CHARLTON ATHLETIC

AWAY SUPPORTERS GUIDE TO THE VALLEY

2026/27 SEASON

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THANK YOU

FOR CHOOSING TO JOIN US AT THE VALLEY

Welcome to The Valley - the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club, also known as the Addicks.

This guide has been designed to provide all visiting supporters with relevant information required ahead of visiting SE7.

At Charlton Athletic, we welcome all supporters from all communities and aim to provide an enjoyable matchday experience for all fans attending a match at The Valley.



TICKETS

CONTACT US

The Ticket Office's phone lines are in operation **Monday to Friday 11am - 5pm.**

To call our ticket office, please contact **03330 14 44 44**.

To email, please contact **tickets@cafc.co.uk.**

AWAY FANS

Our Ticket Office provide an allocation of tickets to our opponents ahead of every match at The Valley.

Away fans wishing to purchase seats in the away end should contact their own club's Ticket Office to purchase them.

The only time Charlton will sell tickets to away fans will be on the day of the game, if they remain on sale. Tickets increase by £3 for adults and £2 for concessions and U12s.





GETTING TO THE VALLEY

Here is how to get to The Valley via car or bike:

BY CAR

The Valley's postcode is **SE7 8BL.**

A lot of the roads around The Valley have parking restrictions and those driving to the ground are, therefore, advised to plan their journeys in advance.

Please note that the roads around The Valley close 45 minutes before kick-off and do not open again until after the game has started.

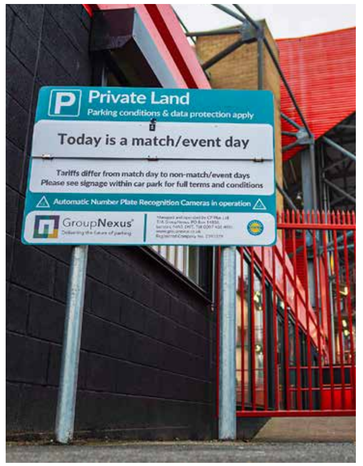
BY BIKE

If you're cycling to The Valley, bike racks are available behind the Club Shop for convenient bike parking.









GETTING TO THE VALLEY

Here is how to get to The Valley via public transport:

BY BUS

London Buses **SL11, 486, 161, 177, 180 and 380** stop near to The Valley.

Some of these can be boarded from North Greenwich tube station, which is around a **10-minute** bus journey from The Valley.

BY TRAIN

Charlton station is the nearest train station to The Valley and is just a **7-minute walk away.**

Charlton station is served by trains travelling from, London Bridge, London Cannon Street, London Charing Cross, Dartford and Gillingham. We advise fans travelling by train to plan their journey in advance.

BY TUBE

Woolwich and **North Greenwich** are the closest tube stations to The Valley.

Woolwich is on the Elizabeth Line and North Greenwich is on the Jubilee Line. Bus stops with services to Charlton are at both stations and North Greenwich also has a large taxi rank.







ARRIVING

Here are some things to do when arriving at the The Valley:

TICKET COLLECTION

Tickets being collected within two hours of kick-off should be picked up from the Covered End Ticket Office, which is located at the rear of the Covered End in Harvey Gardens.

CASHLESS STADIUM

The Valley is now cashless. This means that no cash will be accepted for any other transactions in the stadium and we would advise people to make sure that they bring a payment card with them.

There are cashpoints located outside of Charlton train station on either side of the road if needed.

THE TURNSTILES

The Valley's turnstiles open **90 minutes** before the match is due to start – **1.30pm for a 3pm kick-off** and **6.15pm for a 7.45pm kick-off.**

We would recommend that you take your seats early, so that you can enjoy all of our pre-match build-up.









BAG POLICY

The club have worked closely with supporter representatives to update our bag policy for the remainder of the 2026/27 season.

The policy was introduced to strengthen the club's safety and security arrangements ahead of the implementation of new legislation named Martyn's Law. Restrictions on the size of bags permitted into stadiums are already standard practice across much of the top two tiers of English football, and we believe it is important that The Valley continues to move in the same direction.

Supporters will be permitted to bring bags measuring up to **45cm (height) x 35cm (width) x 15cm (depth)** into the stadium on matchdays. This is equivalent to approximately 24 litres of volume. This includes standard-sized backpacks, rucksacks and tote bags. Supporters may also use transparent bags, provided they meet the permitted dimensions. Reusable transparent bags are available to purchase from the Valley Superstore.

The club will review the policy, with supporter representatives ahead of the 2027/28 season following the expected full implementation of Martyn's Law in spring 2027.

The updated policy applies to both home and away supporters attending fixtures in SE7.

A Bag Drop service is available on matchdays for supporters who are unable to bring their bag into the stadium. Located at the Covered End reception, the service will open two hours before kick-off.

The Bag Drop is operated by club staff on every matchday, and a charge applies to cover this cost. For the remainder of the 2026/27 season, the club will subsidise the service, with the cost reduced to £5 for all bags. Supporters using the service will also have the option to collect a free transparent bag for use at future fixtures.

Bags exceeding the permitted dimensions, including large rucksacks, holdalls and suitcases, will not be allowed into the stadium. Supporters bringing larger bags are advised to make use of the Bag Drop service.



INFORMATION FOR DISABLED SUPPORTERS

DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you have any disability requirements please contact **DLO@cafc.co.uk**.

For any further queries, either **fans@cafc.co.uk** or **tickets@cafc.co.uk**.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

All Transport For London (TFL) buses are now wheelchair accessible, as is Charlton Train Station and North Greenwich tube station.

Buses can be boarded from North Greenwich to The Valley.



CLOSE TO THE VALLEY

THE O2 ARENA

Since re-opening as the O2 Arena in 2007, the formerly known 'Millennium Dome' has become one of the country's most popular concert venues. No fewer than 60 million people have visited the O2 in the last decade, with some of the biggest names in music and comedy gracing its main stage.



GREENWICH

Just a couple of miles from The Valley, Greenwich – the home of time – is packed full of history, local culture and stunning views of London. Greenwich Market, the National Maritime Museum, the Cutty Sark and the Old Royal Naval College are just a few things that this wonderful part of south London has to offer.

As well as this, Greenwich Park, one of the Royal parks of London, is located between Blackheath and Greenwich itself and offers stunning views of the capital's skyline and the Naval College.



THAMES BARRIER

Just over half a mile from The Valley, the imposing-looking Thames Barrier was constructed in 1984 and is one of the largest moveable flood barriers in the world.

Spanning 520 metres across the Thames at Woolwich Reach, the Thames Barrier has 10 steel gates that are tested every month and visitors to it are able to view a working scaled model in action.



CENTRAL LONDON

Hop on a train at Charlton station – just a three-minute walk from The Valley – and you can be in central London in under 20 minutes. Once you arrive, London is your oyster...

The centre of the capital is also reachable from Charlton by bus, the 53 from Charlton Village and 188 from North Greenwich station, while the Jubilee Line can also be boarded from North Greenwich.



VALLEY FACTS

Founded in 1905, Charlton Athletic did not move to The Valley until 1919 when the club found an abandoned sand and chalk pit in SE7. Lacking the money to fully develop the site, a large group of volunteer supporters dug out a flat area for the pitch at the bottom of the chalk pit and used the excavated material to build up makeshift stands.

In February 1938, an FA Cup tie against Aston Villa saw The Valley set its record attendance of 75,031. Apart from Wembley Stadium and Stamford Bridge, no London football ground has ever eclipsed this.

Charlton were forced to move away from The Valley between 1985 and 1992 and had to groundshare with Crystal Palace and West Ham United. Supporters formed a political party to help get the club back to SE7 and, after a seven-year exile, the Addicks returned to The Valley in December 1992, winning the first match back 1-0 against Portsmouth.

Upon returning to The Valley, the stadium's capacity stood at just 8,337. This was expanded by the completion of the new East Stand in 1994 and extended further by the construction of the two-tiered West Stand a few years later; The Valley's main stand. In 2002, The Valley's capacity reached what it is today, 27,111, following the redevelopment of the North Stand or 'Covered End' as it is known by supporters.










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