

Match Information for Kent Fixtures at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury

Following is a range of generic information designed to make your visit to a Kent Cricket fixture more enjoyable and, hopefully, to answer some of your key questions in advance. We appreciate your interest in our matches and look forward to hosting you.

Finding Us:

The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence is near the heart of the historic Cathedral City of Canterbury. The full address is - The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Old Dover Rd, Canterbury, CT1 3NZ.

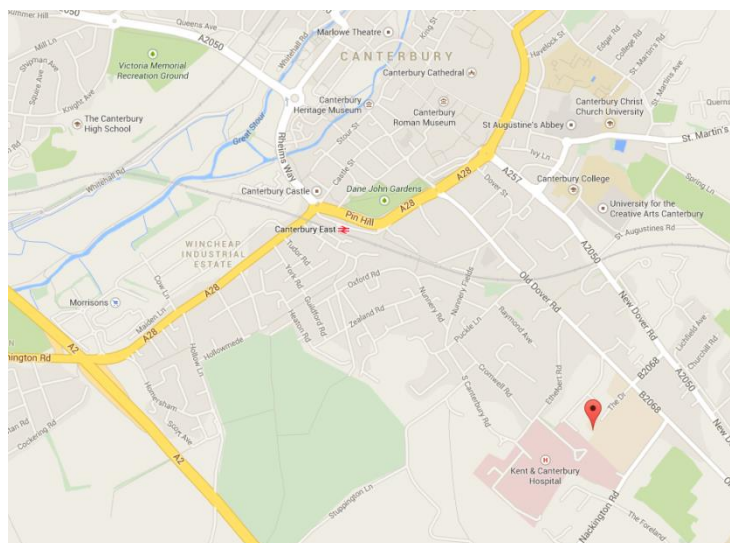
Directions by car

From the North

From M20 junction 7 turn left onto A249. At M2 junction 5 (Sittingbourne) bear right onto M2. At junction 7 (Boughton Street) turn right on to A2. Follow this to junction with A2050, turn left. Follow yellow signs to cricket ground.

From the South

From M20 junction 13 bear right onto A20. Follow this road to junction with A260. Bear left and continue to junction with A2 (north). Continue to junction with A2050 and then proceed as north.



National Rail

Canterbury East - 1 mile. Canterbury West - 1.5 miles. Passenger information - 08457 484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk

Stagecoach East Kent

Buses to/from Folkestone via the Elham Valley (route 17) and Hythe (route 18) serve the bus stops immediately outside the Cricket Ground on Old Dover Road.

Buses to/from Deal (route 12), Dover (route 15), and Folkestone via Hawkinge (route 16/16A) all serve the bus stops on New Dover Road (a short walk down St. Lawrence Road opposite the ground).

There are frequent buses direct to Canterbury City Centre from the bus stop on New Dover Road adjacent St. Lawrence Road.

For timetable information visit www.stagecoachbus.com/eastkent or call traveline on 0871 200 22 33 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras).

Car Parking:

There are three formal car parking options for visitors to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence Canterbury:

1. Park & Ride, Old Dover Rd, Canterbury, (CT1 3EJ)

Situated approximately a 10 – 15 minute walk from the ground or short bus ride. £3.00 per day for a car and up to 6 passengers.

Monday – Saturday, 7am – 7.30pm,

The bus heading into town stops in front of the turnstiles on Old Dover Rd.

For the return journey, before 6pm, you can catch the bus where you were dropped off and take the round trip into town and back out to the Park & Ride car park.

After 6.00pm the Park and Ride bus will be diverted on the return from the City and will stop opposite the ground to pick up cricket spectators and take them back to the Park and Ride site.

Sunday 10am – 6pm,

The bus heading into town stops in front of the main turnstiles on Old Dover Rd.

For the return journey, before 6pm, you can catch the bus where you were dropped off and take the round trip into town and back out to the Park & Ride car park.

There will be additional departures for cricket spectators only from opposite the Ground at 6pm, 6:15 and 6:30 to get back to the site.

Night Matches

We have arranged a special return bus that will operate from 9:45pm until 10:45pm (or earlier if the game finishes sooner).

2. Simon Langton Girls Grammar School, Old Dover Rd, Canterbury, CT1 3EW

Situated a little further down Old Dover Rd, driving away from the town centre, the school supplies a limited number of car parks on days during the school term. For Weekend and Evening games this number increases dramatically. Entry to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence is via a pathway onto Nackington Rd and directly into the Club's entrance. Approximately 3 – 5 minute walk. There is a dedicated 'golf cart' operating to help ***disabled and mobility challenged visitors***, whom also have designated parking spaces. Spaces are sold for £10 fee per day, on a first come, first served basis (no pre-booking allowed) subject to weather and availability. Sat Nav CT1 3EW

3. The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

On match day there is a limited number of one off car parks available, approximately 100 per day. These are sold on a 'first come, first serviced' basis at £15.00 each. There is a limited number of dedicated blue badge, ***disabled car parks*** included in this. Entry only from the Nackington Rd.

Please note – at televised and various other matches no one-off car parks are sold at the ground.

Accommodation

Kent Cricket's official accommodation partner is Kent Hospitality – part of the University of Kent. With a range of bed and breakfast options to suit singles, couples or groups, prices start at **just £40 per night**. For full details of their offers, plus information on their location and making your way to St Lawrence Ground, please visit www.kentbandb.com. Simply enter KENTCRICKET into the promotional box and you will receive a 10% discount on your booking.

Cash Machine

A cash machine can be accessed from just outside the official grounds, within the Sainsbury's Local on Old Dover Rd.

Food and Beverage options, plus Alcohol Policy:



You are welcome to enjoy our surroundings on the banks or seats, with your own food. We do provide 20 picnic tables, which are available to all.

For NatWest T20 Blast matches NO alcohol is allowed to be brought into the ground.

Public options to purchase Food & Beverage include:

1. **Cornwallis Room** – first floor in the Cowdrey Conference Centre. Open to the public. It offers a two course carvery meal at LV= County Championship matches and Royal London One-Day Cup fixtures. At NatWest T20 Blast matches it is primarily a public bar with a limited hot food offering. Building D on the site map.
2. **The Spitfire Bar** – within the Les Ames Stand – operates as a public bar with a real ale offering always on hand, plus an eat in or takeaway hot food option at LV= County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup matches. Take away food option only available at NatWest T20 Blast fixtures. Building A on the site map.
3. **The Lime Tree** – a café bar on the ground floor of our Admin Building, H on the site plan. Offering freshly ground barista coffees, cakes and light bytes,.
4. A range of fast food vans and temporary bar outlets spread around the grounds Food options include: Thai Noodles, Burgers & Chips, Foot Long Sausage, Jacket Potatoes, Panini's and Donuts. These operate at limited over matches only.

For a map of the ground to ascertain where each option is located [click here](#) and scroll down to site map.

Timing – Gates Opening and Hours of Play

Following is the evenings playing schedule, with key times indicated.

	NatWest T20 Blast	Royal London One-Day Cup	
		Canterbury Week	Normal Game
Ground Opens	5.00pm	12noon	12.30pm
Coin toss	6.30pm	1.30pm	1.30pm
First Innings	7.00pm	2.00pm	2.00pm
Interval	8.15pm	5.30pm	5.30pm
Second Innings	8.30pm	6.15pm	6.15pm
Scheduled close of play	9.45pm	9.45pm	9.45pm

LV= County Championship - the match is scheduled for 96 overs per day:

Ground Opens	10.00am
Coin toss with the Captains (day 1)	10.30am
First session begins	11.00am
Lunch break	1.00pm
Second session begins	1.40pm
Tea interval, provided 32 over or less remain.	3.40pm
Final session begins	4.00pm
Scheduled close of play. Match will continue until 96 overs (or equivalent) have been bowled.	6.00pm

For matches after 1 Septembers all timings are 30 minutes early. For the Canterbury Cricket Week fixture the gates will open at 9.00am.

Kent Cricket Ticket Wet Weather Policy

Sadly cricket matches are sometimes adversely affected by rain and play can be stopped. On all occasions we aim to be totally fair and transparent with ticket purchasers and so make all aware of the following conditions and policy. 1. All tickets are sold on the basis of being non-refundable, 2. The Wet Weather Policy is activated at a four or three day match when less than 16 overs are bowled per day or at a limited overs match (20 or 50 overs) when less than 10 overs are bowled, 3. In the first instance spectators will be offered a ticket exchange to either another day in the current fixture or the equivalent value ticket at a later match, 4. At the discretion of the CEO and only in extenuating circumstances will a cash refund be offered, 5. The wet weather policy does not apply to complimentary tickets, 6. Confirmation of the offer will be made at matches via the PA system and via the Club's website, twitter feed and weekly E-newsletter, Extra Cover.

