

# Game, set and travel advice

With the Wimbledon Championships getting under way today, TfL issues the following advice for tennis fans.

STRAWBERRIES and cream will not be the only thing served at Wimbledon this year, as the annual feast of tennis starts today.

British hopes will once again rest on the shoulders of 2013 Champion Andy Murray but the Scotsman will face competition from world number one Novak Djokovic, who is bidding for a third consecutive title.

There will be British hopes in the women's draw this year as Johanna Konta looks to continue an impressive run of form that has seen her seeded 17th at the All England Club.

Large crowds are expected during the tournament, which runs until July 10. If you are getting there by public transport, the nearest



Tube stations are Southfields and Wimbledon. Southfields station is on the Wimbledon branch

of the District line, with the All England Club around a 15-minute walk away.

Alternatively, tennis fans can make the short journey on the 493 bus.

Wimbledon Tube station is on the District line, and is served by National Rail via South West Trains. London Trams also run through the station.

South West Trains services to Wimbledon run from Waterloo. During the tournament there will be some long-distance services also stopping at Wimbledon station, which is a 20-minute walk away, or spectators can take the 493 bus.

There will be no shuttle bus operating from Southfields this year to reduce congestion along the route. However, there will be a shuttle bus service from Wimbledon station.

Customers arriving at Wimbledon are advised to go directly to the grounds, as this will prove quicker than taking the District line to Southfields and walking from there.

■ **For more details and to plan your journey to Wimbledon, visit [tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner](https://tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner)**

## Three more stations to become fully accessible

TfL has awarded a contract to provide step-free access at Maryland, Manor Park and Seven Kings.

The stations are being made fully accessible as part of improvements ahead of Elizabeth line services starting in December 2018. This will include new lifts, walkways and footbridges at Seven Kings and Manor Park. Maryland ticket hall will also be remodelled. Customers at these stations are already benefiting from having staff present from the first to last train.

This is part of TfL's work on the eastern section of the new Elizabeth line route between Liverpool Street and Shenfield. It will ensure the network can be used by everyone when it is fully operational.

### Summer start

HOCHTIEF will carry out the station improvements, with work on-site starting later this summer. Step-free access is expected to be available from late 2017. Network Rail work to upgrade stations and track is also taking place at stations along the TfL Rail route to prepare the existing railway for the Elizabeth line.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'I'm determined to make London a fairer city, open and accessible to all and one where we improve the support for those less able to get around London. My team are working on a more ambitious approach to improving step-free access in our stations, and I am very pleased that passengers using Maryland, Manor Park or Seven Kings are going to benefit from major improvements to their stations ahead of the launch of the new Elizabeth line services.'

The line will serve 40 stations, linking Reading and Heathrow in the west, to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east, with 21km of new twin-bore tunnels under central London. More than 200million people are expected to use it every year.



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LONDON Transport Museum has some great retro-themed merchandise featuring the Wimbledon Championships. The tradition of the grass court game is celebrated on posters, mugs, coasters, place mats, travel card wallets, T-shirts and even cushions. Prices start from as little as £4.95.

■ **For the full list of items available, go to [www.ltmuseumshop.co.uk](https://www.ltmuseumshop.co.uk) and search Wimbledon tennis**

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