



Sussex Cricket Limited

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The 1st Central County Ground, Hove Ground Information Sheet

The 1st Central County Ground is the home of Sussex Cricket where we play the majority of our first-class cricket.

To help plan your day we have detailed a range of useful information for your convenience.

ADDRESS:

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ENTRANCE:

There are two entrances to the ground. The main gate is on Eaton Road adjacent to the development and former site of The Sussex Cricketer pub. The other gate is located at the North end of Palmeira Avenue at the North East corner of the ground. Members and attendees with a valid match day ticket can gain admission from either gate. However, supporters without a valid membership or match day ticket must visit the box office located at the Eaton Road gate.

MONEY:

The 1st Central County Ground is a cashless venue. This means that only card or contactless payments will be accepted (including Apple Pay and Google Pay) throughout the venue. This will apply to all outlets at Hove, including food and beverage kiosks, ticketing, membership and the club's retail shop on both match days and non-match days.

ALCOHOL POLICY:

It will be permissible to bring a maximum of four 500ml cans of beer/lager or a 75cl bottle of wine per adult for all County Championship and non-Floodlit One-Day Cup matches. No alcohol is permitted to be brought into the ground for all T20 Blast, Floodlit One-Day Cup, Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Tourist and International matches. Any alcohol above this quota attempted to be brought into the ground will be confiscated by the stewards.

SEATING:

General Admission is unreserved seating in the North area of the ground. The seating is deckchairs, benches and folding chairs on a grass area. For County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup matches, general admission also includes the Shark Stand.

The Sharks Stand in the South West corner of the ground previously known as the South West Stand offers tiered seating in a purpose-built stand where allocated seating is available for Vitality Blast and New Zealand Tourist matches.

For all Vitality Blast matches, you will find a Family Stand located in the North West corner next to the Aerotron Indoor School in front of the nets. This stand is also allocated seating and can be booked upon purchase of tickets. Adults must be present with a youth or junior to gain admission. Individual adults not

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accompanied by a youth or junior will be refused admission to this stand. Next to the Family we have a Low Alcohol General Stand, this is also allocated seating.

The Spen Cama Pavilion on the West side of the ground offers exclusive Members facilities. For County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup, non-members may purchase a pavilion ticket for all day access.

Any quarter/semi final matches, specific seating information will become available once the match is confirmed.

FOOD AND DRINK:

There are several outlets around the ground for you to enjoy food and drink.

The Sharks Bar and Greig's Café, located at the South end of the ground is open on match days offering a range of food and beverages.

The North End Bar located at the North East corner offers a range of hot or cold food on some County Championship matches. This area is open for all games serving a selection of real ales, lager, cider, wine and soft drinks.

The Spen Cama Pavilion is a Members area, however, non-members can also enjoy these facilities by purchasing the relevant match day ticket. There are two areas within the Pavilion; The Dining Room and The Long Room.

The Dining Room is used for Player dining for all matches, in addition to match day hospitality for T20 Blast fixtures.

The Long Room is open on all match days offering light snacks and various other informal dining options together with the Jim Parks Bar serving a full range of draught beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks.

Additional food outlets will be available throughout the ground for T20 Blast and Tourist matches, offering a broad range of culinary delights. More details for these matches are provided within the match previous published on the website 24 hours prior to the match commencing.

CLUB SHOP/RECEPTION:

The club shop is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm and extended hours on match days. This is a good place to come for general information, to purchase tickets for all fixtures as well as pick up a scorecard and view the wide range of Sussex Cricket merchandise.

SMOKING POLICY:

In accordance with the Health Act 2006, the ground is a non-smoking ground other than the clearly marked designated smoking areas. The smoking of e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere within the ground except for the designated smoking areas provided.

ENTERTAINMENT:

T20 Blast and Women's International matches

The fast-paced action and electric atmosphere of the T20 Blast and Women's International matches provides entertainment for all the family. Entertainment can include the Cricket FamZone, face painters, marching band, balloon modelers and of course our mascots Sid and Sandy! However, every match is different so make sure you provide us with your email address upon booking tickets to receive your pre-match preview. The pre-match preview will be sent out the day before the fixture and published online to help you plan your day.

County Championship and Royal London Cup matches

A more traditional approach is taken to the County Championship and Royal London Cup matches, providing supporters the opportunity to enjoy a quintessentially British day out at the cricket.

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TOILETS:

There are numerous toilet facilities throughout the ground.

DISABLED ACCESS:

The 1st Central County Ground is fully accessible. We have access ramps to all our buildings. The ramp access to the Spen Cama Pavilion is at the North end of the building. The Spen Cama Pavilion is also equipped with an access lift, but it is not suitable for mobility scooters. On match days Sussex Cricket stewards will be on hand to provide willing assistance. We also offer a 'call ahead' service which allows you to discuss your requirements prior to your visit. Please call 01273 827100. Whenever possible, a limited amount of vehicle parking for those requiring assistance will be provided. Accessible toilets are located within the Spen Cama Pavilion next to the Aerotron Indoor School (North West corner), behind the general admission seating at the North East corner (Cromwell Road end), rear of South Stand and beside the Sharks Stand. For Corporate Hospitality Guests there are facilities within Cow Corner. For more information visit our website <https://www.sussexcricket.co.uk/stands-facilities>

DOGS:

For all events, assistance dogs are allowed in. For daytime Championship and 50 over matches dogs may be brought into the ground but must always be on a lead and never allowed to foul the Ground or enter the playing area at any time. For Floodlit, Vitality T20 matches, firework displays or concerts, no dogs will be allowed in. Dogs, apart from assistance dogs, or other animals are never permitted in any place where food or drink may be served. It is the responsibility of the owner to both ensure their animal has access to clean fresh water for the day and to clean up after their animal. Dogs must not be left alone in vehicles; Sussex Cricket reserve the right to gain entry to the vehicle if they feel it necessary to do so.

PARKING:

We recommend using sustainable transport to travel but if you need to travel by car there is public car parking at Norton Road Car Park (BN3 3BE), located a short walk west of The 1st Central County Ground opposite Hove Town Hall (charges apply between 8am and 8pm). For further information please go to: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/norton-road-car-park.

Please note there is no parking available on site except for a limited number of spaces for Sussex Cricket members on County Championship Match Days only.

TRAVEL: There are various travel options available detailed below. The 1st Central County Ground has excellent public transport links, and we recommend using sustainable transport to travel to the Ground.

By Train:

Hove Railway Station is a ten minute walk from the ground. Leave the station and head South on Goldstone Villas, at the bottom of the road turn left onto Eaton Road. Cross over The Drive continuing along Eaton Road, The 1st Central County Ground will appear on your left hand side.

Brighton Railway Station is approximately a mile and a half from the Club. There are regular rail services from Brighton Station to Hove Station. There is also a taxi rank located just outside Brighton Station,

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By Bus

The Number 7 bus runs past the North (Cromwell Road) end of the ground with several stops near the ground. This service is the George Street, Hove to Brighton Marina service and serves both Hove and Brighton Rail Stations. This bus runs approximately every 10 minutes and around every 15 minutes on Sundays.

The 21 & 21A Brighton Marina to Goldstone Valley service stops outside the main entrance to the ground; these are less frequent but do run through the central Hove and Brighton areas.

There are several additional services that stop on Church Road, a short walk from the main entrance.

For up to date information on these services and for detailed route map information please visit www.buses.co.uk or use Google Maps.

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