

Travel details in UK and Cambridge: general information for finding the Department of Plant Sciences, go to <http://www.plantsci.cam.ac.uk/about/finding.html> for maps: <http://www.cam.ac.uk/map/v4/drawmap.cgi?mp=main;xx=1900;yy=1040> <http://www.cam.ac.uk/map/v4/drawmap.cgi?mp=city> coaches: <http://www.gobycoach.com/> trains: <http://www.railtrack.co.uk/>

Parking is a nightmare in Cambridge and you are not advised to drive. I will provide details for taking a coach or train(s) from the major airports

On arrival at Gatwick: the coaches leave on the ground floor outside the South Terminal; access to trains is on the departures level, south terminal, on the left hand (west) side.

By Train from Gatwick: Services are operated by First Capital Direct Trains- there is a fast service –the Gatwick Express to Victoria Station but then you have to take the Victoria underground line to King’s Cross. To my mind, it is easier to take a relatively fast service (called Thameslink- which takes you in about 8 stops to King’s Cross-Thameslink station. This takes around 45 minutes, and costs £10 or so. You can then walk around 250 m (aboveground- turn left out of the station) to the main King’s Cross station. From King’s Cross, fast, **direct** trains leave every 30 minutes throughout the day for Cambridge, taking 45 minutes. These trains normally leave from Platform 9- 11, which are on the far (lefthand) side of the station slightly distant from the main platforms; alternatively, during peak periods, you should check the departure board in the main station foyer (return off peak about £15, full fare about £20). You are better to wait for a direct train rather than take one of the slow stopping trains.

By Coach from Gatwick or Heathrow: The Jetlink (Service No. 797 and 757) buses are about every hour from Gatwick, thence to Heathrow (pickup at Terminal 4 or coach station near Terminal 1,2&3) and on via Stansted Airport to Cambridge. The Journey may take 3 h from Gatwick and 2 hrs from Heathrow if the roads are clear, or at busy times of the day you can add one hour plus to each of those travel times. Cost : about £20-30 each way

On arrival at Heathrow: Terminals 1, 2 and 3 are located in the main central terminal complex. Terminal 4 is on the south side of the airport, and the Jetlink coach can be picked up at the ground floor. Pedestrian access from (or to) Terminals 1, 2 and 3 and underground (railway) stations is by underground walkways, and can take up to 10 minutes. Transfer to the underground station from Terminal 4 is by Heathrow Express train service. This transfer, is only for one stop, and is free. Follow the signs to the Heathrow Express and for Terminals 1, 2 and 3.

Underground train from Heathrow: You could either take the Heathrow Express to London Paddington and change for the underground (Tube) Circle line to King’s Cross station. Or, perhaps easier, there is a Piccadilly Line station close to Terminals 1,2,3, and the Coach Station. Trains are every 10 minutes or so, which will take you all the way across London direct to King’s Cross Station. You can buy a ticket at the station for both the underground and the above ground trip on to Cambridge, which costs about £30 return. The journey into London King’s Cross takes about one hour, and when above ground see the instructions for the direct trains to Cambridge given above (By Train from Gatwick).

From Stansted Airport: this is a 45 minute drive from Cambridge, and you can either get the Jetlink coach (Service No. 797 and 757 or Airbus Service No. A7- see above- coach park is towards the northern end of the concourse -lhs as you face exit- return fare £13). The train is usually quicker than the bus- there is a direct service (to Birmingham via Cambridge) which leaves every 1h or so, and takes around 30 minutes, or you may have to change at Stansted Mountfitchet to pick up a train coming out of London. Fare £12.40.

On Arrival in Cambridge:

By Coach: at present, the coaches are stopping on the far side of Parker’s Piece, which is 10 minutes walk from Corpus Christi College via Regent Street and Downing Street (see map below)

By Train: Either walk (about 20 minutes) or take a taxi from outside the station (about £6-7), or take one of the many buses (including Stagecoach services 1, 3 and 7) to the town centre (£1.50) which leave immediately outside the station.

Conference Accomodation: mostly in and around Corpus Christi College, Trumpington Street.
Conference Sessions: Lectures will be held in the Biffen Lecture Theatre, at the end of the Genetics Building, Downing Site, behind the Department of Plant Sciences; Posters, tea and coffee will be located in a Marquee on the lawn in front of the Department of Plant Sciences, opposite the entrance from Downing Street.

Travel to Rothamsted for the Rubisco Satellite: not that any of you will want to leave on Friday morning, but probably easiest to take the coach from Drummer street /Parkers Piece at 07.10 to Luton Airport and a taxi from there to Harpenden

