



**SUPPORTERS'  
CLUB**

Bath Rugby

The Recreation Ground

Pulteney Mews

Bathwick

Bath BA2 4DS



The Recreation Ground (The Rec.) is situated in the centre of Bath on the banks of the River Avon. Bath is a major tourist attraction, attracting visitors from around the world. It enjoys a cosmopolitan atmosphere with a wealth of shops, pubs and restaurants, all within a few minutes walk of The Recreation Ground.

Rugby is the predominant sport in Bath with over 22 amateur clubs in the Bath Combination. The Rec. has a capacity of over 14,000 and it often reaches over 95% capacity. The East Stand (Dyson Stand) and the Terraces (Thatchers Stand) are **not** undercover. The West Stand (Gem Stand) and the South Stand (Novia Stand) are **mostly** undercover. Any development at The Rec. is severely constrained by the historic nature of the city and the covenants on the site. Three of the stands are technically “temporary” however, this all combines for a unique experience with the tightly packed crowd sat very close to the playing area.

On match days the town is thriving with supporters in an atmosphere to be savoured over a pint (or two!) and some light banter. Bath boasts its own brewery and several micro-breweries plus, of course, we are famous for our Somerset Scrumpy (cider – take care the “real stuff” is very strong!).

The biggest obstacle with a trip to The Rec. is parking and if travelling by car, it is best to make use of the 3 Park and Ride schemes (see below for full details). Public car parks fill up early with shoppers and tourists and driving in Bath is not easy. The Train and Coach stations (see below for full details) are also located in the City centre and are only a few minute’s walk from the Ground.

The Recreation Ground is not owned by Bath Rugby and there is a limitation on the facilities they can offer, do not expect a covered stand – you will get wet if it rains, so come prepared! Food and drink facilities are pretty good with bars under the Stands. Behind the East Stand (Dyson Stand) on the outfield, is a good selection of local food vendors and a large marquee known as “The Swift Half” which often provides some form of entertainment.

**Bath Rugby operates a cashless system, and all payments are by bank card.**

Food choices within the ground can include Chinese Food, Fish and Chips, local farm produced burgers, sausages and pies, specialist vegetarian vendors and even Filipino style chicken and pork wraps (please note vendors options may change).

Normally a choice of about 10 food vendors is available.

**Details of match day offers on drinks, entertainment and up to date information on Covid-19 restrictions can be found on the Bath Rugby website ([www.bathrugby.com](http://www.bathrugby.com)). Please note that these may change at short notice.**

Useful links:

Covid Secure at The Rec

[Accessibility Guide](#)

[Digital program](#)

## Notes about The Rec.

There is a “Big Screen” on the corner between the North Stand (The Thatchers Stand) and the East Stand (The Dyson Stand). There are two Scoreboards and two clocks (counting down the remaining playing time), one each at the North & South Stands.

You will find us (BRSC), before the match, at our Gazebo which is located behind and opposite the **Big Screen** in the thoroughfare in the North end of the Stadium – please drop in and say **Hello**. We are at the Gazebo from Gates Open until 30 minutes before kick-off.

At present **no** hard copy Programmes are produced although a digital Programme can be found as detailed above.

Small bags or handbags are permitted, it is accepted that some larger bags may be permitted with clothing for inclement weather.

**Please enter by the correct Gate as detailed on your ticket.**

A strict No Smoking Policy is enforced within the Ground, this includes e-cigarettes. The designated smoking area is located 10 metres away from the rear of the East Stand (The Dyson Stand) on the grassed out-field.

Plans are underway to redevelop The Rec. However, this has posed some unique problems with both planning and legal issues to negotiate. Bath Rugby is committed to redeveloping the Stadium within its current setting, rather than a move to an out-of-town arena.

## Eating and Drinking in Bath

The choice is huge and varied, some of our favourites are:-

[Framptons](#) Stylish bar near the Ground. Good food, booking advised. Live rugby on screen. No outside area. Players favourite for Sunday brunch.

[Royal Oak](#) Rugby and sports pub with a local atmosphere. Live rugby on screen. Outside area and a good place for away supporters to meet. Close to the Ground and off the tourist track. Food and function room.

[The Pultney Arms](#) Traditional rugby pub, good place to meet. Good food and outdoor area.

[Coeur-de-lion](#) Bath's smallest pub! Pie and pint pub, but small!

[The Assembly Inn](#) Good for televised sport.

[The Boater](#) Upmarket pub. The closest pub to the Ground. Busy on match days. Outside area.

[The Saracens Head](#) Nice pub with outside area and good food.

Bog Island [Picture](#) Named after the public toilets that once resided in its centre, the area is now dotted with pubs and eating houses. Very close to the Ground. Good drop off and meeting point. The Ale House, The Huntsman and the Apple Tree pubs are nearby, as is the railway Train Station.

### **A connoisseur's pub!**

[The Star](#) **"The Star Inn"** remains a classic example of an untouched multi-roomed English public house, where beer is still served from the jug. First licensed in 1760, "The Star Inn" retains many of its original features including 18th century bar fittings and wooden benches. Described by CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale) as a **'rare and unspoiled pub interior of outstanding historic interest'**, "The Star Inn" is listed on the "National Inventory of Heritage Pubs".

The links below provide more information on local pubs and restaurants:-

[Bath Restaurants](#)

[Pubs 1](#)

[Pubs 2](#)

[Pubs 3](#)

**Please be aware – the "Christmas Market Season" (usually from mid-November to Christmas) means the centre of Bath gets extremely busy.**

# Travel

## By Train

Bath Spa Station  
Dorchester Street  
Bath  
BA1 1SU

Telephone Numbers – through “National Rail Enquiries”  
Primary Telephone number: 0800 1971329  
Customer Service Telephone number: 0345 7000125

One of the easiest ways to get to Bath is via the Train with the station only a 5-minute level walk from the Ground and the City centre pubs and restaurants.

The two main lines are:

London – Bristol GWR line. Stops at Swindon, Chippenham and Bath (and others)

Cardiff – Portsmouth. Stops at Bristol, Bath, Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge Westbury, Salisbury and Southampton (and others)

Other destinations may require a change at Bristol, Westbury or Salisbury.  
Rail - <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

**Trains can get very busy the closer you get to Bath and Kick Off time.**

## By Car

Cars and Bath do not mix, Bath City Council has recently introduced a **Clean Air Zone** although it does not apply to private cars and motorbikes, at the moment. The latest information can be found here - <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/check-your-vehicle-and-pay-charge>

The Recreation Ground does not have its own car park.

There is very little on-street parking in Bath and what there is, is very limited. Most of the City is restricted to residents parking zones. Parking restrictions are rigidly enforced.

Public car parks tend to fill up quickly and can be expensive e.g. 4 hours could cost nearly £7. Most of the public car parks are within walking distance of the Ground and mostly on the level.

## [Public car parks](#)

Disabled parking is free in public car parks. However, there are several privately owned car parks so please check the local signage.

## [Car parks and P&R stops](#)

### **Park and Ride**

There are 3 Park and Ride locations on the outskirts of Bath:-

#### [Park and Ride](#)

Return bus fare £3.10 (Cash or Card)

Journey time 10-15 mins

### **Park and Train**

Chippenham train station has a large car park at Cocklebury Rd, Chippenham SN15 3QQ and train times to Bath are 15-20 mins. Trains run about every 20 minutes and cost about £12 for an adult return. Parking all day is £3.20. Chippenham is 15 mins from the M4, Junction 17. This can be far less stressful than trying to take the car into Bath.

### **Public Coach**

Bath is on the National Express route and the station is 5 mins level walk to the Ground

#### [National express](#)

### **Private Coach**

Bath Rugby does not have the facilities to cater for private coaches and there is a **Clean Air Zone** with a charge for coaches. The nearest drop off point is North Parade, next to The Rec.

#### [Parking and driving a coach to Bath](#)

## **Make it a Weekend Away!**

Bath is crammed full of history, shops, bars and restaurants and many away supporters combine a trip to The Rec. with a long weekend. Prices in Bath are reasonably expensive, and the City can get very busy. The City of Bath has been a World Heritage Site since 1987, one of the few Cities in the world to be designated as such. There are many attractions including Pulteney Bridge (on which the Bath Rugby shop stands), Bath Abbey, the Roman Baths, Royal Crescent, Queen Square, Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House & Museum, and many historic buildings displaying fine Georgian architecture. There are also Hop-On-Hop-Off buses and walking tours of the City can be arranged.

Some guides on staying in Bath:-

<https://visitbath.co.uk/where-to-stay/>

<https://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/bath-eng-av-bath.htm>

<https://handluggageonly.co.uk/2020/04/07/10-very-best-things-to-do-in-bath-england/>

## **Something Different?**

The picturesque town of Bradford-on-Avon is 20 mins by car and 15 mins by train from Bath. The car park and train station are centrally located, and trains run every 20-30 minutes to and from Bath. This town is one of Britain's hidden gems which is often overlooked being in the shadow of its famous neighbour.

<https://www.bradfordonavon.co.uk/>

<https://www.explorewithed.co.uk/day-trip-guide-bradford-on-avon/>

<https://www.loveexploring.com/news/70584/bradford-on-avon-hotels-where-to-stay-what-to-do>

We sincerely hope you have a fantastic "Trip to Bath", be it for the day or slightly longer, and look forward to seeing you.

All the best from BRSC – **Allez Bath**

