

Park-and-Ride facilities ready for 2010

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Park-and-ride facilities across the city have been upgraded to encourage soccer fans, daily commuters and visitors to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ to make use of the extended public transport services available during the event.

Cape Metrorail, a division of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, forms the backbone of the public transport system, serving 119 rail stations. The following ten stations with park-and-ride facilities will have event information, branding and additional security until the last train has left:

- Fish Hoek – beach parking area
- Ottery – parking at Youth Care Centre, opposite church
- Retreat – parking at station
- Claremont – on Palmyra Road, east of the station
- Goodwood – parking at GrandWest Casino and Entertainment World
- Century City – parking at Ratanga Junction with a shuttle service to the station
- Oosterzee – parking at Settlers High School
- Brackenfell – parking at station
- Kuils River – parking at station
- Strand – parking at municipal building opposite the station.

Parking in regular parking areas around rail stations will generally be free of charge. Temporary parking areas, however, will mostly be situated on private land, where a nominal charge may apply.

Eersterivier, Heideveld, Khayelitsha, Kraaifontein, Langa, Lansdowne, Monte Vista, Muizenberg, Nyanga, Philippi and Plumstead will also be branded and have additional security.

A match ticket provides free rail transport into the city centre before kick-off and on the return trip after the match. This is only applicable to match ticket holders on the day of that match.

On match days bus park-and-ride facilities are available at:

- Kronendal Primary School sports field off Andrews Road in Hout Bay
- Camps Bay High School sports field in Maiden's Cove off Victoria Road
- University of Cape Town's Upper Campus in Rondebosch

These facilities will operate from four hours before kick-off until four hours after final whistle. Parking at the University of Cape Town will be free while a nominal charge will apply at the other venues.

"There will be no general spectator parking available at the Cape Town Stadium or its immediate surrounds, and parking in the city centre is also severely limited. All spectators are encouraged to use the identified park-and-ride facilities outside the city centre," says Peter Sole, the City's Manager:Transport Network Operations. He emphasized that the best way to avoid congestion and frustration is to use the public transport systems.

"For those travelling from surrounding areas it is suggested that they consider using the rail system from Paarl and Stellenbosch stations, whichever is the closest. Visitors to Cape Town staying in the Winelands could arrange with their places of accommodation to be dropped off and collected at these stations", Sole concluded.

"No match ticket, no problem," says Pieter Cronje, the City's Director:Communication. "Without a match ticket you could still be part of the event by going to the Fan Fest at the Grand Parade or to Fan Jols (public viewing areas) in Bellville, Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and Athlone where fans can watch the events on big screens and enjoy entertainment."

The Fan Jols are well served by regular minibus public transport services that operate from ranks at the nearby rail stations and public transport interchanges:

- Bellville Velodrome off Durban Road is linked to Bellville Station via a minibus taxi service.
- Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone, off Klipfontein Road is accessible via Athlone Station.
- OR Tambo Sports Hall in Khayelitsha is located on Lansdowne Road, and within 500m of Nonkqubela Station.
- Swartklip Sports Hall in Mitchells Plain is located on the corner of Spine Road and Mew Way, and within walking distance of Mitchells Plain Station and Town Centre.

For comprehensive and up-to-date transport information contact the 24/7 Transport Information Centre on 0800 65 64 63, toll free from a landline or public pay phone.

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