

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

These guidelines are given in good faith, but the information cannot be guaranteed.

The Web sites should be used to check information, or to find alternatives.

Travelling to Cambridge by car:

Post Code for Robinson College: CB3 9AN

Post Code for car park CB3 0EQ

I have provided a pdf map of the location of Robinson College on Grange Road. By road from the north, north-west and east leave the M11 at Junction 13 and from the south at Junction 12. Traffic in and around Cambridge is often bad, particularly in the morning.

Here is a link to Google maps, showing the **location of Robinson College** and the access roads:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Grange+Rd,+Cambridge+CB3/@52.2040485,0.1034961,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x47d870b1a2795afb:0x35232752350bc21a!8m2!3d52.2040485!4d0.1056848>

There is free parking in the roads around the College, but they quickly become full. There is no car park in the College, but we will have parking available at Wilberforce Sports Ground which is a ten minute walk to the college, see map appended. The car park permit provided must be displayed. We need to reserve the correct number of spaces, so if you intend to use the car park **please let me know in advance, so that I can send you a permit.**

UK Train Timetable:

<http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/en/pi/jp>

Travelling across London:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>

UK Coach timetables:

<http://www.nationalexpress.com/>

General travel planner:

<http://www.traveline.info/>

If you intend to travel by National Express coach, please note that their coaches have limited capacity, so individual departures can get fully booked. You may be wise to identify an appropriate departure using their website and book a seat.

Travelling from London to Cambridge by train:

There are 2 fast trains every hour to Cambridge from London Kings Cross, generally departing at 12 and 42 minutes after the hour. The journey takes 50 minutes. There is also one slower train every hour, departing at 27 minutes after the hour.

To travel from Cambridge railways station to Robinson College, use either a taxi (cost varies between £12-25, depending on the company and the time of day), or the U route bus (£2.20 single / £3 return). This runs between 06.39 and 22.15 every 15 or 20 minutes. The bus takes 14 minutes, and goes from Stop 8 at the station.

For those of you traveling by Eurostar, I have appended a map showing the location of Kings Cross station relative to St Pancras station.

Travel from Stansted Airport

To travel between Stansted and Cambridge there is a choice between train or coach.

From Stansted to Cambridge by train (about 35 minutes):

Trains from Stansted Airport to Cambridge leave at the following times: 05.27, 06.12, 07.20, 08.21, 09.21, 10.27, 12.27, 14.27, 16.27, 18.21, 20.25, 22.27 and 22.57. They take 35 minutes. The train station is under the airport terminal building. Return trains from Cambridge leave at 11 minutes past the hour (11.11, 13.11 and 15.11).

To travel from Cambridge station to Robinson College, [see purple text above](#).

From Stansted to Cambridge by coach, National Express 727:

There are seven coaches a day from London Stansted Airport (Coach station, Bays 20-22) to Cambridge Parkside, at 12.35, 14.35, 16.20, 19.10, 20.50, 22.50 and 01.00. The journey takes 50 minutes. Capacity on these coaches is limited, and I recommend pre-booking via the National Express website. The most convenient way from Cambridge Parkside bus station to Robinson College is by taxi.

Travel from Heathrow Airport

To travel between Heathrow and Cambridge there is a choice between train or coach. Using the train involves getting to Kings Cross station, in London, and there are now three different ways to do this using public transport.

From Heathrow to Cambridge via London by train (about 2 hours 15 minutes, depending on connections):

Other than using taxis, you can travel from Heathrow into London either by using the Piccadilly tube line, the Heathrow Express to Paddington (then use the tube to continue to Kings Cross) or the new Elizabeth line to Farringdon (then use the tube to continue to Kings Cross), which is now the most attractive of the three options.

The Piccadilly tube train from Heathrow Airport takes about an hour to reach Kings Cross. There is also a costlier (£25 single off peak) fast train from Heathrow to Paddington, the Heathrow Express. At Paddington either use the London Underground, Elizabeth Line, or a taxi to continue to Kings Cross. Thirdly, the Elizabeth Line provides 4 trains an hour (2 from Terminal 5) and is now the quickest option overall. Change on to the tube at Farringdon for a short (1 stop) journey to Kings Cross. The Elizabeth line journey will cost £5.60 (contactless payment).

Taxis from Heathrow to London are expensive, ranging between £50 - £100, depending on the time of day. Traffic congestion can also make these slow.

The trains to Cambridge leave from London Kings Cross. There are 2 fast trains every hour to Cambridge from London Kings Cross generally departing at 12 and 42 minutes after the hour. The journey takes 50 minutes. There is also one slower train every hour, departing at 27 minutes after the hour.

To travel from Cambridge station to Robinson College, [see purple text above](#).

From London Heathrow to Cambridge by coach, National Express 727:

There are direct coaches from Heathrow Airport to Cambridge which take 2 hours 30 minutes. They depart at 11.05, 13.05, 14.30, 17.15, 19.20, 21.20 and 23.30 (times are for Heathrow Central bus station, Terminal 5 is 20 minutes earlier). If the departure times are convenient this may be quicker than by train and arguably easier.

The most convenient way from Cambridge bus station to Robinson College is by taxi.

Travel from Gatwick Airport

From Gatwick the train is the best option, as there is a direct train to Cambridge every 30 minutes, and there is now no direct coach service between Gatwick and Cambridge.

From Gatwick to Cambridge via London by train (1 hour 55 minutes):

The first train leaves Gatwick airport at 05.46, and then they run half hourly until 22.49 (change at Finsbury Park). Return trains leave Cambridge at 23 and 53 minutes past each hour.

To travel from Cambridge station to Robinson College, [see purple text above](#).

Travel from London City Airport

From the airport take the Docklands Light Railway to Bank station. Here change on to the London Underground Northern Line to Kings Cross station. The journey takes 30 minutes. Alternatively there will be plenty of taxis.

There are 2 fast trains every hour to Cambridge from London Kings Cross generally departing at 12 and 42 minutes after the hour. The journey takes 50 minutes. There is also one slower train every hour, departing at 27 minutes after the hour.

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Travel from Luton Airport

Travelling from Luton Airport to Cambridge involves changing, whether by train (quicker) or coach.

From London Luton to Cambridge by train (about 2 hours):

Take the Thameslink train from the airport station to London St Pancras. There are typically 6-7 trains an hour. From St Pancras walk to Kings Cross station. There are 2 fast trains every hour to Cambridge from London Kings Cross generally departing at 12 and 42 minutes after the hour. The journey takes 50 minutes. There is also one slower train every hour, departing at 27 minutes after the hour.

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To travel from Cambridge station to Robinson College, [see purple text above](#).

From London Luton to Cambridge by coach, National Express 737 / 727 (3-4 hours):

There is no longer a direct coach service between Luton Airport and Cambridge. So this journey involves taking the 737 to Stansted airport and then changing to a 727 to Cambridge. The journey will take between 3-4 hours, depending on connections.

The most convenient way from Cambridge bus station to Robinson College is by taxi.