



2018-19

Away Visitor Guide

Birmingham City

St Andrew's

Capacity: 29,409 (all seated)

Address: St Andrew's Stadium, Birmingham, B9 4RL

Telephone: 0121 772 0101

Ticket Office: 0844 557 1875

Club nickname: The Blues

Year ground opened: 1906

What is St Andrew's like?

The stadium is a generally modern one with the exception of the two-tiered Main Stand (also known as the Garrison Lane Stand) which was opened in 1952.

Meanwhile, one large two-tiered tiered stand, incorporating the Tilton Road End and Spion Kop, surrounds half of the pitch

Away supporters are housed on one side of the Gil Merrick Stand (previously known as the Railway End), which is located at one end of the stadium in the lower tier. The normal allocation is 3,000 tickets, but this can be increased to around 4,500 for cup games (when the whole of the lower tier is allocated). This stand is normally shared with home fans, who are situated on the other side and separated by plastic netting.

Food on offer includes a selection of pies; chicken balti, steak and kidney, chicken and mushroom, and meat and potato, as well as pasties, sausage rolls, cheeseburgers and hot dogs.

Directions

Leave the M6 at Junction 6 and take the A38(M) (known locally as the Aston Expressway) for Birmingham City Centre. Continue past the first turn off (Aston, Waterlinks) and then take the next turn off, for the Inner Ring Road.

Turn left at the island at the top of the slip road and take the Ring Road East, signposted Coventry/Stratford. Continue along the ring road for two miles, crossing straight across three roundabouts. At the fourth roundabout (there is a large McDonalds on the far left-hand side), turn left into Coventry Road going towards Small Heath. Birmingham City's ground is about a quarter of a mile up this road on your left. The ground is well signposted on the Inner Ring Road.

Car parking

There is a small car park directly outside the entrance to the away end, but the availability of spaces for cars is determined by how many away coaches are expected as they park in the same car park, which may mean for certain games that there is no space available for cars at all.

However, just before you reach the ground then on the left there is an open air private car park which charges £5. However, the main Coventry Road leading up to the ground and the away entrance is closed one hour before kick-off and then for an hour (starting 15 minutes before the end of the game) afterwards, so you may want to park further away to avoid the long wait.

There is plenty of street parking off the left-hand side of the ring road. Either around the small park at the third roundabout that you cross (by Big John's) or along the road next to and behind the BP garage before the fourth roundabout.

Bear in mind that if you arrive after 1.30pm these areas are likely to be already full. There are some local schools and firms that offer parking facilities for around £5. There is also the option of renting a private driveway near St Andrews via YourParkingSpace.co.uk.

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By train

From Swansea, the journey to Birmingham New Street takes on average between three to three-and-a-half hours.

The nearest station is Bordesley, which is about a 10-minute walk away from the ground but is only served by trains from Birmingham Snow Hill and Birmingham Moor Street.

There are several options for if you arrive at Birmingham New Street Station in the city centre. You can either walk to Moor Street station, which is ten minutes away, take a taxi for about £9 or embark on the 30-minute walk to the ground.

Pubs for away fans

Recommended pubs near the stadium include the Cricketers Arms, which is a 10-minute walk away, but there are a lot more options in the city centre.

Just behind Birmingham Coach Station is the Anchor Pub on Bradford Street, while you could also try the Old Crown on Digbeth High Street.

If you like real ale then you cannot do much better than Wellington Pub on Bennetts Hill, which is not far from Birmingham New Street station, along with the Sun On The Hill.

Assuming you are on the passenger concourse at the station, go straight up the escalators in front of you. At the top of the escalators, turn left and then proceed towards the Foot Locker outlet. Turn left at this store and then right and proceed down the ramp past McDonalds. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left into New Street and walk along the pedestrian area. There is a Barclays Bank is on the corner.

Hotels

There are a couple of hotels in the immediate vicinity of St Andrew's. The Royal George Hotel lies right at the back of the stadium, while there is an Ibis Hotel a few minutes walking distance away. Alternatively, you could try The Moseley Arms toward the city centre, where there are a wider range of accommodation and it will not be too hard to get to the stadium.

Disabled facilities

For full information on access, ticketing and parking, visit the club's website - <https://www.bcf.com/club-and-fans/fans/disabled-information/>