

Roads around National Stadium to be closed for Afcon opening

No roads leading to the National Stadium will be accessible to motorists without the a valid vehicle pass ahead of the opening of the Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon), says the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation.

Afcon will kick off at the National Stadium on Saturday with a match between Bafana Bafana and Cape Verde, at 6pm.

"To avoid traffic congestion and frustration, we appeal to soccer fans to make use of the alternative means of transport to the stadium. We want to present a seamless, incident free tournament that will be enjoyed by all.

"Gates to the stadium will open at 12 midday and we appeal to soccer fans to arrive at the venue early, at least two hours before the opening ceremony which will start at 4pm," said MEC Lebogang Maile on Wednesday.

Fans are encouraged to make use of the park and ride facilities situated at:

- Constitutional Hill, Joubert Street in Braamfontein
- Westgate, corner Pat Mbatha and Anderson Street in the Johannesburg CBD
- Metro Centre, no 158, Loveday Street in Braamfontein
- Thuso House no 61 Jorrison street in Braamfontein

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) will provide trains for free to the stadium from Park Station.

Commuters from all the park and ride facilities will be required to pay R30 for parking and a return trip to the stadium on Rea Vaya buses.

Additionally, park and walk facilities are located near the stadium. The designated areas are Aeroton: Adcock Ingram Road, corner Randshow and Aerodrome Road; Shareworld: corner Shaft 17 and Nasrec Road and at the Cemetery site: corner Randshow and Aerodrome Road.

However, motorists who wish to use these facilities must pre-book their parking at Computicket before heading to the stadium.

For a normal family car (sedan) a ticket will cost R50, while a ticket for a taxi is R100. Buses will pay R400 for park and walk per vehicle.

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