



## **MK DONS V IPSWICH TOWN**

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019, KICK OFF 19:45**

*Information in this guide is correct as at 28 August. Any updated information on this fixture will be published on the club website ([www.itfc.co.uk](http://www.itfc.co.uk)), twitter (@Official\_ITFC and @ITFC\_Tickets) and facebook ([www.facebook.com/officialitfc](http://www.facebook.com/officialitfc)).*

### **INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS**

We travel to MK Dons on Tuesday 17 September in League One. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to Stadium MK. This is based on information on the MK Dons website plus additional information specific to this game.

For any further information, please contact Elizabeth Edwards, Supporter Liaison Officer on [slo@itfc.co.uk](mailto:slo@itfc.co.uk) or (+44) (0) 7968 876504 or on Twitter at @ITFC\_SLO.

### **MK Dons information for visiting fans**

Address: MK Dons, Stadium MK, Stadium Way, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

Website: [www.mkdons.com](http://www.mkdons.com)

Phone number: 01908 622922

Email Addresses: [info@mkdons.com](mailto:info@mkdons.com), [boxoffice@mkdons.com](mailto:boxoffice@mkdons.com)

Supporter Liaison Officer: Tel: 0333 200 5343, Email: [ona.carmichael@mkdons.com](mailto:ona.carmichael@mkdons.com)

Disability Liaison Officer: Tel: 01908 622899, Email: [disability@mkdons.com](mailto:disability@mkdons.com)

Twitter: @MKDonsFC

Information from the MK Dons website can be found here (note this includes information for both home and away fans):

<https://www.mkdons.com/club/visit-stadiummk/>

<https://www.mkdons.com/tickets/matchday-guide/>

Information for disabled fans (both home and away) can be found here:

<https://www.mkdons.com/fans/supporters-with-a-disability/>

<https://www.accessable.co.uk/milton-keynes-council/access-guides/stadium-mk>

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) provides some information here:

<https://www.footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/stadium-mk-milton-keynes-dons.html>

We have picked out the key information for Town fans below and added other material based on our own experience of visiting Stadium MK and information that is specific to our fans.

### **Specific information for Town fans:**

#### ***Ticket news***

Tickets for the game are now on sale at £22 for adults with concessions for seniors 65+ and under 18s. Under 12s go free for this game with a paying adult.

Tickets can be purchased, subject to the usual priorities, on [www.itfcdirect.com](http://www.itfcdirect.com) (under tickets/away matches) or in Planet Blue on a non-matchday or mid-week game up until 5:30pm or at the Ticket Office on Constantine Road on a Saturday matchday from 9am and a mid-week matchday from 5:30pm.

Disabled fans requiring tickets should contact ITFC's Disability Liaison Officer Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on [disability@itfc.co.uk](mailto:disability@itfc.co.uk).

### **Travelling to MK Dons**

#### ***Supporters Coach***

For those travelling from Ipswich the official coaches are leaving Portman Road promptly at 15:20 (please be at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this) at a cost of £20 for adults (with concession prices for U23s, U19s and 65+ Seniors). Coaches are estimated to arrive back at Portman Road at 00:15 on Wednesday 18 September.

There will be a scheduled stop on both the outward and homeward journeys.

Coach travel is now on sale online at [www.itfcdirect.com](http://www.itfcdirect.com), subject to the usual priorities. Coach travel can also be purchased in Planet Blue on a non-matchday or mid-week game up until 5:30pm or at the Ticket Office on Constantine Road on a Saturday matchday from 9am and a mid-week matchday from 5:30pm.

Pick-ups at Stowmarket, Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket can be arranged for this game. If you want to organise a pick-up please call the Ticket Enquiries Team on 03330 050503 or email [mainticketoffice@itfc.co.uk](mailto:mainticketoffice@itfc.co.uk). The cut-off point to request a pickup is midday on Friday 13 September. Your details will then be passed onto the coach company, Suffolk Norse.

Note that all official coaches are non-smoking and the consumption of alcohol on board is strictly forbidden. ITFC recommend that all supporters under 16 are accompanied by an adult.

#### ***Car***

**The long-term roadworks on the A14 (several miles either side of Cambridge) are resulting in evening and weekend road closures. These are not normally announced until just a day or two in advance. We recommend that you keep an eye on @A14C2H on Twitter – any closures are announced here.**

The Sat Nav postcode for Stadium MK is MK1 1ST.

Stadium MK is located in the Denbigh North site between Grafton Street, Saxon Street and the A5, part of a large retail development.

From Ipswich, take the A14 to the A428. Join the A428 towards Bedford. From the A428 merge onto the A1 towards London / Bedford / A421. Keep on the A1 for a mile or so before joining the A421. Continue on the A421 towards Wavendon. Continue on the Groveway / H9 to the Redmoor roundabout (Junction with the A5). Take the second exit onto V6 / Grafton Street and follow signs to the Stadium.

Brown football signs are located on all main routes to the stadium.

Please keep in touch with traffic news. With a clear run, [www.googlemaps.co.uk](http://www.googlemaps.co.uk) suggests it will take around two hours and 15 minutes but bear in mind that the Cambridge area gets very busy late afternoon, and the stretch from Bedford to Milton Keynes is by no means guaranteed to flow freely at that time of day either. This is currently compounded by the major long-term roadworks on the A14 for several miles either side of Cambridge, with a 40mph limit policed by cameras.

We generally recommend allowing at least an hour beyond the AA / Google / Sat Nav suggested journey time.

### ***Parking***

The MK Dons website (<https://www.mkdons.com/club/visit-stadiummk/>) indicates that there is limited parking at the stadium at a cost of £7. We have been advised that you can book in advance through <https://parkthecarhere.com/mkdons>. Note that at the time of writing this note, the link is not showing the ITFC game.

Drop-off / pick-up points are available outside Gates 4 and 7 as well as outside the hotel reception, although collection outside the hotel is limited post-match to allow for pedestrians and the visiting team coach.

There is a taxi rank pick up point at Gate 7.

Car parking is also available at Castle House on Dawson Road. The MK Dons website states that this costs £5. Note that this is not an official club-run car park.

Parking is also available in the industrial areas surrounding the stadium but do not use the parking areas of the nearby retail and trade outlets where there is a risk of clamping. No football parking is permitted at the Asda next to the stadium with parking charge notices of £60 issued for cars identified as parking for football or exceeding the two hour parking period. Football parking is also prohibited at the MK1 site.

### ***Disabled Supporters Parking***

Matchday spaces for blue badge holders should be pre-booked by emailing [customer.services@mkdons.com](mailto:customer.services@mkdons.com) or by calling 01908 622901. Drop-off / pick-up points are available outside Gates 4 and 7 as well as outside the hotel reception, although collection outside the hotel is limited post-match to allow for pedestrians and the visiting team coach.

Alternatively, contact ITFC's Disability Liaison Officer Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on [disability@itfc.co.uk](mailto:disability@itfc.co.uk).

## ***Train***

**Note: It is not possible to get back to Ipswich by train after the game**

MK Dons is about the most awkward stadium to get to by train, having one station (Fenny Stratford) fairly close but on a branch line with an infrequent service, another (Bletchley) a couple of miles away and with slow trains from/to London, and the mainline option (Milton Keynes Central) offering fast and frequent trains but an hour's walk from the ground.

Milton Keynes Central and Bletchley are on the line from London Euston. To get to London Euston from Liverpool Street take the Circle, Metropolitan or Hammersmith & City Line to Euston Square – Euston is a short walk from there. Alternatively, take the Circle, Metropolitan or Hammersmith & City Line to Moorgate and change to the Northern Line to Euston.

If you are travelling through to Fenny Stratford you can get a direct train to Bletchley and pick up a train to Fenny Stratford there. If you are on a train to Milton Keynes you will need to get a train to Bletchley from Milton Keynes and change for Fenny Stratford.

From Ipswich to Milton Keynes Central the journey time via London Euston is around two hours thirty minutes to two hours forty minutes. For those travelling back as far as London after the game, the last train out of **Milton Keynes Central** to London Euston is at 00:24.

Ipswich to **Bletchley** - the journey time via London is around two hours forty minutes to three hours. After the game, for those travelling to London, there are trains from Bletchley at 22:26, 23:18 and 23:50 arriving at Euston at 23:23, 00:25 and 00:45 respectively.

The nearest station, **Fenny Stratford**, is on the local Bletchley to Bedford Line. This station is around 20 minutes' walk from the stadium. The stadium is signposted from the station. The last train, and only one after the game, leaves Fenny Stratford at 23:16 – with a change at Bletchley, it arrives back at London Euston at 00:45. Do check this before travelling as the MK Dons website indicates that there are no trains from this station after a midweek game; our info is from the [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) online national timetable.

## ***Getting to the ground from the railway stations***

### ***Fenny Stratford***

The stadium is signposted from the station. From Fenny Stratford turn right as you exit the station and at the top of the road turn right into Watling Street. Continue along this street and you will see the stadium on your right.

### ***Bletchley***

Bletchley station is around two miles from the stadium. [www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) states that taxis can be scarce outside the station so if you are wanting to get a taxi it is best to pre-book (Skyline on 01908 222111 are a local taxi firm). Otherwise it is around a 35-40 minute walk to the stadium.

The stadium is signposted from the station. To walk from Bletchley station, turn left when you come out of the station building and continue to the steps. At the bottom of the steps turn left under the railway bridge. At the roundabout (by the Park Pub) turn left into Saxon Street. Keep straight on this road to the stadium. Note you will need to cross to the other side of the road for a footpath. Whilst walking you will pass Bletchley Bus Station (buses go from here to the ground) on the right and the Enigma Pub. Go straight across the double mini roundabout following signs for the A5 and

the stadium will be on the left. Note that there are a number of underpasses on route and it has been recommended that it may not be a comfortable walk when it is dark. You can walk back to Bletchley via Fenny Stratford, but this will take about 10 minutes' longer, around 50 minutes in all. (Information from [www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com)).

There should be buses between Bletchley bus station and the stadium, but we have not managed to find consistent information. It appears to be only an hourly service after the game, at 2139 and 2239, but we recommend that you check this information locally before relying on a post-match bus.

If you intend to return to Bletchley by taxi, you must book in advance (Skyline on 01908 222111).

### ***Milton Keynes Central***

Milton Keynes Central is around four miles from the ground. There is a taxi rank outside the station and we understand that there is a fixed price of £9 to the stadium. There are also bookable minicab firms (numbers below). If you intend to return to Milton Keynes Central by taxi after the game, you must book in advance; cars will pick you up at Gate 7. The MK Dons website provides the following minicab numbers:

Eezy: 01908 218218

Raffles: 01908 222222

Skyline: 01908 222111

These are fully licensed and will show Milton Keynes minicab 'BLUE' plates to the rear of the vehicle.

Alternatively, there is a bus service from the station. The Arriva route 1 goes to the stop on Granby, Grafton Street which is next to the stadium entrance. After the game the bus leaves at 22:19 and 23:19 arriving at Central Station at 22:37 and 23:37 respectively. The number 6 also runs from the station to the stadium - every 20 minutes outbound and hourly back after the game. Again, we recommend you check your planned return trip after the game once you arrive in Milton Keynes. The bus services indicated are regular service buses – there are no additional services for fans.

Timetables can be found via the following link:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/bus-and-taxi/bus-timetables-maps-and-travel-updates>

### **Pubs**

The retail park around the stadium includes Nando's, Frankie and Benny's, TGI Friday's, Pizza Express, McDonalds and KFC, plus coffee shops. Intriguingly, for anyone wanting to avoid fast food and chain restaurants, the DW Fitness Club next to the ground offers a "Protein Corner".

Pubs are very limited near to the ground with the Red Dot Bar which is attached to the Hilton Doubletree Hotel at the stadium and the nearest pub, the Inn on the Lake, not admitting visiting supporters.

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) has provided good information on pubs a bit further away that are likely to accept us. It mentions the Park Inn near to Bletchley Railway Station. Turn left out of the entrance to the station, and then left along the main road. Pass under a railway bridge and the pub will be on the right-hand side. There is also a Wetherspoons, Captain Ridley's Shooting Party – again turn left out of the station. Follow the path and turn left after the steps. Cross the road, past the

Brunel Centre on to Queensway. The pub is on Queensway on the left. The pub includes some interesting items about Bletchley Park.

If you continue along Queensway, you will reach Fenny Stratford where there are a number of pubs close to each other and a fish and chip shop. The Swan Hotel in Fenny Stratford offers drink and food. The Red Lion is beside a Canal Lock and has plenty of room. Other pubs include the Chequers (a real ale pub) and the Maltsters.

### **At the ground**

#### ***Outside concessions***

A burger van and Pick 'N' Mix stall, are situated opposite Gate 7.

#### ***Tickets on the day***

It is not yet known whether tickets will be available on the day of the match. This information will be published on the club website ([www.itfc.co.uk](http://www.itfc.co.uk)), twitter (@Official\_ITFC and @ITFC\_Tickets) and facebook ([www.facebook.com/officialitfc](http://www.facebook.com/officialitfc)) as soon as the information is available.

If tickets are available to purchase on the night you will be able to get them from the MK Dons Box Office.

#### ***Away end***

Ipswich fans will be segregated from MK Dons fans in the lower tier, on a corner. The stadium is roomy with padded seats and good leg room.

#### ***Accessible Toilets***

There are accessible toilets on the concourse.

#### ***Security***

As at all grounds, expect to be searched before entering the ground.

#### ***Programmes***

REDDOT, MK Dons' matchday magazine, can be bought from sellers around the ground, kiosks and the Box Office at a price of £3.

#### ***Food and Drink facilities***

Products on offer at Stadium MK include burgers, hot dogs and pies. Cold drinks such as Pepsi, Tango, and Life Water are available from the kiosks. We understand that alcohol will be available in the away end.

### ***Smoking***

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes anywhere in the stadium is not permitted.

### ***Anti Social Behaviour – Matchday Text Line***

If you should hear or see any racist language and/or behaviour during a match-day, please report this to your nearest steward.

Alternatively, you can report it through the 'Kick It Out' app.” The Kick It Out app is available to download from the App Store or Google Play, or via: Facebook /kickitoutofficial; Twitter @kickitout; email [info@kickitout.org](mailto:info@kickitout.org); phone 0800 169 9414.

### ***Planning on staying?***

There are a number of hotel options in the proximity of the stadium, including a Hilton Doubletree which is built into the main stand. The nearest budget option is a Campanile in Fenny Stratford. There is a wider choice of hotels in central Milton Keynes.