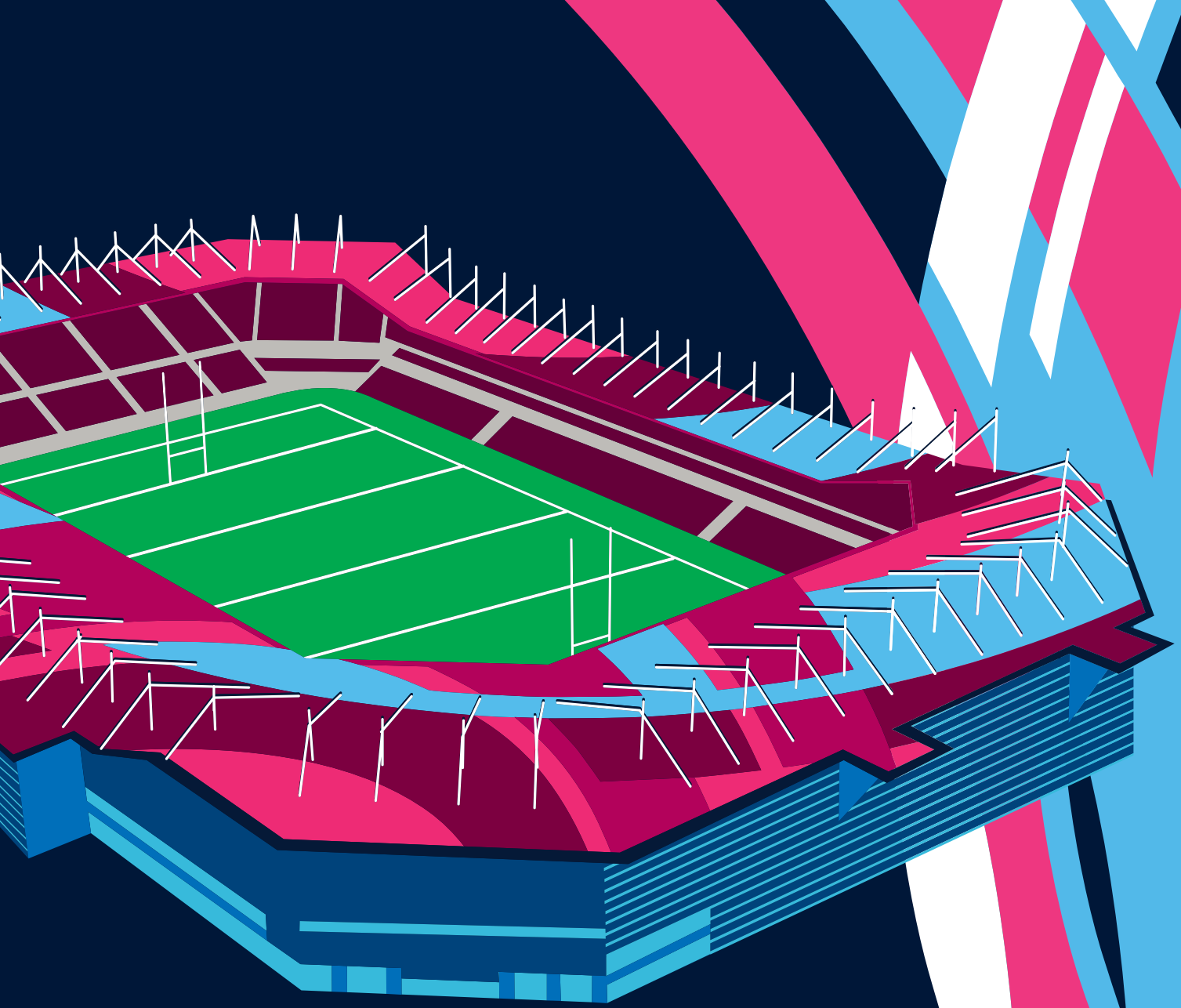

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015

YOUR TRAVEL GUIDE

EXETER

England 2015

GETTING TO EXETER

Use this guide to help you plan the best way to get to and from the match and to make the most of things such as the Fanzone while you are in the area. The hints and tips below are followed by more detailed information on getting to your match by different types of transport. The maps at the end of the guide will also help you find the best way around.

- Please book your travel tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment
- There is no dedicated spectator car parking at the stadium other than for blue badge holders. Please use the match day Park & Ride
- Exeter St David's Train Station offers quality long distance services across the UK. From there Digby & Sowton and Newcourt Train Stations, which are the closest to the stadium, are only about 15 minutes away
- There is a good quality local bus network, which includes additional match day services between the Stadium, Exeter, Exminster, St David's station and Fanzone
- Check out the Fanzone at Northernhay Place in the heart of the city near Exeter Cathedral. A spectator shuttle bus service run by Stagecoach will provide frequent direct services between the Fanzone and the stadium on match days
- Many of the transport arrangements for the match are different to normal so please plan ahead – even if you have been to the stadium before

MATCH SCHEDULE

DATE	FIXTURES	TIME
Tue Sept 29	Tonga v Namibia	16:45
Wed Oct 7	Namibia v Georgia	20:00
Sun Oct 11	Italy v Romania	14:30

TOP TIPS

Here are some tips to help you make the most of your Rugby World Cup 2015 experience:

- Go to rugbyworldcup.com for everything you need to know about the Tournament
- Follow us on Twitter @RWC2015Travel for the latest travel advice. Plan your journey at rugbyworldcup.com/journeyplanner
- Check what you're allowed to bring – there will be security checks on arrival
- Don't forget your match tickets!
- Be prepared for the elements – most match venues are outdoors
- Travel light, you're only allowed one small bag
- Get to the match venue with plenty of time to spare, and remember that the pre-match show starts 30 minutes before kick-off
- Download and use the Official RWC 2015 App – don't forget to turn on push notifications
- This is your Tournament, so for every match back a team, wear their colours and let them hear you – together you will make Rugby World Cup 2015 great!

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GETTING TO THE STADIUM

Which option is best for me?

Here are a few things to consider when you are planning your travel arrangements.

Rail

- Please book your tickets at www.nationalrail.co.uk as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
- **Nearest rail stations:**
  - Newcourt is a 10 minute walk away from the stadium and customers requiring Topsham, Exton, Lympstone Commando, Lympstone Village and Exmouth should use Newcourt station only
  - Digby & Sowton is a 15 minute walk away from the stadium and customers requiring Polsloe Bridge, St James' Park, or any of the Exeter stations should use Digby & Sowton only, or take the shuttle bus to Exeter St. David's as Digby & Sowton will be very busy
- Both Newcourt and Digby & Sowton stations will be staffed for approximately three to four hours after the matches have finished
- Be prepared for service alterations after the match has finished to accommodate extra services
- Change at Exeter Central for London Waterloo services and services to Barnstaple and Paignton
- Change at Exeter St David's for mainline services to London Paddington, Plymouth, Penzance and the north
- Be prepared to queue and please be patient while staff try to get you away as quickly as possible

Coach

- Nearest coach station: Exeter City centre
- You can travel to Exeter by National Express coach from a wide variety of UK cities including London, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh. Please book your coach ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Book your tickets at www.nationalexpress.com
- A five minute walk from the stadium, catch a local bus or alternatively take a taxi
- **Private coach charters:** Private coaches can also park at the Park & Ride at Westpoint.There is no parking charge for these coaches however this needs to be booked in advance. Please book at www.ticketing2.exeterchiefs.co.uk/fixture.aspx

Bus

- The stadium is a 45 minute bus ride from the centre of Exeter. Stagecoach South West has further information on the bus services that run in the area
- On match days, additional services run to the stadium. These services will run from three hours before, to two and a half hours after each match as follows:
  - No.77 Exminster-Sandy Park Stadium - every 15 minutes
  - No.78 Exeter St David's Station-Sandy Park Stadium - every 30 minutes
  - C Bus Exeter St David's Station-Fanzone - Sandy Park Stadium - up to every 10 minutes

Car (Park & Ride)

- There is no dedicated spectator car parking at the Stadium other than for blue badge holders
- Please use the Westpoint Arena Park & Ride site (postcode EX5 1DJ), near Junction 30 of the M5 Motorway. There is a frequent direct shuttle bus to and from the stadium. It starts three hours before kick-off and will run until post match entertainment at the stadium finishes
- It costs £7 per vehicle if booked in advance or £10 payable on the gate includes free shuttle bus for all passengers Spaces are limited and should be pre-booked. Details on how to book a space are available at rugbyworldcup.com/travel/Exeter
- There is a drop-off and pick-up point for cars and taxis at the stadium which is located adjacent to the West Stand. Please note however pick-ups cannot happen for 60 minutes after final whistle

Walking

- It is too far to walk from the city centre to the stadium from Exeter City centre (over one hour) and is not recommended. If you live in or are staying in the area you may want to consider travelling by bike, public transport or using the Park & Ride

Taxi

- Spectators are advised to arrange for taxis to drop them and pick them up from Digby & Sowton Train Station. It is a short (15 minute) walk from the stadium
- There is a small set-down and pick-up point at the stadium but this area is expected to be very busy. Taxis are not able to access this area to pick up for 60 minutes after final whistle

The Pack – look out for our friendly volunteers

Air

- Nearest airport: Exeter International Airport is close to Exeter city centre (five miles) and the stadium (five miles)
- **Getting to the city:** There is an hourly bus from the airport to central Exeter taking about 35 minutes. There is no train station at the airport with the nearest mainline stations being those in Exeter (Exeter St David's and Exeter Central). Taxis are available at the airport. The journey into Exeter and the stadium takes about 25 minutes
- If you are arriving from outside the UK – make sure you read the helpful leaflet from UK Border Force to ensure your entry into the country is as easy as possible

Bicycle

- The stadium, which has some cycle parking on site, and in the car park adjacent to the South Stand, is a 30 minute cycle ride from central Exeter

Motorcycle

- There is limited parking available at the venue for motorcycles, these are located adjacent to the West Stand
- Please use the Westpoint Arena Park & Ride site (Postcode EX5 1DJ), near Junction 30 of the M5 Motorway. There is a frequent direct shuttle bus to and from the stadium. It starts 3 hours before kick-off and will run until post match entertainment at the stadium finishes

Accessible Transport

- Please refer to the map for locations of the elements referred to below
- Blue badge parking is available close to the stadium. It must be booked in advance. Please phone 0800 458 4444 to book. Once booked you will be emailed a parking access pass which needs to be displayed on the dashboard upon arrival at the car park
- Additional blue badge parking is also available at the Westpoint Arena Park & Ride Site (Postcode EX5 1DJ), near Junction 30 of the M5 Motorway. There is a frequent direct shuttle bus to and from the Stadium. It starts 3 hours before kick-off and will run until post match entertainment at the stadium finishes
- The bus stop is about 50 metres from the stadium across good level terrain and The Pack will be on hand to help you on your way
- There is a wheelchair pushing service available, if you require assistance please speak to a member of the Pack, this is available between three hours before kick off and two hours after final whistle on each match day
- Please contact the Exeter City Council for further information on other parking options in the area

ALL ABOUT THE FANZONE

FANZONE

Where is the Fanzone?

Northernhay Gardens, Exeter. See the maps on the following pages.

How much does it cost to get in?

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

When is it open?

Friday	September 18	17:00 – 23:30
Saturday	September 26	12:00 – 23:30
Tuesday	September 29	11:00 – 21:00
Saturday	October 3	12:00 – 23:30
Wednesday	October 7	15:30 – 23:00
Saturday	October 10	12:00 – 23:00
Sunday	October 11	10:00 – 23:00
Saturday	October 17	12:00 – 23:30
Sunday	October 18	11:00 – 23:00
Saturday	October 24	12:00 – 19:00
Sunday	October 25	12:00 – 19:00
Friday	October 30	17:00 – 23:30
Saturday	October 31	12:00 – 21:00

What is there to do?

In addition to being able to watch Rugby World Cup 2015 matches, there will be a fun collection of Rugby themed activities to encourage and enable everyone to have a go, from speed passing games to throwing balls. The Fanzone will have a bar and a mix of food offerings to keep you sustained throughout the day.

Where do I find out more about the Fanzone?

For further information please visit:
rugbyworldcup.com/fanzones

What's the best way to get to the Fanzone?

It is very central, as you can see from the map, but here are a few hints and tips:

By car:

- There is no dedicated parking for the Fanzone

By public transport:

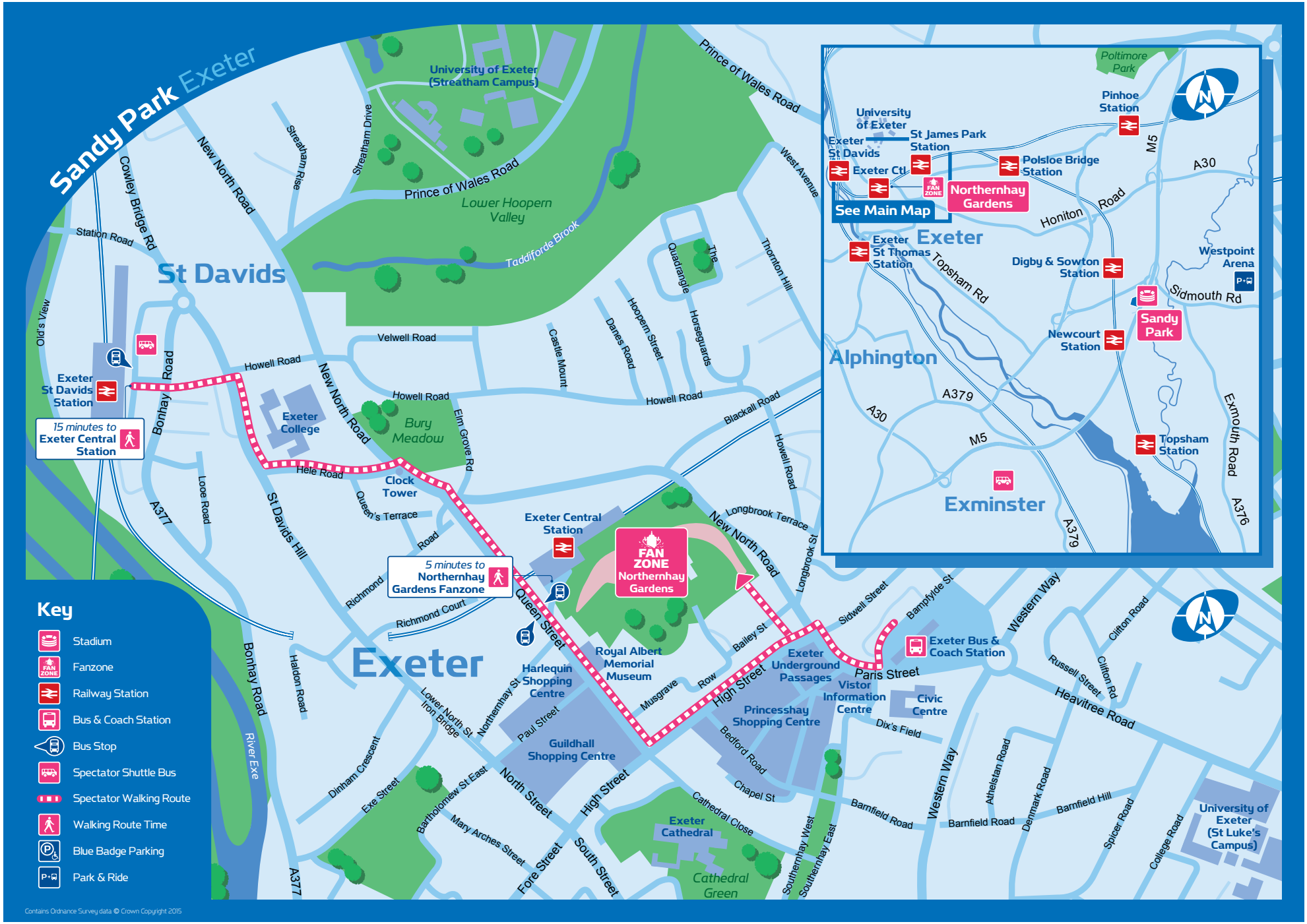
- By public transport: The Fanzone is located a short walk from central Exeter, the city's two train stations (St David's and Central) and the hub of the local bus network. You can also catch the spectator shuttle bus between the Fanzone and the stadium

On foot:

- Look out for signs between the Fanzone and stations. The Pack, our friendly volunteers, will be on hand to help you on your way

By bike:

- Cycling to the Fanzone could be a good option. It's a short cycle form the city centre and a 30 minute ride to the stadium



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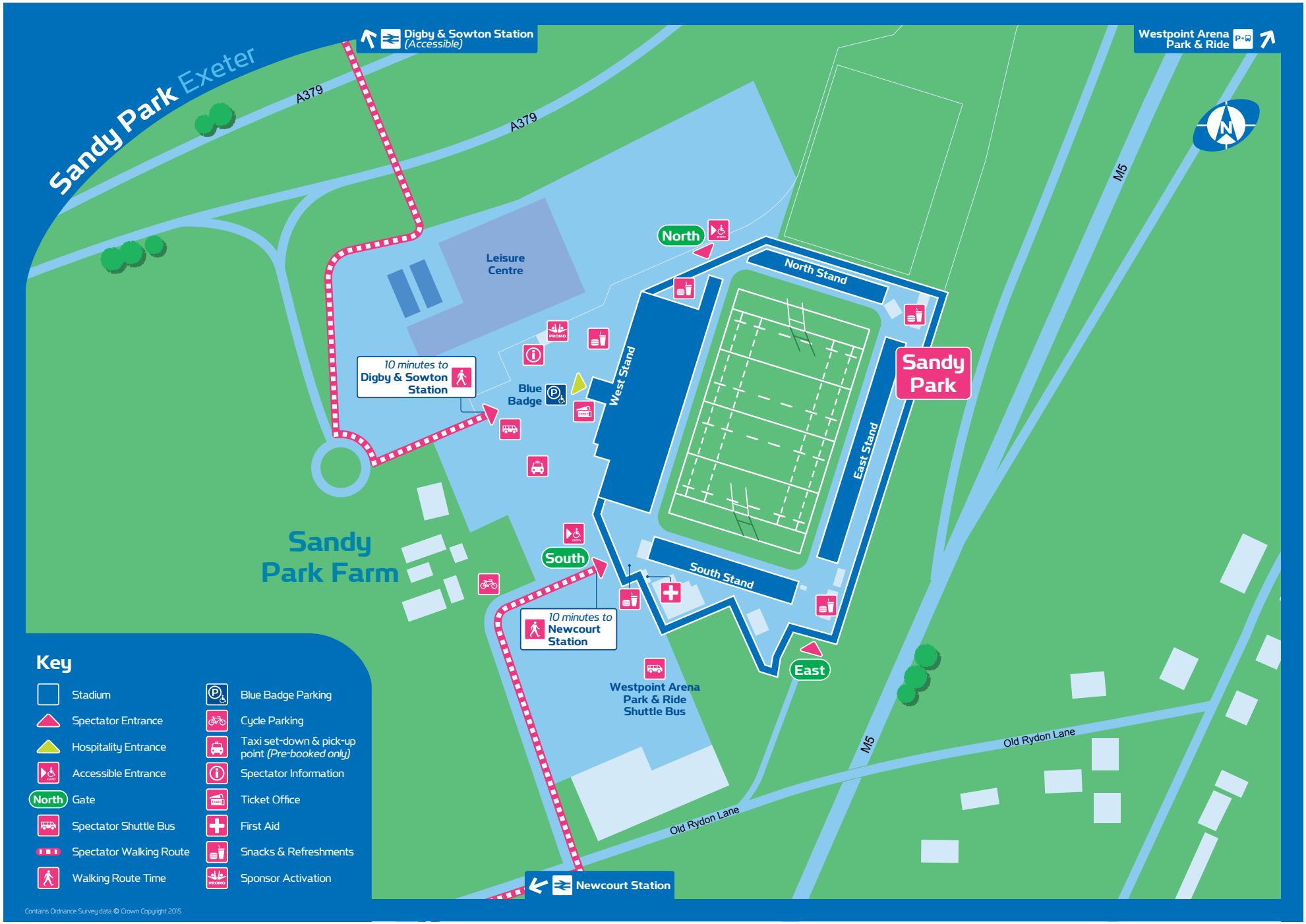

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