



FOREST GREEN ROVERS V IPSWICH TOWN
SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2022, KICK OFF 15:00

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Covid-19

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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 or have tested positive. In the event that Covid-19 symptoms develop whilst at the stadium, please notify the nearest member of staff immediately.

INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS

We travel to Forest Green Rovers on Saturday 6 August in League One, our first-ever visit to this ground. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to The Bolt New Lawn. This is based on information on the Forest Green 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.

Forest Green Rovers information for visiting fans

Address: The Bolt New Lawn, Another Way, Nailsworth, GL6 0FG.

Website: www.fgr.co.uk

Phone number: 0333 123 1889

Email: reception@fgr.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fgrfc

Twitter: @FGRFC_Official

Supporter Liaison Officer: cxo@fgr.co.uk, reception@fgr.co.uk

Disability Liaison Officer: None listed, but the official website points you towards reception@fgr.co.uk or phone 0333 123 1889.

The Forest Green Rovers information for away fans can be found here:

[The Bolt New Lawn | WE ARE FGR](#)

Additional information for disabled supporters (covers home and away) can be found at the same link under Special Assistance:

[The Bolt New Lawn | WE ARE FGR](#)

The Forest Green Rovers supporters club have also produced some information which can be found here:

[FGR Supporters Club | Away Fans Guide](#)

We have picked out the key information for Town fans below and added other material based on our own experience of visiting The Bolt New Lawn when we were '92ing' a few years ago.

Specific information for Town fans:

Ticket news

This match has sold out – hardly surprising as it is not a huge away end, and it is our first trip to the ground.

Note that those fans in the seating area will include older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. Please respect those in this area as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.

For information on accessible seating or wheelchair spaces please contact ITFC's Disability Officer Lee Smith on lee.smith@itfc.co.uk or 01473 400556.

Note that ITFC's ticket enquiries line (03330 05 05 03) is for assistance only.

Travel to Forest Green Rovers

Coach tickets have sold out for this fixture.

Coaches will leave at 08:15 from behind the Sir Bobby Robson stand. Please ensure you are at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this.

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. Please make sure you are aware of the Terms & Conditions prior to travelling: [Away Travel Terms and Conditions](#)

Car

The Sat Nav postcode for the The Bolt New Lawn is GL6 0FG, but note there is no car parking at the ground for away fans.

There are three different road options, which all take three-and-a-half to four hours under good traffic conditions.

Option 1 - A14 / M6 / M42 / M5, which takes you across to Huntingdon and Kettering, around the bottom of Birmingham and down past Gloucester. Leave the M5 at Junction 13 – Sat Navs are likely to send you down a series of ever-narrowing country lanes, but the easier route is to follow the A419 to Stroud, and then turn south onto the A46 to Nailsworth. When you reach the town centre, turn up Spring Hill up to the ground (it should be signposted).

Option 2 – A12 / M25 / M4. Leave the M4 at Junction 15, and take the A419 / A417 to Cirencester. Continue onto the A429 past Minchinhampton to Nailsworth. The ground is on the far (west) side of town.

Option 3 – A12 / M25 / M40. Leave the M40 at Junction 8 onto the A40 towards and beyond Oxford to the beautiful Cotswold village of Burford. Turn off the A40 onto the B4425 to Cirencester, and then turn onto the A429 per Option 2.

Although the journey should, in theory, take under 4 hours, we would suggest allowing a lot more time. It is a busy holiday season weekend, with very heavy traffic expected, especially on the M25 and M42 / M5.

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

Parking

There is no parking at the ground but there is some limited parking at Nailsworth School (cost £5) which is within 200-300 metres of the ground, but this often fills up early. There is some street parking, but, again, this is pretty limited. Traffic leaving the ground on busy matchdays can be a little congested.

Park & Ride – There is a park and ride service from Renishaw on Stroud Road (postcode: GL5 5HA). Parking here is on a first-come, first-served basis and is only £3 per car.

Disabled Supporters Parking

Please contact ITFC's Disability Liaison Officer Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on lee.smith@itfc.co.uk.

Train

Note 1: There is no railway station in Nailsworth. The nearest station is at Stroud, around 5 miles away, but there are regular bus services, as well as taxi options.

Note 2: The Greater Anglia website allows a generous amount of time to get from Liverpool Street to Paddington. If you are on an unrestricted ticket, you may well be able to catch an earlier train than the one indicated on both outbound (Paddington) and homeward (Liverpool Street) services.

The route is relatively easy – go from Ipswich to London Liverpool Street, then take the new Elizabeth Line to Paddington – this is much quicker than the old Hammersmith & City Line route. Trains for Stroud will continue on to Cheltenham. In total, the rail part of the trip is likely to take between 3 and 4 hours.

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

Getting from the railway station to the ground

When you get to Stroud, it is a short walk to the Merrywalks shopping centre, where you pick up a '63 Gold' bus from bus stop N, to Nortonwood, which is very close to the stadium. Obviously, there may be a bit of a queue post-match for a bus – the first bus leaves at 17:04, and they run every half hour, so consider your onwards train connection carefully!

If you are staying locally, or parking in Nailsworth, the ground is about a mile from the town centre. But it is very uphill, so allow plenty of time. We have been warned that what looks like a 10 minute walk on a map can take 30-45 minutes. The walk is not recommended for those with mobility issues.

Pubs

There are no pubs or other facilities in the immediate vicinity of the ground, as it is located on the edge of town. If you don't have time to head into town, or don't fancy the hike back up the hill, there is an away bar marquee behind the away end. Bars in the main part of the stadium are only for home fans.

In Nailsworth itself, there are several pubs, but do allow enough time to get up the hill to the ground!

If you are travelling via Stroud, the Lord John pub, 15-17 Russell Street, Stroud, GL5 3AA is very close to the railway station. This is a Wetherspoon pub.

At the ground

Away end

We will be located in the West Stand, which is largely an open terrace running along the length of the pitch. A small part of the terrace is covered. There is a very small covered area with around 100 seats, elevated above the standing area. Turnstiles will open 90 minutes before kick-off.

Catering

There is one unique feature of Forest Green Rovers – at least so far as English league football is concerned – that you should be aware of. All catering at the stadium is vegan – so no meat pies or burgers. Instead, expect a range of Q-pies (Q = Quorn), veggie burgers, plus chips & curry sauce. The drinks are also vegan, which means that beers are unfiltered (so, a wee bit cloudy). When we first visited, we were honestly a bit dubious about this, but actually, the catering was very good indeed!

For more information on the club's vegan initiative, check out their website: [Vegan Food | WE ARE FGR](#)

Security

Supporters can expect to be searched as they enter the stadium.

Pyrotechnics

As with all grounds and to comply with legislation, the use of pyrotechnics or even trying to get them into the stadium is a criminal offence and will not be tolerated.

Programmes

Programmes can be purchased for £3.

Smoking

The Bolt New Lawn is, of course, a no smoking facility.

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.