



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE V IPSWICH TOWN

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER 2021, KICK OFF 15:00

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SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021, KICK OFF 14:00

Information in this guide is as at 29 October 2021 and is correct to the best of our knowledge. Any updated information on these fixtures including ticketing and possible covid protocols will be published on the club websites (www.itfc.co.uk, www.itfcwomen.co.uk), twitter (@IpswichTown, @itfchelp and @itfcwomen) and facebook (www.facebook.com/officialitfc and www.facebook.com/IpswichTownF.CWomen).

Plymouth Argyle Covid-19 Protocols

Plymouth Argyle have published the following guide to fans attending games at Home Park during 2021/22.

<https://www.pafc.co.uk/fan-information/return-stadium-guide>

This includes the following information for fans in respect of Covid-19:

‘Despite the changes to government guidance on coronavirus, we will continue to encourage all supporters in attendance to wear a face covering while traversing through turnstiles, concourses and enclosed spaces. These can be removed once in the stadium bowl and seated. While this is not a condition of entry, we ask those attending the stadium to consider the health of fellow supporters, as well as Argyle staff, all of whom will be wearing face coverings for supporters’ benefit, when deciding whether or not to comply with this request.

We would also ask all supporters, particularly those who are not fully vaccinated, to consider taking a COVID-19 lateral flow test before attending Home Park. Again, while this is not a condition of entry, club staff are committed to undertaking regular tests to ensure that we play our part in making Argyle matches as safe an environment as possible for our supporters. We ask that our fans contribute to this effort.’

Ipswich Town Covid-19 protocols for travelling fans

Ipswich Town Football Club asks supporters to be respectful of their fellow supporters and not to attend the game(s) 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 the stadium, 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(s).

INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS

Our trip to Plymouth is a special one as it is a double header weekend for our Men's and Women's team with both playing at Home Park. The men play Plymouth Argyle in League One on Saturday 30 October and the women play Plymouth Argyle Women in the Women's National League Southern Premier Division the following day, 31 October.

A number of Town fans will be at both games so the information in this guide has been prepared with this in mind.

The guide is based on information from the Plymouth Argyle website plus additional information specific to these two games.

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.

Plymouth Argyle information for visiting fans

Stadium Address: Home Park Stadium, Outland Road, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

Website: <https://www.pafc.co.uk/> (for both Men's and Women's teams)

Phone number: 01752 562561

Ticket Office: 01752 907700, or by email tickets@pafc.co.uk

Email: argyle@pafc.co.uk (Men), womens@pafc.co.uk (Women)

PAFC Supporter Liaison Officer: Siobhan Robbie-James - supporters@pafc.co.uk, 01752 562561 ext 161 or via twitter @PAFC_SLO

PAFC Disability Liaison Officer: Nikki Francis - disability@pafc.co.uk, 01752 562561 ext 152

Facebook: @plymouthargylefc, <https://www.facebook.com/ArgyleWFC>

Twitter: PAFC: @Only1Argyle, PAFCW: @ArgyleWFC

Plymouth Argyle includes some information on its website at the following links:

<https://www.pafc.co.uk/fan-information/home-supporters-guide>

<https://www.pafc.co.uk/club/visiting-home-park>

<https://www.pafc.co.uk/fan-information/disabled-supporters-guide>

www.footballgroundguide.com provides some information here:

<https://footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/home-park-plymouth-argyle.html>

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

Specific information for Town fans:

Ticket news

ITFC: Saturday 30 October:

Our allocation is 1,800. A few tickets remain for this game and are available from Planet Blue.

Adult tickets for this game are priced at £23 with concession prices of £18 for seniors (65+), £13 for U23s, £9 for U18s and £6 for U12s. Note that U12 and U8 tickets must be purchased with an adult, senior 65+ or U23 ticket in order to qualify for these prices. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee.

The lower rows of 'Block 22' have been designated as our 'Safe Seating Area'. This area is suitable for older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. To book a seat within this area please call 03330 050503 asking for this area but please note tickets will be subject to availability. For supporters with tickets around this block please bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.'

There are a maximum of 28 spaces for wheelchairs available for visiting supporters. All spaces are at pitch level. All visiting supporters with wheelchairs are situated with their own supporters. Fans with disabilities should contact ITFC's Disability Officer Lee Smith on lee.smith@itfc.co.uk or 01473 400556.

Note that the ticket enquires line [03330 05 05 03] is for assistance only.

ITFCW: Sunday 31 October:

Tickets for the ITFC Women's game can be purchased directly from Plymouth Argyle at <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/pafc>. Seating is available in blocks 10 – 14 of the Lyndhurst Stand. The ITFC Women's Supporters Group have suggested that Town fans purchase tickets in block 10.

Adult tickets for this game are priced at £8 with concession prices of £5 for seniors (65+) and U23s and £3 for U18s.

Travel to Plymouth Argyle

Supporters Coach – for Saturday's game only

Coaches will leave at 6am from behind the Sir Bobby Robson stand. Please ensure you are at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this. There will be one pick-up point, in Marks Tey. Pick-ups can be arranged by contacting the ticket office.

Note that all official coaches are non-smoking and the consumption of alcohol and hot food on board is strictly forbidden. Under 16s cannot travel without an accompanying parent/guardian.

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.

On arrival at Home Park, the coaches will drop-off supporters outside the Devonport End turnstiles. They will pick up from the same place after the game.

Car

The Sat Nav postcode for the stadium is PL2 3DQ.

Google map indicates a journey time of 5 hours 20 minutes to 7 hours 20 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Note that it will be half term so traffic will be busy.

From Ipswich take the A12 and join the M25 anti-clockwise (signposted M11/M1/Stansted Airport/Watford). At junction 12 merge onto the M3 signposted Southampton. At junction 8 of the M3 join the A303, signposted Andover / Salisbury. Eventually, join the A30. From the A30 take the M5(S) slip road to Plymouth/Torquay/Okehampton. Continue onto the A38 / Devon Express Way following signs for Plymouth/Torquay/A380. From the A38 use the left lane to take the A386 slip road to City centre/Tavistock/Torpoint/A374.

The stadium is well signposted from the A38. Exit the A38 at the Manadon Roundabout, taking the 2nd exit towards the city centre. Remain on Outland Road for around 1.5 miles (around 15 minutes on a busy match-day). Home Park should appear into your view on the left-hand side. Take the next available left and you will arrive at the stadium's car park.

Note, there is an alternative route via Bristol, taking the A12 / M25 / M4 / M5 / A38. This is a fair bit further, and usually takes about half an hour longer, but some people do prefer to be on dual carriageways the whole of the journey.

Parking

Outland Road Car Park, adjacent to Home Park, is a very large – and free! – car park.

It is managed by the local council, but is also a park-and-ride car park serving Plymouth city centre. It is free to use on match days, but will obviously begin to fill up very early for many fixtures, especially for high-profile matches. It is also used by drivers accessing the nearby recreational park and sports centre. There is a further free car park at the Plymouth Life Centre (PL2 3DF), though this also gets full quite early. Otherwise, there is street parking (head from the stadium away from town and towards the A38), or town centre parking 10-20 minutes' walk away.

Disabled Supporters Parking

There are disabled bays available in the lower carpark and these are suitable for those sitting in either the Lyndhurst or Barn Park ends. These are available on a first come, first served basis, and cannot be reserved.

Train

Note: There are no planned engineering works on the day of the game.

Plymouth railway station is about a mile from Home Park and a 20 minute steep uphill walk (see getting to the ground from the station below).

Trains to Plymouth leave London Paddington. To get to Paddington from Liverpool Street take the Hammersmith & City Line. Alternatively, take the Central Line to Oxford Circus and change to the Bakerloo Line for a train to Paddington.

For those braving a day trip there are a number of options that will get you to Home Park in time for the game. The journey time from Ipswich to Plymouth is around 5 hours 30 minutes with the return journey around 6 hours 10 minutes. www.greateranglia.co.uk shows trains leaving Ipswich at 05:41, 06:41, 07:41 and 08:41 connecting to trains from Paddington to Plymouth at 08:04, 09:04, 10:04 and 11:04 arriving into Plymouth at 11:10, 12:13, 13:15 and 14:13 respectively. Note that the last two options

don't give you any leeway if you get delayed. After the game there is a train leaving Plymouth at 18:16 which connects to the 23:02 from Liverpool Street arriving in Ipswich at 00:24. If you are quick, you might make the 22:30 out of Liverpool Street, arriving back in Ipswich around 23:40. The 18:27 from Plymouth with a change at Bristol Parkway connects to the 23:30 from Liverpool Street arriving in Ipswich at 00:39.

If you are travelling back to London and plan to stay in Plymouth for a post-match beer or three, be aware that the last train out is at 19:50.

After the Women's game on Sunday there are trains leaving Plymouth at 16:15, 17:15 and 18:15 which connect to the 21:07, 21:37 and 22:37 from Liverpool Street arriving in Ipswich at 22:33, 22:54 and 23:54. You will need to leave the game smartish to catch the earliest train. Note also that there are rail replacement buses from Ingatestone to Colchester up until 21:15 on Sunday – if this engineering works overruns the return journeys could be impacted.

For those travelling down on the Friday there are plenty of options depending on what time you want to arrive in Plymouth.

Whatever your travel plans, you should check www.greateranglia.co.uk or your usual train operator website for updated times.

Getting to the ground from the station

a) Walk

Plymouth railway station is located just a mile away from Home Park, and there is a paved walking route which takes you through Central Park straight to the stadium, taking around 20 minutes. Please note that much of the walk is up a steep hill.

b) Taxi

If you are unable to walk, or prefer not to, there is a taxi rank located just outside the main entrance of the railway station. A cab to Home Park should take no longer than five minutes and cost no more than £5.

If you would prefer to pre-book a taxi in advance, Plymouth Argyle recommend Need-a-cab (01752 666222) or Tower Cabs (01752 252525), who are both partners of Plymouth Argyle

Pubs

Many Town fans will remember fondly the Pennycomequick pub, very near the station – sadly, this pub is no more.

The usually reliable www.footballgroundguide.com suggests The Britannia, a large Wetherspoon (PL2 3AA), less than 10 minutes' walk from the ground and 15 minutes from the station – of course it gets very, very busy on matchdays, and the guide suggests that loud away fans are not welcome. ***Note, also that we have been made aware that The Britannia is currently operating with a Covid-19 capacity of 50 percent.***

Otherwise, the Cherry Tree (PL2 3NH) is the other side of the ground, towards the A38.

If you have more time in Plymouth, there is a waterfront a bit like the one at home in Ipswich, with many pubs, bars and restaurants in and around. Just off the waterfront is the Plymouth Gin Distillery, which offers tours with tasting (and the Gog & Magog Wetherspoon, likely to be a bit quieter than the Britannia). For those who want something a bit different, the HonkyTonk Wine Bar (PL4 0BN) offers an interesting selection of wines and sharing boards. This area is around a 40-minute walk uphill to the ground though.

Turnstiles at Home Park will be opening at 1pm with refreshment kiosks offering hot and cold food as well as soft and alcoholic drinks.

Need cash?

The nearest cashpoint is located at the ESSO petrol station just across Outland Road - a five minute walk from the stadium.

At the ground

Note that the stadium takes card payments throughout.

The stadium lies adjacent to Central Park, a large, communal green space with a number of playing fields, community cafes, and walking routes. Just beyond the park lies the city's train station, and the city centre a short walk further.

Prior to the game on Saturday, away fans with young children are very welcome to enjoy the free Family Zone located outside the Devonport End. This offers many activities such as a 3v3 football pitch, archery, tennis, golf putting and many more activities. On certain games there is often a magician as well as a dance troupe performing and offering mini workshops to both home and away fans.

On Saturday, the fan zone compound for away supporters will be open from 12.30pm.



Saturday

- **Tickets on the day**

Plymouth have confirmed that 100 tickets will be available to purchase on the day from Home Park.

- **Away End**

Turnstiles will open at 1pm.

We will be housed in the Barn Park End, which is located behind one of the goals, next to the teams' dressing areas. Wheelchair spaces are in the away end. The away turnstiles are located on the opposite side of the ground to the main car park. Home Park is an all-seater stadium, including the away end.

As mentioned above, the lower rows of 'Block 22' have been designated as our 'Safe Seating Area'. This area is suitable for older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. For supporters with tickets around this block please bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.'

Sunday

- ***Tickets on the day***

Tickets will be available to purchase on the day.

- ***Seating***

Those attending the Women's game on Sunday will be seated in the Lyndhurst Stand which is a side stand. The seating will be mixed home and away supporters although a number of Town fans have purchased tickets in block 10.

Non-permitted items

The following articles must not be brought taken into the ground: knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry.

Supporters are advised that, upon entry to Home Park, they must comply with the Ground Regulations.

Bags

As with all major sporting events, taking bags to the stadium is actively discouraged. However, fans arriving at Home Park with a small personal bag (for example, medical bags or handbags) capable of being stowed under seats is permitted.

Security

Supporters can expect to be searched by the Argyle security team as they enter the stadium. The safety team will ensure that this is as comfortable and non-invasive as possible.

The club will ensure that any searches are undertaken by security members of the same gender.

Programmes

For the game on Saturday, copies of The Pilgrim will be available around the stadium to purchase at £3, while a limited number will also be available to purchase from the Argyle Superstore.

The Superstore will be open from 9am on Saturday through until kick-off. It will re-open on the full-time whistle until 30 minutes after full-time. The shop sells a range of Argyle memorabilia, replica kits, and souvenirs.

It is not known if there will be a programme for the Women's game on the Sunday.

Food and Drink facilities

All catering kiosks are card payments only.

For the game on Saturday there are bar and refreshment facilities located within the away concourse in the Barn Park End, which will be open for the duration of the game and beforehand. These offer hot and cold food as well as soft and alcoholic drinks. There are television screens in the away concourse showing other football fixtures before kick-off to keep you up to date on the day.

In addition, there will be several independent food and drink outlets located outside the stadium – mobile food vendors serve fast food, doughnuts, coffee and the locals' favourite delicacy, the Cornish pasty.

On Sunday kiosks will be open in the Lyndhurst Stand.

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.