

# Guide to Franklin's Gardens, Home of the Saints and the cinch Stadium

John Franklin bought a Pleasure Gardens, Melbourne Gardens, off the Weedon Road in 1886, The Club's origins can be traced to a boys' improvement class run out of the St James Church by its curate, Revd Samuel Wathen Wigg. Saints made Franklin's Gardens it's home in the late 1880s. It soon developed a reputation as one of the finest grounds in the country with the main stand added in 1927. Steady development over the years has led to the stadium as it is today, with Stands on all four sides and Training Pitches onsite, with planning permission currently in train for a state of the art on-site indoor training facility.

## The cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens



Hospitality Suites are situated in the Barwell Stand (Michael Jones Champions Suite) and the Heroes Restaurant, The Captains Club and the Legends Lounge are to be found in the Carlsberg Stand

The village, to the rear of the cinch Stand, is home to a number of bars, food outlets, a stage with a big screen and a covered seating area. All locations within the ground are cashless.

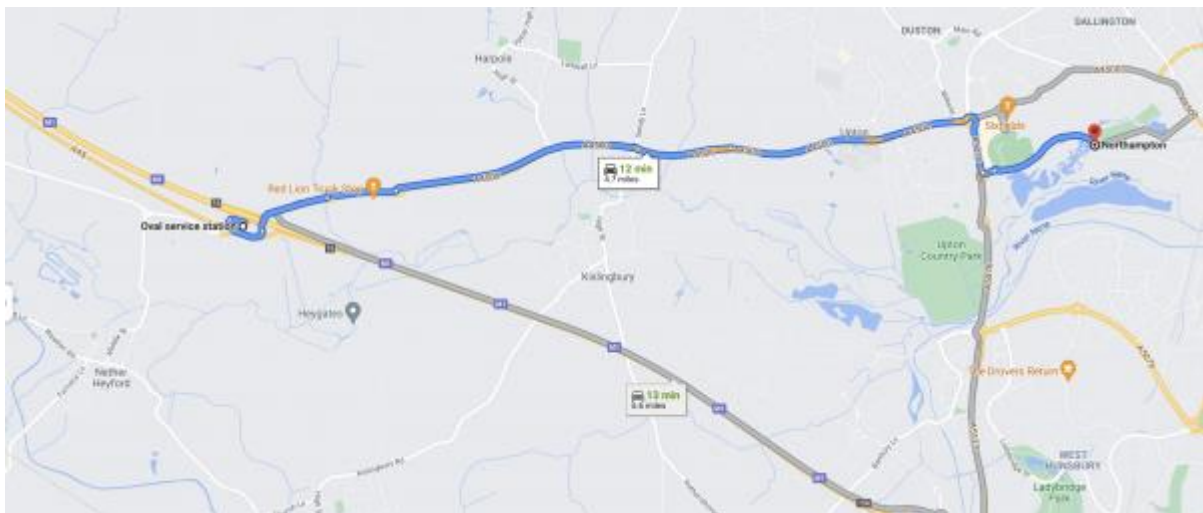
## Getting to Franklin's Gardens

Northampton is accessible from the North, South and West via the M1, Junctions 15a and 16 are best. Follow the signs for Rugby and remember that the car parks are accessed via Sixfields and Edgar Mobbs Way.

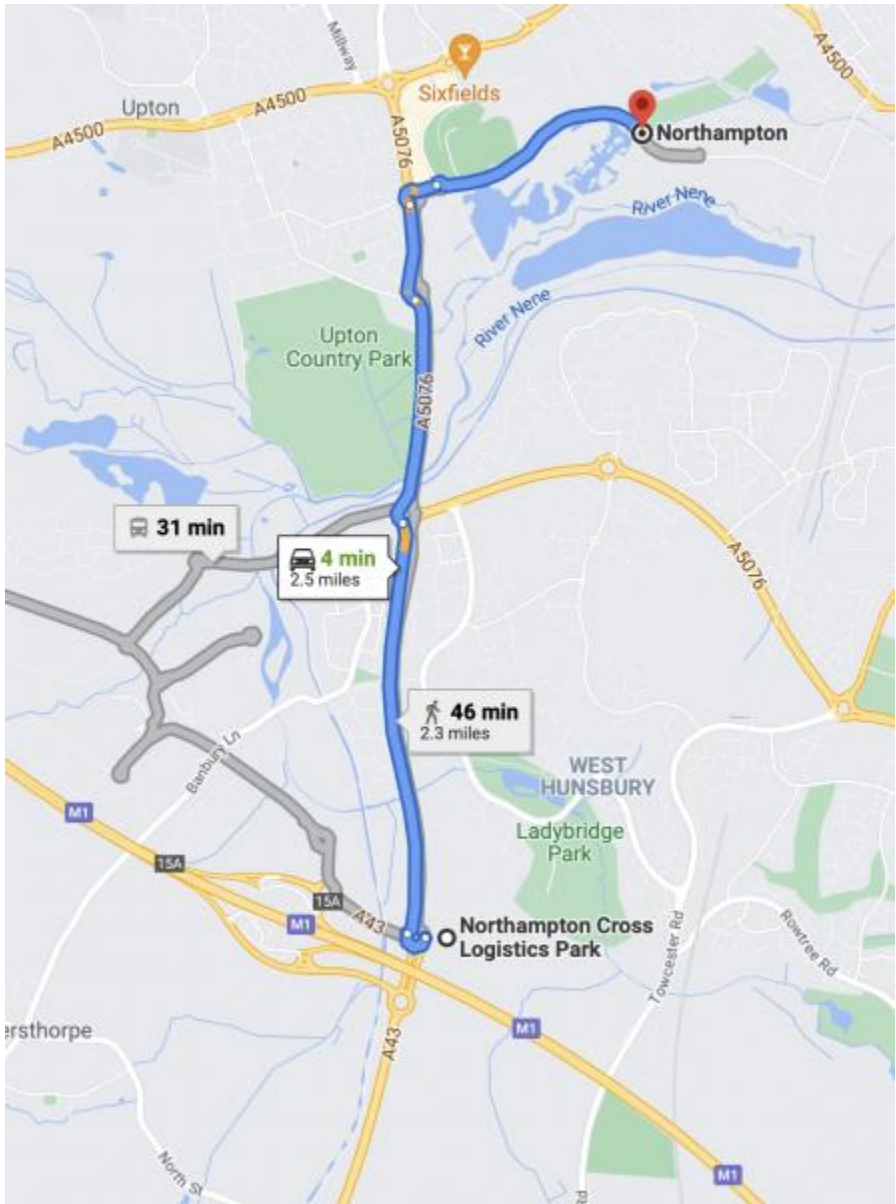
Exit the M1 at junction 15a or 16 and follow the signs to Northampton and Sixfields, or alternatively follow the brown rugby ball signs. At third roundabout after leaving the motorway, turn right onto A5076 (next to the Sixfields football stadium).

Go straight over the mini roundabout onto Edgar Mobbs Way where the stadium car parks are clearly signposted. Media access parking is located in Car Park D, on the left hand side, opposite the pay and display car park.

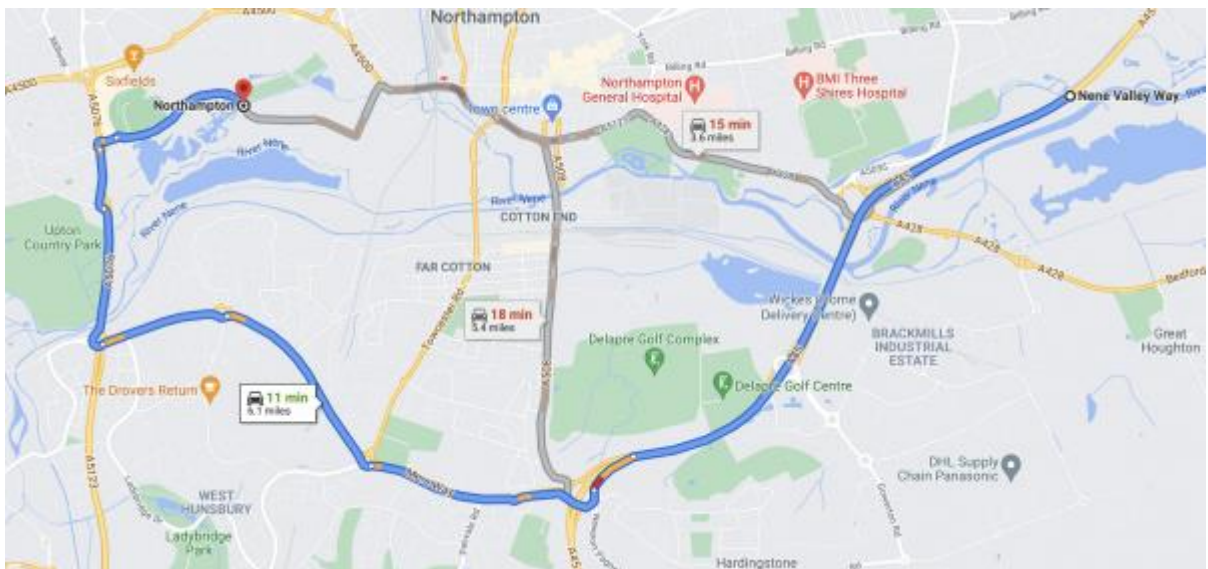
Please use the postcode NN5 5JT for satellite navigation devices, as most systems will take you to the main entrance of the ground not the car parks.



From M1 J16



From M1 J15a



From Nene Valley Way

Franklin's Gardens has over 1,500 parking spaces available, all within easy walking distance of the ground. The stadium is in a residential area, supporters are therefore strongly advised to use the club's car parks. Should you choose not to do so, you must park with due care in the awareness that police and residents have. A no-tolerance approach to parking, and your parking may cost you more than you have budgeted for!

## **RAIL SERVICES**

London Northwestern Railway serves Northampton from Birmingham, London, and other major towns and cities along this part of the West Coast Main Line. Both Birmingham and London are approx. one hour's travel time from Northampton, with Franklin's Gardens a short walk (or shorter bus ride) from Northampton station.

For full information about regional train services visit [www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk](http://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk)

## **BUS SERVICES**

A number of bus services operate along Weedon Road, with stops outside Franklin's Gardens, to and from the railway station.

Number 5 runs between Northampton town centre and New Duston.

Numbers 9 and 9A run between Northampton town centre and Duston.

Numbers 15 and 15A run between Northampton town centre and St Crispins.

Numbers D1, D2 and D3 run between Northampton town centre and Weedon and Daventry

Number 50 runs between Northampton town centre and Swan Valley, with a stop on Edgar Mobbs Way by the Saints; official car parks.

Number 96 runs between Northampton centre and Long Buckby, East Haddon and Rugby, with a stop at the junction between Harlestone Road and Weedon Road, approx 200 metres from Franklin's Gardens.

All of the above also stop outside Northampton railway station. Further services operate between Northampton town centre and Wellingborough, Kettering, Milton Keynes and other regional centres. Change at Northampton bus station for connecting services to Franklin's Gardens

## **NEAREST AIRPORTS**

London Luton and Nottingham East Midlands are easily accessible by road from Northampton via the M1. Birmingham International is also within reach and has a direct rail link with London Midland trains.

## **DISABLED ACCESS**

cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens is a stadium with full disabled access, with provisions in place to ensure disabled supporters and their carers are both well catered for.

There is ample seating available both pitchside and at a higher level within the stadium, as well as disabled toilet facilities.

You can [download the Club's Disabled Access Policy HERE](#).

## **TICKETS**

Disabled access tickets are available to purchase via the Ticket Office only. Please ring 01604 581000 to enquire.

## **CAR PARKING**

Disabled car parking places can be booked in advance, with 13 spaces in the VIP car park and 25 spaces in the supporters' car park. But please enquire early to avoid disappointment as these are often purchased by season pass holders.

Please ring the Ticket Office on 01604 581000 to check availability.

## **Eating and Drinking in the ground**

In the village – situated behind South (cinch) Stands, there are several bars (real ale) and food outlets. Sauls' famous Pork Rolls, Fish and Chips and Burger Bars. There is also a large, covered area for inclement weather. The village also has a large screen and is home

to the Saints diversity hub. Other bars around the ground include the Rodber Suite (underneath the Carlsberg Stand), The Barwell stand, and the concourse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Cinch stand also have public bars and food outlets.

## **In Northampton**

Northampton has a variety of Bars, Pubs, Restaurants and Hotels, to suit all all tastes and pockets. The map below shows some of our favourites.