

LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB



Away fan & new visitor guide



WELCOME

The LNER Stadium has been the home of Lincoln City Football Club, also known as the Imps, since 1895.

The club's nickname is taken from the legendary Lincoln Imp, found turned to stone by an angel in the rafters of Lincoln Cathedral.

Founded in 1884, the Imps were officially named as an amateur association despite playing as a team since the 1860s. The club's most famous former player is Graham Taylor, who also managed Lincoln City between 1971 and 1977.

We are passionate about providing meaningful interaction with home and away supporters - [you can view our fan engagement plan here](#).

We hope you enjoy your visit to Lincoln and enjoy the game at the LNER Stadium!

If you have any questions please email slo@theredimps.com



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GETTING TO LINCOLN

Lincoln is closer than you think and easy to get to from any direction.

BY ROAD

If travelling by road:

- From the North: via the A15 (Hull) or the A46 (Grimsby);
- From the South: via the A46 (Leicester, Nottingham, Newark) or the A1 and A15 (London, East Anglia);
- From the East: via the A158 (Skegness);
- From the West: via the A1 and A57 (Leeds, Worksop, Sheffield).

There are several options for parking:

- The South Common Car Park (LN5 8LN) is a 5-10 minute walk from the stadium. This is available on a first come first served basis at £7 per match (£6 if booked in advance). Pay on the gate is available, with payment by card only, but booking online via eticketing.co.uk/imps remains the best way to guarantee your space. There is the rare occasion when the south common is not available due to Lincoln City Council events. Please check the website in advance of the game to check details.
- Supporters with disabilities must contact the ticket office regarding parking by calling 01522 880011 or by emailing dlo@theredimps.com.

- On Saturdays and bank holidays fans can park in Waterside North car park (LN2 5DQ) for just £2.60. Take advantage of this offer by using the Pay by Phone app (59299).
- For weekday evening fixtures supporters are eligible for a 50% discount through the Pay by Phone app in the following car parks; Tentercroft Street (7840), Chaplin Street (7855) and Lucy Tower (7852) multi-storey car park

BY RAIL

Lincoln Central Train Station is on the East Coast, East Midlands, and Northern train routes. On arrival, the stadium is a 15 minute walk via High Street, Scorer Street, and Cross Street.

Full details are available at visitlincoln.com/travel-tools.



AT THE LNER STADIUM

Information point:

Upon your arrival at the LNER Stadium our friendly and welcoming supporter liaison officers will be located around the stadium and Fan Village should you have any queries. Alternatively, you can email slo@theredimps.com before the day of the game.

Ticket office and club shop:

Our ticket office and club shop have a welcoming and helpful team to assist with all ticketing related queries, for both home and away supporters. It is located within the stadium along with the club store. On matchdays it is open from 10am, or can be contacted by phone on **01522 458884** or via email at tickets@theredimps.com.

Our club shop has plenty of items suitable for all the family - ranging from the latest replica kits to some great value items which are well within the range of pocket money for those looking for a souvenir of their matchday!

MATCHDAY TIMELINE

Below is a typical matchday itinerary which lists the events going on during the day at the LNER Stadium.

Kick-off	Kick-off	Activity
15:00	19:45	
12:00	17:00	All bars and matchday restaurants open
12:00	17:00	University of Lincoln Fan Village open to all fans
12:30	17:15	Live football on in all our bars
13:00	17:30	Look out for the players arriving - they're always happy to pose for photos or sign autographs!
13:30	18:15	Stadium opens
14:00	18:45	The Former Players Association with special guests in Fan Village
14:15	19:00	Team announced in University of Lincoln Fan Village by the Former Players Association - look out for our mascot Poacher as he heads around the stadium!
14:15	19:00	The players head out to warm up ahead of the game
15:00	19:45	Match kicks-off
15:45	16:45	University of Lincoln Fan Village open for food and refreshments. Watch out for a penalty shootout at half-time as local children try and score past Poacher!
17:00	21:45	Full Time



WELCOME TO LNER STADIUM



1. 3G pitch entrance
2. Ticket office / club store
3. Players' Lounge
4. Memorial Wall
5. Greenlinc Renewables 200 Club
6. Players' entrance (+ changing facility)
7. Almond Financial Murph's Lounge
8. Centre Spot bar
9. University of Lincoln Fan Village

10. Poacher's Corner / Fun Farm Family Area
11. Branston Legends Lounge
12. Red Imp Bar Home fans only
13. Poacher's Den (matchday family activity)

STADIUM REGULATIONS

Lincoln City FC is committed to ensuring that all supporters have an enjoyable experience at the LNER Stadium.

NON-PERMITTED ITEMS WITHIN THE STADIUM INCLUDE:

- Bottles
- Cans
- Video cameras
- Cameras (excluding mobiles)
- Pyrotechnics
- Flags larger than 250 cm in size at widest/ longest point. Flags smaller than this must be fire retardant and use either wood or plastic poles.

SMOKING POLICY:

- The LNER Stadium is a smoke free zone, including use of e-cigarettes;
- Designated smoking bubbles can be used during intervals;
- Supporters will not be allowed to leave and return to the stadium.

Any supporter who persistently uses expletives could face a ban from the stadium.





ACCESSIBILITY

Lincoln City is committed to ensuring that all supporters have an enjoyable experience at the LNER Stadium.

Tickets can be arranged by contacting the visiting club. For any other queries/accessibility requirements, please email dlo@theredimps.com. Our access statement is available to view on our website at

<https://bit.ly/4euJ1zo>



If you would like to report any issue on a matchday you can via bit.ly/ImpsReporting



FAN VILLAGE

The Fan village adds to the matchday experience.

Situated behind the Rilmac Stand, the University of Lincoln Fan Village is free to all and gives both home and away fans the chance to purchase refreshments. There is also a variety of entertainment on offer, including live football, music and the chance to see some former Imps who may have played for your club too.

Fan Village features include:

- Pouring points at either end of the fan village
- Local businesses serving food on the day
- Different entertainment to fit in with the theme of the day - A selection of refreshments.
- Children's activities

Need more help?

For more information on the day, look for one of our supporter liaison officers to point you in the right direction, or contact the club before the day of the game by emailing slo@theredimps.com.





MATCHDAY CATERING

There are bar and refreshment facilities in the home and away stands which offer a range of pies, burgers, hot dogs, confectionery and soft drinks. All of our food is cooked and served fresh, so there may be queues at peak times.

Also continuing the local theme, there are mobile catering kiosks around the stadium footprint and in the University of Lincoln Fan Village which are all part of the Lincoln Street Food Collective, from the likes of the ever popular Yellowbelly Sausage Company and Curry Jacks.

Please note that the away kiosks inside the stadium are card only.

The nearest cash machine is located at the convenience store on Lincoln High Street (LN5 8HX).

THINGS TO DO

Lincoln has so much to offer, so make sure you explore the whole city when visiting for the football. Here are our top five things to do when in the city:

Lincoln Cathedral

The Cathedral can be seen from miles around, and even from the stands at LNER Stadium. Explore what was once the tallest building in the world – a place of beauty and tranquillity. Don't forget to look out for the gargoyles outside, and the famous Lincoln Imp inside, from whom Lincoln City FC take their nickname.

Lincoln Castle

The Castle on the hill was built by William the Conqueror to defend any future invasions of England. And it has stood strong ever since, even in the face of two Battles of Lincoln. Today it holds events, is home to a 1215 copy of Magna Carta, and you can walk the entire walls with stunning views across the city. Can you spot the stadium to the south?

Steep Hill

One of the most famous hills in England connects the busy city centre to the cobbled Cathedral Quarter of Lincoln! But, fear not, there are plenty of unique shops, tea rooms, coffee houses, and historic pubs along the way to give you a rest and keep you refreshed. And don't forget to pick up your "I Climbed Steep Hill" souvenir at the Visitor Information Centre at the top!

Brayford Waterfront

The LNER Stadium is found alongside one of the city's many waterways, the most famous of which is the Brayford Pool. Close to the city centre, the Waterfront is the perfect base for a day in Lincoln with restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, and a cinema for entertainment. You can also take a boat trip to explore more of the area or stay overnight with views from the 4th floor at one of the waterfront hotels.

International Bomber Command Centre

You will often hear echoes of Lincoln's Royal Air Force past in the stands at LNER Stadium as air raid sirens and the Dam Busters theme are sung by home support. Discover this heritage for yourself just a 20 minute walk away past the South Common at the International Bomber Command Centre. The poignant memorial spire and walls are accompanied by a fascinating exhibition to remember more than 50,000 servicemen and women who died serving Bomber Command in WWII – many based in the county.

For more ideas head to visitlincoln.com





THINGS TO DO

2 HOUR BEFORE KICK-OFF:

Walking time: 15 minutes

Cornhill Quarter

Walk from the stadium to Lincoln's High Street. The Cornhill Quarter has received a £30m revamp and includes Cosy Club restaurant, Everyman Cinema, The Botanist, retail shops and entertainment venues. There are regular food, craft and artists markets lining the High Street, plus street performances in City Square.

Walking time: 15 minutes

Brayford Pool

Lincoln's waterfront has a wide range of restaurants and bars, as well as hotels and a multi-screen cinema. If the weather is warm you can eat and drink al fresco overlooking the water.

3 HOURS BEFORE KICK-OFF

Walking time: 40 minutes

Cathedral Quarter

Look up the hill and you can't miss Lincoln Cathedral. Walk from the stadium along the High Street and keep heading up. You'll walk along the High Street before reaching the cobbled street of 'The Strait', which is lined with boutique shops and independent traders. If you fancy a breather, take a rest at The Collection Museum or the Usher Art Gallery. If you'd rather keep going, walk up 'Steep Hill' and be rewarded with Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln Castle (money saving Joint Tickets available through www.VisitLincoln.com/joint).

Walking time: 40 minutes

International Bomber Command Centre

Make your way to South Common and you'll see the memorial spire of International Bomber Command Centre reaching into the sky. The spire and walls are accompanied by an exhibition to remember more than 50,000 service men and women who died serving bomber command in WWII.

4+ HOURS BEFORE KICK-OFF

Walking time: 40 minutes

Cathedral Quarter

Enjoy Lincoln's open top sightseeing bus 'Tour Lincoln'. With live commentary it is one of the best ways to experience the whole city – and you can hop on and off at 10 different stops. The full tour last 1 hour and starts at Lincoln Cathedral. Buy your ticket from the Visitor Information Centre for a discount www.VisitLincoln.com/tour.

LINCOLN LOVES KIDS

If you're bringing the kids to the match in Lincoln, stay a little longer for a great family break.

Whether it's galloping through Lincoln Castle, hearing your echoes at the Cathedral or getting crafty at The Collection; Lincoln is the perfect backdrop for all your family adventures no matter how much time you have.

And on a matchday head to the University of Lincoln Family Fan Village at the LNER for lots of family fun. With free football sessions on the 3G pitch, an inflatable challenge and plenty of indoor fun in the Co-Op Community Hub.

Get more family inspiration at visitlincoln.com/kids.





PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

Arrive in Lincoln early to experience the tastes of the county before the game.

Try somewhere like the Cosy Club for a special breakfast or head to the Brayford Waterfront for an al fresco lunch – both walking distance to the stadium for the match.

After the game head back into the city centre and enjoy a bite to eat and a pint of local ale at one of the historic pubs that line the High Street and Cathedral Quarter.

Plan your day with Visit Lincoln's guide to eating and drinking in the city at visitlincoln.com/food-drink.

WHERE TO STAY

Lincoln is an ideal destination for a long weekend break when visiting the LNER Stadium.

There are many quaint B&Bs, holiday apartments, and cathedral-view hotels ready to welcome you in the city. Or you could search for a cottage or country house hotel in the area surrounding the city.

If you'd like to stay closer to the action at the LNER, the Brayford Waterfront is home to three hotels – The Holiday Inn, DoubleTree by Hilton, and Holiday Inn Express – and is just a 30 minute walk to the stadium.

Close by the historic area of Lincoln, known as the Cathedral Quarter includes a number of hotels. Within this area there are the White Hart and The Lincoln.

Search for places to stay and plan your break at visitlincoln.com/stay.





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