



## PORTSMOUTH V IPSWICH TOWN

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021, KICK OFF 19:45

*Information in this guide is as at 8 October 2021 and is correct to the best of our knowledge. Any updated information on this fixture including ticketing and possible additional covid protocols will be published on the club website ([www.itfc.co.uk](http://www.itfc.co.uk)), twitter (@IpswichTown and @itfchelp) and facebook ([www.facebook.com/officialitfc](https://www.facebook.com/officialitfc)).*

### **Covid-19 Protocols**

Portsmouth do not have any specific Covid-19 requirements for this game.

However, Ipswich Town Football Club asks supporters to be respectful of their fellow supporters and not to attend the game if you are suffering from Covid-19 symptoms, are feeling unwell, have been asked to isolate or if you have been in close contact with anyone experiencing symptoms or who has tested positive. In the event that Covid-19 symptoms develop whilst at Fratton Park, please notify the nearest member of staff immediately.

If you not fully vaccinated, it is recommended that you return a negative lateral flow test prior to attending the game.

### **INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS**

We visit Portsmouth in Sky Bet League One on Tuesday 19 October 2021. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to Fratton Park.

This is based on information on the Portsmouth 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.

### **Portsmouth information for visiting fans**

Stadium Address: Portsmouth Football Club, Fratton Park, Portsmouth, PO4 8RA

Website: [www.portsmouthfc.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthfc.co.uk)

Phone number: 0345 646 1898

Email Address: [info@pompeyfc.co.uk](mailto:info@pompeyfc.co.uk)

Supporter Liaison Officer: Johnny Moore - [johnnymoore@pompeyfc.co.uk](mailto:johnnymoore@pompeyfc.co.uk)

Matchday Disabled Liaison Officer (matchday): Stephen Barrett - [inclusion@pompeyfc.co.uk](mailto:inclusion@pompeyfc.co.uk)

Facebook: @officialpfc

Twitter: @Pompey

Some information for away fans can be found on the Portsmouth website:

<https://www.portsmouthfc.co.uk/supporters/getting-to-fratton-park/>

<https://www.portsmouthfc.co.uk/supporters/disabled-supporters/>

<https://www.portsmouthfc.co.uk/siteassets/pdfs/201920/first-time-fan-guide-v2.pdf>

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

[www.footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/fratton-park-portsmouth.html](http://www.footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/fratton-park-portsmouth.html)

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

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

Our initial allocation for this game of 1,000 has sold out with an additional 423 tickets being provided by Portsmouth.

Tickets are priced at £24 for adults, £18 for concessions (65+), £16 for U23s and £7 for U18s. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee.

***The lower rows of 'Block MEM' have been designated the 'Safe Seating Area'. This area is suitable for those unable to stand for long periods of time and those wanting to sit at the game.***

***Please note, however, the following two important points.***

***1. Whilst we ask that supporters with tickets around the safe seating area in block MEM bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game, our experience of Fratton Park is that due to the structure and positioning of the stand there are likely to be moments in the game where the view of those in the safe seating area is restricted.***

***2. If you have accessibility or mobility issues the safe seating area (and all areas at the front of the away end) is reached by a large number of steps. Portsmouth advise that the stand is reached via 27 steps with handrails to row X and that it is then 42 steps to the front row A. There are no accessible facilities at ground level. Women's toilets are situated by the turnstiles and the men's toilets are 18 steps up, leading to the seats. There is a food kiosk at the top of the first lot of stairs, before you reach the seats. We therefore advise that if you have mobility issues you contact Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on [disability@itfc.co.uk](mailto:disability@itfc.co.uk) to discuss arrangements.***

### **Travel to Portsmouth**

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

Coaches will leave at 13:00. Please ensure you are at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this.

Coach travel is £21 for Adults, £17 for seniors/U23 and £15 for U19s. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee. Supporters under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Note that all official coaches are non-smoking and the consumption of alcohol and hot food on board is strictly forbidden.

Pick-ups at Marks Tey can be arranged for this game. If you want to organise a pick-up please call the ticket office on 03330 050503 or email [mainticketoffice@itfc.co.uk](mailto:mainticketoffice@itfc.co.uk).

If you are travelling on the coach and are not fully vaccinated at the point of travel it is recommended that you return a negative lateral flow test prior to travel.

### **Car**

The Sat Nav postcode for Fratton Park is PO4 8RA.

**Note: The suggested route involves the Dartford Crossing. You must pay the Dartford Crossing charge by midnight the day after you cross. You will get a fine if you are late or do not pay. Details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/pay-dartford-crossing-charge>**

From Ipswich, take the A12 to the M25. Join the M25 signposted M20/M23/Dartford/Crossing. Continue on the M25 to the junction with the A3 (junction 10). Use the left lane to take the A3 exit signposted London (SW) / Guildford. At the roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto the A3 slip road to Portsmouth / Guildford / Effingham. Keep right and merge onto the Portsmouth Road / A3. Continue along the A3 southbound, which becomes the A3(M) and then joins the A27 westbound. At the junction with the A2030 turn left towards Southsea/Fratton. Continue along the A2030 and eventually you will see the ground in front of you.

Typically, the journey time is around 2 hours 40 minutes but it can take four hours or more at busy times. Note that roads are likely to be very busy with it being an evening game.

### **Parking**

There is limited parking around Fratton Park. Note that parking restrictions might be in place in the roads around the stadium on a matchday.

Entrance to the club car park is via Anson Road, off Rodney Road. The postcode is PO4 8SX. Spaces are allocated on a first-come first-served basis and a charge of £10 per vehicle will be made. There is no entitlement to a specific space and stewards will allocate parking according to operational need. Note that this car park is the opposite end of the ground to the away end.

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) also suggests the Milton Cross School (postcode PO3 6RB). The school is a five-minute walk to the ground. It also suggests a car park which is on the corner of Velder Avenue and Milton Road, just a couple of minutes' walk from the away end.

### **Disabled Supporters Parking**

The stadium car park has 26 accessible parking spaces available to home and away fans.

Entrance to the club car park is via Anson Road, off Rodney Road. The postcode is PO4 8SX.

The Pompey website states:

'Portsmouth's accessible car parking policy is that these spaces are allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis and early arrival is advised. Please note that accessible parking spaces cannot be reserved in advance. There is a discretionary concession charge of £5 per vehicle.

To indicate your entitlement to an accessible space, you should be in possession of a valid special

concession match ticket, or the holder of a valid Blue Badge, which should be displayed. You should show any entitlement to the steward on your arrival at the car park entrance.

The car park is actively managed by stewards to ensure the most appropriate parking space is found for your individual needs. There is no entitlement to park in a specific space or area of the car park.

Please indicate any specific needs you might have (eg, rear or side-opening vehicle) on arrival. If you need to drop off someone with limited mobility, please advise a steward on arrival, who will assist.'

Alternatively, you can 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 after the game***

Fratton Station is the closest station to the ground. It is around a 10-minute walk to the stadium. It is served by trains from London Waterloo. There is a lift at the station. Portsmouth Station is at least a 25-minute walk away.

There are regular trains from Waterloo to Fratton which trains from Ipswich will connect to. From London Liverpool Street take the Central Line to Tottenham Court Road and pick up the Northern Line to Waterloo. (Note that the Waterloo and City Line between Bank and Waterloo is only open between 06:07 and 10:13 and between 15:23 and 19:11).

Note that if the train from Ipswich to London stops at Stratford, an easier alternative is to change at Stratford for the Jubilee Line to Waterloo.

Note that there are also a few trains from London Victoria to Fratton. Some of these require a change at East Croydon.

For those travelling back to London only, there is a train back to Waterloo at 22:28 arriving at Waterloo at 00:37.

Whatever your travel plans, it's worth checking [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) for updated times and any late changes due to engineering works or Covid-19.

## ***Getting to the ground from the station***

### ***Walking from Fratton Station***

Exit Fratton station via the footbridge (at the top of the stairs from the platform turn left onto the footbridge). Turn left onto Goldsmith Avenue. Continue along this road for about half a mile. Frogmore Road will be on your left. If you turn left here, Fratton Park will be at the bottom of this road. However, for the away end stay on Goldsmith Road for another 100m and turn left into Apsley Road. The entrances to the Milton End are 100m ahead. (Information from [www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com))

Occasionally the gate on the footbridge mentioned above is closed. If so, turn right on the footbridge and exit via Platform 1. Turn left as you exit the station, walk about 30 metres and go back over the footbridge to Goldsmith Avenue.

Pavements along Goldsmith Avenue are negotiable by wheelchair, although they are quite narrow in places. To arrive at accessible entrances, you are advised to turn left into Jimmy Dickinson Way and then cross the road and enter via the Fratton End stand, which you will see clearly in front of you.

## **Bus from the City Centre**

If you are travelling from the City Centre, there are First bus stops on Goldsmith Avenue served by frequent buses from Portsmouth city centre. Stagecoach bus stops are in St Mary's Road, which is further away from the ground. Visit [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com) and [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) for more information.

## **Pubs**

*We have done our best to ensure that the listed pubs will be open and operating without major Covid-19 restrictions. Please understand that some might limit numbers or insist on small groups and table service.*

(information mostly taken from [www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) – please note that pub information is subject to change – we have had experience at other grounds that some pubs normally open to away fans have been made “home only”, with decisions sometimes not made until matchday itself).

The Good Companion is a real ale pub, on the main A2030, a five-minute walk from the ground. This is a home and an away pub. The pub also serves food.

On the Milton Road, close to the ground is the Milton Arms, which might allow away fans. We have also previously enjoyed the Staggeringly Good Brewery (Unit 3, St Georges Industrial Estate, Rodney Rd, Portsmouth, Southsea PO4 8SS), but we have not been able to confirm that it will be open on a Tuesday.

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) also mentions The Red, White and Blue on Fawcett Road. There are also other pubs and takeaways along this road. To reach the pub, go west from the ground, towards Fratton Railway Station, along Goldsmith Avenue. Just past the station, you reach a roundabout - and Fawcett Road is immediately on your left.

There are also pubs around Portsmouth & Southsea station (including two Wetherspoons) and Portsmouth Harbour.

## **Any food outlets near the ground?**

Just across the road from Fratton Park are McDonalds and KFC.

## **At the ground**

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

You are strongly advised to buy tickets in advance. Ticketing 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)).

### ***Away end***

We will be in the Milton End which is behind the goal. The stand is now covered (many Town fans will remember when it wasn't). However, with the stand being a former terrace converted to seating, leg room is tight. There is also a big wall at the front of the stand and some supporting pillars. Facilities are fairly basic.

Note that Portsmouth advise that the stand is reached via 27 steps (with handrails) to Row X and then 42 steps to the front Row A.

Women's toilets are situated by the turnstiles. Men's toilets are 18 steps up, leading to the seats.

**Please note that the lower rows of 'Block MEM' have been sold to older fans, families and those unable to stand for long periods of time. We ask that supporters with tickets around this safe seating area in block MEM bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game. Note, however, that due to the structure and positioning of the stand there are likely to be moments in the game where the view of those in the safe seating area is restricted.**

**Wheelchair users:** The away wheelchair section is with the home fans at pitch level. An accessible toilet is available, adjacent to the spaces. If you have any specific needs you are advised to contact call 0345 646 1898 prior to the match.

**Ambulant disabled:** Noting the comments above re the number of steps and location of facilities, ambulant disabled users should contact Portsmouth on 0345 646 1898 prior to the match to discuss any specific needs they may have.

### **Security**

As at most stadiums stewards may ask to search your bag.

### **Programmes**

The matchday programme is available from around the ground.

### **Food and Drink facilities**

There will be no alcohol on sale inside the ground. Food and hot and cold drinks will be available.

### **Smoking**

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

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



**Racism or discrimination of any form is not OK, 'Not Today or Any Day' and supporters are reminded that instances of discriminatory or prejudiced behaviour will not be tolerated at any EFL game.**

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

You can also report any discrimination or anti-social behaviour to Kick it Out using the Kick It Out app which 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.

***Staying overnight?***

There is an Ibis Budget next to the ground, as well as other options in and around town.