

EXETER CROQUET CLUB

LOCATION PLAN

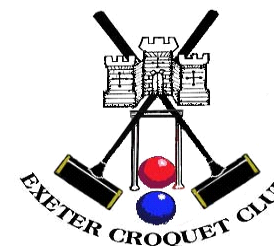


DIRECTIONS FROM OUTSIDE EXETER

Turn onto the A30 from either the A38 or M5. Leave the A30 at the Alphington Junction where directed to Exeter along the A377. Keep straight on at traffic lights (by Sainsbury's) and again at traffic lights (Marsh Barton Industrial Estate on your right). Continue towards the City Centre, to the traffic lights at the junction with Sydney Road (B&Q). Turn left into Sydney Road then second left into 'Princes Street North' continue to Princes Square. Take the exit into 'Princes Street South'. 'Pines Gardens' is ahead of you.

PARKING

There is ample free parking in either 'Pines Road' or 'Princes Street South'.



CORPORATE SOCIAL EVENTS AT EXETER CROQUET CLUB

Why not try something different for a fun evening out with colleagues or friends? In this post-Olympic Year, try out a sport that was included in the 1900 Paris Olympics – Croquet!

Exeter Croquet Club is located in Pines Gardens, off Alphington Road. We have two superb lawns, and all the equipment you need to play Croquet.

For a party of up to 16 players, and other non-playing participants, we can provide a complete evening out. After Pimms on arrival, we will show you how to play, explain the rules, and give you some time to practise. We will then organise a simple doubles competition between up to 8 teams each of 2 players. You will then have a buffet supper, with wine, after which the winning team will be decided in a final match.

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Further details

The game: The game you will play is Golf Croquet. This is a simpler game than Association Croquet, and beginners can learn the rules and how to play in a few minutes. Hoops are played in sequence and the object is to be the first to hit your ball through as many hoops as possible. Each of four coloured balls is played in turn. Accurate shots, including ‘hoop running’, are required as are defensive shots to prevent an opponent progressing with their ball.

Number of participants: The maximum number of players is 16 (8 teams of 2). We can also cater for non-playing participants, but the maximum number in total is 20. The minimum is 12.

Cost: The cost per player will be from £25. This includes hire of lawn and equipment, coaching and guidance from members of the Club, glass of Pimms, buffet supper with wine, and a prize for the winner. The exact cost will depend on the choice of menu and wines.

Clothing and footwear: There is no dress code – players and non-players may wear any clothes that they are comfortable in. Given a typical British evening, even in June and July, some warm clothes are advisable! However, there is a strict footwear code. Players’ shoes must be flat – trainers or plimsolls are ideal. Non-players should not wear shoes with narrow heels.

Typical Timetable: We give here a typical timetable for an evening in June or July, but we are very flexible, and can accommodate your reasonable needs:

6.00pm: Arrival. Glass of Pimms on arrival. Choose your mallet.

6.10pm: Members of Exeter Croquet Club demonstrate the game, explain the rules, and coach all players.

6.30pm: Competition starts. Teams are split into two groups, and play all other teams within their group (about 20-30 mins per game). Club members will continue to provide advice and refereeing (as needed).

8.00pm: Buffet supper. If the weather is clement, this could be outside, but otherwise will be in the pavilion of the adjacent Bowls Club. Various menu options are available, and wine is included.

9.00pm: Final match between the winning teams of each group, and a third place match between the two runners-up.
Presentation of prize to winners.

Variations: This timetable assumes an evening event, and the venue is available on many evenings throughout the summer. We could also organise afternoon or whole-day events, but we cannot guarantee that any particular day is available. For groups who have some prior knowledge of the game, we could also organise an Association Croquet event, but this would need a whole day.

To make a booking or ask for further details: Contact Mark Macnair, 01626 853490, email: m.r.macnair@exeter.ac.uk.