the Boothen End there are three statues of the legendary former player Sir Stanley Matthews.

Away fans are housed on one side (towards the Players Tunnel and Main Stand) of the Sharp (South) Stand at one end of the ground, where around 2,800 supporters can be accommodated. This stand is shared with home fans on the other side. The concourse is adequate and there is a large choice of refreshments available such as Wrights Pies, pasties and sausage rolls.

*NOTE: The stadium is quite high up in an exposed position and the open corners can mean that a cold wind can whip through the stadium, so bear this in mind, especially in the winter months.*

**Directions**

Leave the M6 at Junction 15 and take the second exit (straight on) at the first roundabout onto the A500. Exit the A500 at the second slip road and then keep to the right for the A50. At the roundabout take the second exit (right) to join the A50 (stadium is signposted and visible on the skyline to the right).

Once on the A50 take the first exit and head up the bank towards the traffic lights. Turn right at the traffic lights and head over the fly-over. Take the third exit (right) at the first roundabout, the first exit (left) at the second roundabout (the stadium is visible ahead) and the third exit (right) at the third roundabout to reach the main entrance to the stadium.

**Car parking**

The bet365 is one of the stadiums in the Championship with plenty of parking on offer at, or around the venue.

A full list of car parks, postcodes and charges are available on Stoke City's website here - <https://www.stokecityfc.com/directions-parking>.

The car parks are located between a two and 20-minute walk from the stadium costing between £2 and £7.50.



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### **By train**

Stoke Railway Station is just over two miles away from the bet365 Stadium (30-minute walk). Supporters can take a two-minute walk to Glebe Street in Stoke city centre where shuttle buses run to the stadium at regular intervals with return buses available after the game at a cost of £4 (adults), £2 (concessions) for a return.

### **Pubs for away fans**

A Holiday Inn and a Harvester Pub/Restaurant are located next to the stadium and do allow away fans in. You can also park at the Harvester itself for a cost of £3.

A bit further away on Dennis Violett Road (off Sir Stanley Matthews Way) is a Power League complex that also has a bar and shows Sky Sports. Parking is also available here.

If arriving by train fans can either the Terrace Bar on Leek Road, or the Venue Bar (at nearby Staffordshire University). The Terrace Bar is only five minutes' walk from the railway station (turn right out of the station entrance, left at the crossroads and the pub is down on the left).

Alcohol is also available on the concourses at the back of the away end, in the form of Carlsberg, Marstons Pedigree Bitter, cider and Smirnoff Ice, plus small wine bottles and miniature spirits.

### **Hotels**

A Holiday Inn Express (ST4 4EG) is located directly next to the bet365 Stadium. Another Holiday Inn is located in the Northwood area, not far from the stadium, just off junction 15 of the M6.

A range of smaller hotels and bed & breakfasts are located in and round the city centre with plenty on offer within a 5 mile radius of the stadium.

### **Disabled facilities**

Car parking for disabled fans is available at the bet365 Stadium with 10 wheelchair parking bays available on a first come first served basis.

There are 12-33 wheelchair spaces are on offer for away supporters inside the stadium (dependent on allocation taken by the club). These spaces are available in the mid-level or pitch side of the South Stand. *NOTE: Only high & mid-level bays are covered.*

**Further information and contact details on accessibility at Stoke City can be found here -**

<https://www.stokecityfc.com/disabled-supporters>