

THE Christmas Model Railway Show – *By Train*

The nearest station to the venue is Oxford Road. If possible, buy a ticket to Oxford Road rather than Manchester Piccadilly. If your service is a local one which **terminates** at Piccadilly, it is quicker to exit the station and walk to the venue rather than catch a connection to Oxford Road. If you are travelling from the south on a service which terminates at Piccadilly, it is easier to change at Stockport for a direct service to Oxford Road (there is less walking between the platforms), but check that your rail ticket is valid.

Many train services which **don't** terminate at Piccadilly go on to call at **Oxford Road**, eg, those operated by East Midlands Trains, Transport for Wales, Transpennine Express and Northern. Some services into Manchester Victoria operated by Transpennine Express continue onwards to call at **Oxford Road**. Check that your rail ticket is valid.

From Oxford Road station to the Sugden Centre (Blue line on map)

Walk down the station approach and bear right at the bottom to reach Oxford Road itself. Turn right on to Oxford Road and pass under the railway. (Note. There is a somewhat shorter route using the long and rather steep stairs on the right hand side of the station approach, shown by a dotted line on the map).

Continue to walk along Oxford Road towards the Mancunian Way flyover just over 200m away. At any convenient point, cross the road to the left hand side.

Shortly after having passed under the Mancunian Way, take the first left turn into Sidney Street. Follow the street as it bends to the right. The entrance to the Sugden Centre is now in front of you.

Total distance: about 670m, or 600m using the steps.

From Victoria station to the Sugden Centre (Green line on map)

You can **either** take the next Transpennine Service to Oxford Road (check your ticket is valid) **or** use one of the many cross-city bus routes. The Transport for Greater Manchester website has a route planner which will give you several real time alternative routes. <https://tfgm.com/plan-a-journey>

For anyone not familiar with Manchester, the easiest way is to take a tram to St Peter's Square and then walk the rest of the way to the venue. The Metrolink tram stop is just outside the ticket barrier for the station. All trams will take you to St Peter's Square EXCEPT those for Ashton under Lyme or the Etihad Campus

On leaving the tram at St Peter's Square, Oxford Street is to your right and Princess Street to your left when standing with the central library behind you (the big round building with the dome). The distance on foot to the Sugden Centre is about 950m. If you feel that this is too far, then go to Princess Street, cross to the other side, go to bus stop **SF** and catch any of the services. Ask for "Grosvenor Street" on service 50 and "All Saints" on all the rest. See the map on the next page.

To walk to the exhibition, go down the left hand side of Oxford Street towards the railway viaduct and Mancunian Way flyover which you can see in the distance. Shortly after passing under the Mancunian Way, take the first left turn into Sidney Street. Follow the street as it bends to the right. The entrance to the Sugden Centre is now in front of you.

From Piccadilly station to the Sugden Centre (Red line on map)

If your train terminates at Piccadilly station, follow the signs for the **Fairfield Street exit** - do **NOT** exit by the Station Approach. If you have arrived on platforms 1 to 9, turn left as you pass the ticket barrier and take the stairs, escalator or lift to the ground floor to leave the station. The distance to the venue from this point is a shade over 1000m.

In front of you is a busy cross-roads controlled by traffic lights. You need to cross to the opposite diagonal corner of this junction – aim for the Bull’s Head public house, leaving it on your right as you walk down London Rd towards the railway viaduct about 50m away.

Pass under the viaduct and continue towards the Mancunian Way flyover. About 40m beyond the railway viaduct there is a pedestrian path and cycle route which diverges to the right. Take this path, which will lead you to a safe crossing point for the very busy road junction where London Road joins with the Mancunian Way.

After crossing the road junction take the right fork in the path which leads you to Lockton Close. Continue in the same direction along Lockton Close for about 80m and then turn right at the crossroads with Grosvenor Street.

Follow Grosvenor Street for just over 300m until you reach the A34, Upper Brook Street. Cross at the traffic light controlled crossing and continue in the same direction for another 90m. This takes you along one side of the Sugden Centre. At the end of the building, turn right. The entrance to the venue is now ahead of you. what3words
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NOTE: We intend to run a shuttle bus service from the Fairfield Street exit of Piccadilly station to the venue. The timetable for this service has not yet been finalised, but it will depart and arrive on the opposite side of the road to the station buildings.

