

Safety & Security

Working in partnership with Greater Manchester Police, Manchester United have reviewed their security procedures which includes enhancing searches of supporters at the turnstiles. This means that searches may take longer and as a result it is likely that queues will also be longer this season, however they will do all we can to keep things moving.

Manchester United do not want any of supporters to miss kick-off because of these changes, and therefore recommend all supporters attending the fixture to:

- Arrive at Old Trafford and get to the turnstile at least 1 hour before the start of the match (turnstile open 2 hours before kick-off, and entry into the stadium will not be permitted after half time)
- Do not bring a bag larger than 20cm x 15cm x 5cm (8" x 6" x 2")

All bags will be searched and items larger than the size criteria must be left at one of the 'Bag Drop' facilities, which are located near the ticket office (N1 car park) and in E2 car park. Bringing a bag will further delay entry to the stadium (and will delay departure after the game if supporters have had to use a 'Bag Drop'). If it is necessary for supporters to bring a bag, Manchester United recommend you arrive at least 2-hours before kick-off.

TRAVEL

Major roadworks have begun on key roads surrounding Old Trafford which will increase supporters journey time to and from the stadium. If supporters are driving, roads will be busier than usual, and the roadworks include some temporary changes in the direction of traffic therefore, supporters are advised to pay attention to local traffic diversion signs.

All supporters should allow extra time for the journey and aim to arrive at least one hour before kick-off to get through the turnstiles. Whilst the changes will not affect the official car parks, some car parking on public roads will no longer be available.

Metrolink trams are not affected by the road closures - the closest tram stops to the ground are: Old Trafford, Trafford Bar, Exchange Quay, Salford Quays and MediaCityUK. There are frequent tram services from Piccadilly, Victoria and Deansgate train stations and a designated walking route from the city centre.

DIRECTIONS FOR ALL AWAY SUPPORTERS COACHES

1. Travel on to the M60 motorway via M6, M61, M62 and M56 as appropriate.
2. Continue on the M60 until junction 9 sign posted 'Trafford Park' and then leave, following signs for Trafford Park. Enter Park Way (dual carriageway) and continue to the first roundabout (Parkway Circle).
3. Leave roundabout at the 2nd exit (Tenax Road) and continue to the next roundabout (Tenax Circle).
4. Take 2nd exit on to Moorings Road, which becomes Trafford Park Road, passing the Old Reds café on the left hand side.
5. Continue to next roundabout (Wharf Circle) and take 1st exit on to Churchill Way, turning right at the first mini roundabout (Mode Wheel Circle) on to Trafford Wharf Road.
6. Travel through ATS, pass the Imperial War Museum on the left and turn right on to Waters Reach which becomes Sir Matt Busby Way, and then left into car park E2. Police officers will be attendance to assist. (From the start of point F to the stadium is approximately one mile)
7. Coaches travelling away from the stadium post match will be directed left onto the A5081 Wharfside Way which leads to junction 9 of the M60

Note: Coaches will not be escorted to the stadium pre-match or from it post match.

Coach companies MUST inform local police of their intention to travel and the number of supporters and coaches.

In addition to the above, drivers are advised to comply with the following:

- Not to carry intoxicating liquor (obligatory).
- This also applies to coach operators carrying football teams and officials.
- Not to stop for refreshments at any place where intoxicating liquor is available.
- Within a ten mile radius of the destination, do not stop for any purpose other than an emergency, on the way to or from a match.

There is no fixed rendezvous point: however coaches must follow the designated routes.

SUPPORTERS TRAVELLING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Old Trafford station is 1/2 mile from the stadium. Exit the station into Bryan Statham Way, passing the cricket ground on the left. Continue through two sets of ATS and into Sir Matt Busby Way.

Trafford Bar station is situated at the junction of Seymour Grove and Talbot Road, some ¾ of a mile from the stadium. This is a good stop for those heading for the restaurants at the White City Retail Park.

Exchange Quay is alternative on the Eccles route. This is ideal for supporters wishing to visit the Salford Quays area prior to or after the game. The ground is approx. ½ mile from this area and can be clearly seen. Access is either via Trafford Road or over the footbridge adjacent to The Lowry Centre and Imperial War Museum (North).

Overland trains from Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Oxford Road, stop on match days at Old Trafford football ground. (Station halt)

By bus: The numbers 252-257 inclusive, plus 17, 114 and 236 run from Manchester Piccadilly to Old Trafford.

SUPPORTERS TRAVELLING BY PRIVATE VEHICLES

Car parking is very limited in the streets near to the stadium. Residents parking scheme is in operation on match days and those streets to which the scheme applies are clearly sign posted. There are a number of car parks in the vicinity of the stadium, which require payment of a parking fee.

For secure parking, try one of the following:-

1. The large, official car park on Elevator Road.
2. A car park on John Gilbert Way.
3. Various car parks along Talbot Road, including the Centrica Building, Lancashire County Cricket Club and Trafford Town Hall

The following advice is given by the Greater Manchester Police regarding the use of 'On Street' and unauthorised car parking. The Greater Manchester Police would like to remind all supporters who have come to today's game by private car of the risk to your vehicles from Car Crime.

- Your vehicle is at risk if you fail to park it in a designated and stewarded match day car park.
- If you are travelling from outside Manchester ensure that you know the location of these car parks.
- Do not park your vehicle in an unsupervised area or on local residents' roads, not only will your vehicle be at risk from crime but also it will create an obstruction to local residents. You may avoid the initial cost of the car parking but the cost of car crime or a fixed penalty notice will be much greater.
- Don't leave any belongings in your car, a coat, CD player, bag, briefcase or club merchandise are all invitations to the car thief. If you must leave valuables then lock them in the car boot.
- Please secure all doors and windows, fit anti-theft devices and activate any vehicle alarms and immobilisers.
- Consider the use of public transport, bus, tram and train all serve the ground on match days.
- Enjoy the game - don't let car crime spoil it for you.