



BOLTON WANDERS V IPSWICH TOWN

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2019, KICK OFF 15:00

Tickets for Town's League One game at Bolton next weekend are now on sale. Tickets will go straight to general sale and can be purchased online at www.itfcdirect.com. Tickets will also go on sale in Planet Blue on Monday 19 August once they have been received from Bolton. Note that there will be no sales on matchday for Town fans. (for more information see 'Ticket news' below)

Any updated information on this fixture will be published on the club website (www.itfc.co.uk), twitter (@Official_ITFC and @ITFC_Tickets) and facebook (www.facebook.com/officialitfc).

INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS

We travel to Bolton Wanderers on Saturday 24 August in League One. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to the University of Bolton Stadium. This is based on information on the Bolton Wanderers' website plus additional information specific to this game.

For any further information, please contact Elizabeth Edwards, Supporter Liaison Officer on slo@itfc.co.uk or (+44) (0) 7968 876504 or on Twitter at @ITFC_SLO.

Bolton Wanderers information for visiting fans

The address for Bolton Wanderers Football Club is Bolton Wanderers Football Club, University of Bolton Stadium, Burnden Way, Bolton, BL6 6JW.

Bolton do not have a specific away fan guide but provide various bits of information on their website including:

Directions to the University of Bolton Stadium

<https://www.bwfc.co.uk/club/directions-to-the-university-of-bolton-stadium/>

Families and first time visitors (this includes information on directions, parking and food and drink):

<https://www.bwfc.co.uk/Fans/families-and-first-time-visitors/>

Disabled fans:

<https://www.bwfc.co.uk/Fans/disabled-fans/>

www.footballgroundguide.com provides some information here:

<https://www.footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/macron-stadium-bolton-wanderers.html>

We have picked out the key information for Town fans below and added other material based on previous visits to the University of Bolton Stadium and information that is specific to our fans.

Specific information for Town fans:

Ticket news

Tickets for the game are now on sale at £20 for adults and £10 for seniors 65+, under 23s and under 18s.

Given the short time frame between the tickets being released for sale from Bolton and the game there will be no priorities for this game. Tickets will go straight to general sale and can be purchased online at www.itfcdirect.com. Tickets will also go on sale in Planet Blue from Monday 19 August once they have been received from Bolton. Note that on Tuesday 20 August tickets can be purchased from Planet Blue up to 6:15pm and from the Ticket Office on Constantine Road after 6:15pm.

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

Note that there will be no sales on matchday for Town fans.

Travelling to Bolton Wanderers

Supporters Coach

For those travelling from Ipswich the official coaches are leaving Portman Road promptly at 07:20am (please be at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this) at a cost of £37 for adults (with concession prices for U23s, U19s and 65+ Seniors). Coaches are estimated to arrive back at Portman Road at 10:35pm.

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

Coach travel is now on sale online at www.itfcdirect.com. Coach travel can also be purchased in Planet Blue from Monday 19 August. Note that on Tuesday 20 August travel can be purchased from Planet Blue up to 6:15pm and from the Ticket Office on Constantine Road after 6:15pm.

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. The cut-off point to request a pickup is midday on Wednesday 21 August. 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 the stadium is BL6 6JW.

From Ipswich, the usual driving route is the A14 to the A1. Take the A1 to the M62 westbound. From the M62 join the M61 at Junction 15. Exit the M61 at Junction 6 (you will see the University of Bolton Stadium by now, on your right-hand side) – use the left two lanes to take the A6027 to Horwich. Follow De Havilland Way/A6027 and at the next roundabout take a left turn onto Burnden Way to the stadium.

The journey time is around 4 hours 30 minutes, but you should allow at least another hour beyond the AA / Google / SatNav suggested journey time, to allow for possible delays.

An alternative route is via the M6, but, from experience, this tends to take longer, and currently has several, very long roadwork sections with a 50mph limit that will add yet more time to the journey.

As noted above there are major long-term roadworks on the A14 for several miles either side of Cambridge, with a 40mph limit policed by cameras.

Parking

Note: We understand that there are new rules regarding parking at Middlebrook (the shopping centre that the stadium is on). Fines of £100 are being issued to football fans parking there. Thanks to Sheffield Wednesday FC for this information - they suggest parking at St Joseph's School or on the Chorley New Road for free. (see details below)

There are a number of car parks at the University of Bolton Stadium. These are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. The cost is £7 for cars, £12 for mini coaches and £20 for coaches.

Car park A is the car park for away supporters, with entry purchased on the day of the match. This is located at the South end of the stadium and is accessed via De Havilland Way / A6027 (see driving instructions above). The car park is signposted from the M61 junction. Note that www.footballgroundguide.com suggests that, depending on numbers of travelling fans parking at the stadium, there is the possibility of cars being blocked in.

www.footballgroundguide.com also indicates parking at around £4-£5 in the industrial estates surrounding the stadium. A number of these are located either side of Lostock Lane - from the M61, go past the stadium on your left, move into the right-hand lane which filters at the traffic lights into Lostock Lane. There is also some street parking in this area.

We understand that parking is also available at the Beehive pub which is on the roundabout about half a mile past the stadium, on Chorley New Road. The parking charge is refundable at the bar. St Joseph's school (turn left at the roundabout where the Beehive pub is and the school is on the left) also offers parking. There is a path from the school to the stadium.

In the past we have also found street parking on the far side of the M61 on the Chorley Road (A6) (Instead of turning right at the motorway junction, turn left). However, at the game last season we discovered that double yellow lines have appeared with street parking now starting a good distance along the road).

Disabled Supporters Parking

There are spaces available for blue badge holders in car park A at the stadium. A valid blue badge must be shown to the car park steward before entry is permitted.

Train

Note: There are no planned engineering works on 24 August

The University of Bolton stadium is around 200 metres from Horwich Parkway station. This is served by trains from Bolton, Manchester, Blackpool and Preston.

If you are travelling from Ipswich via London, trains leave from London Euston. From London Liverpool Street travel to Euston Square on the Circle, Hammersmith & City or Metropolitan line. Euston mainline station is just a few minutes' walk away. Alternatively, change at Moorgate for the Northern Line to Euston mainline station.

Note that if you put Ipswich to Horwich Parkway into the www.greateranglia.co.uk website you will get options indicating changes at either Stockport or Preston, rather than Manchester Piccadilly which is the route most of you will have taken in the past. At Stockport or Preston you can get an onward train to Horwich Parkway. There are regular trains from Manchester Piccadilly to Horwich Parkway so travelling via Manchester is still a possibility – if you want to go this route and are booking through the Greater Anglia or any other rail website make sure you add via Manchester to your options.

The journey time is between around 5 hours to 5 hours 15 minutes to Horwich Parkway. The return journey is around 5 hours 15 minutes to 5 hours 45 minutes depending on connections.

After the game www.greateranglia.co.uk is indicating trains from Horwich Parkway back to Manchester Piccadilly at 17:14 and 17:46. Note that these trains can get busy. Also, for some games we have experienced queuing systems in place with separate queues for home and away supporters. The 17:14 is shown as connecting with the 21:30 from Liverpool Street to Ipswich arriving in Ipswich at 22:44 – this allows 1 hours and 13 minutes to get from London Euston to Liverpool Street, so it may should be possible to connect to the 21:00 (check train times if you are on advance tickets). The 17:46 connects with the 22:00 from Liverpool Street to Ipswich arriving in Ipswich at 23:08 (this allows one hour to get from Euston to Liverpool Street).

www.greateranglia.co.uk also indicates a number of cross-country options. Depending on the route these journeys can take anything between 6 hours to 7 hours 10 minutes.

The longest journey, at over 7 hours leaves Ipswich at 06:16 - with changes at Cambridge, Peterborough and Manchester Piccadilly you are scheduled to arrive at Horwich Parkway at 13:27.

There is a two-change option with changes at Peterborough and Manchester Piccadilly but this takes 6 hours 30 minutes – leaving Ipswich at 06:00, arriving at Horwich Parkway at 12:27. A shorter journey of 6 hours is possible, also leaving Ipswich at 06:00. This involves changes at Ely, Leicester, Sheffield and Manchester Piccadilly, arriving at Horwich Parkway at 11:58. If 06:00 is a bit early, the 08:00 from Ipswich with the same four changes is scheduled to get you to Horwich Parkway at 13:59, but gives little contingency in the event of missing any of those changes (for other times and options see www.greateranglia.co.uk).

After the game there is a cross-country option. Leaving Horwich Parkway at 17:46 travel to Manchester Piccadilly where you can pick up the 18:42 to Ely. With a change at Ely there is a scheduled arrival time in Ipswich of 23:22.

Whatever your travel plans, it's worth checking www.greateranglia.co.uk for updated times and any late changes to engineering works.

Getting from the railway station to the ground

Horwich Parkway station is next to the University of Bolton Stadium so only a very short walk away.

Pubs

The Beehive pub, 991 Chorley New Rd, Lostock, BL6 4BA is the main pub for away fans. As mentioned above, from the M61 drive past the stadium on your left until you come to a roundabout. The Beehive is on this roundabout. Parking (see above) is available at the Beehive which serves food.

www.footballgroundguide.com also suggests the Barnstormers pub on Lostock Lane. This can be reached by driving past the stadium (on your left) and moving into the right filter lane. Turn right at the traffic lights into Lostock Lane. The pub is on the right. (Note, there is some street parking and paid parking in this area).

There are a number of bars on the Middlebrook Retail Park next to the stadium. However, we understand that most of these will only admit home fans. There are plenty of places to eat here including KFC, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Subway, Greggs and McDonalds.

On the other side of the motorway, the Brinsop Country Inn allows away fans.

Middlebrook Retail Park

The Middlebrook Retail Park next to the stadium is allegedly the UK's largest retail and leisure park. As well as the food outlets mentioned above there are numerous shops and other activities. More information on the facilities can be found here:

<http://www.middlebrook.co.uk/>

See parking for a warning re parking at the retail park for the game as fines are now being issued.

Need cash?

There are ATMs at the Middlebrook Retail Park outside Asda and Boots and also within Hollywood Bowl, M&S, Poundland and Wilkos.

At the ground

Tickets on the day

As mentioned above in 'Ticket news' no tickets will be available on the day.

Away end

The away end is usually The Franking Sense South Stand. www.footballfansguide.com suggests that stewards are known to ask fans to sit down during the game and that fans have been removed if they persistently stand.

There are a number of wheelchair spaces located in the away end.

Security

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

Programmes

Programmes can be purchased in the Club Shop and outside the ground.

Food and Drink facilities

Note that this information is consistent with our visit last season. Ongoing financial problems at Bolton may restrict the availability of food and drink – we will update this guide if we receive further information. The kiosks in the ground are open before the match until just after half time. These serve a wide range of cold and hot drinks and snacks. We understand that alcohol will be available.

The Bolton website indicates food and drink prices as follows:

Hot Deal - Hot drink and a chocolate bar is £3.00.

Snack Deal - Soft drink, chocolate bar and a packet of crisps is £4.50.

Meal Deal - Hotdog or burger and soft drink is £5.50

Pie and Pint - Hot pie and pint of your choice £6.50 (Over 18s only)

There is a wide range of crisps, sweets and share bags plus hot food including hotdogs, burgers and pies.

From previous visits to the University of Bolton Stadium, the club operate a system with queuing barriers and exit lanes.

Smoking

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere in the stadium. Based on previous visits, supporters who wish to smoke or use e-cigarettes can exit the stadium at half time.

Anti Social Behaviour – Matchday Text Line

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

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; phone 0800 169 9414.