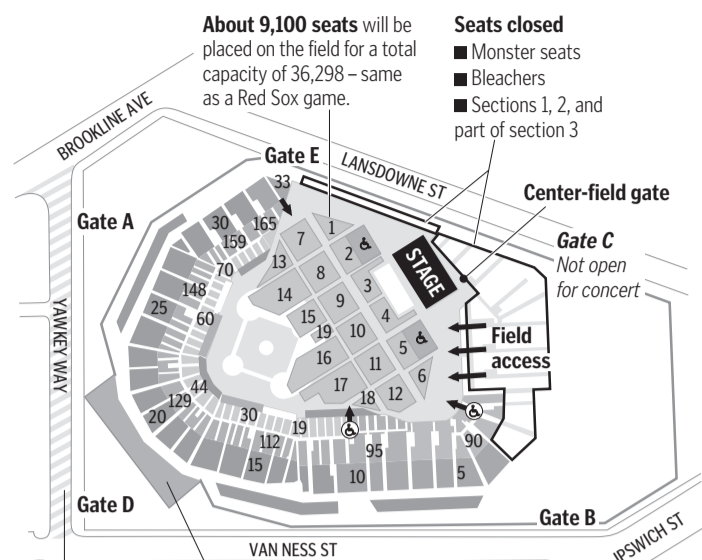


A weekend in the Park with Bruce

Configurations, access points, and other logistical measures for the first full stadium concert in Fenway Park's 91-year history.



About 9,100 seats will be placed on the field for a total capacity of 36,298 — same as a Red Sox game.

Seats closed
 ■ Monster seats
 ■ Bleachers
 ■ Sections 1, 2, and part of section 3

What you can buy, and where

Until showtime, hawkers will be walking the aisles and shouting their wares as usual — albeit limited to hot dogs, pizza, soda, and water. They'll continue thereafter, but it'll be all over with the shouting. Booths underneath the stands will be open, and Springsteen merchandise will be available. Beer will be sold no later than 10:15.

Now sitting in left field...

Extra security has been hired, "but not because we expect security problems," said Larry Cancro, senior vice president for Fenway affairs. "Most of our ushers could go to any seat in the park with their eyes closed. But now we have 9,100 seats they've never been to before." In addition to regular Fenway restrictions on what may be brought in, recording devices and umbrellas will be barred.

11 p.m. or when Bruce finishes, whichever comes second?

The city license for the shows is quite clear: The music may start no earlier than 7:30 p.m. and must end by 11 p.m. Cancro said the Red Sox club would do its best to

Bruce in Boston

Springsteen's stop at Fenway is one more on the list of venues he's played within city limits. Here are others, with the year of his first appearance at each:

Paul's Mall, 1973
Oliver's, 1973
Boston Garden, 1973
Berklee Performance Center, 1974
The Music Hall, 1974
Orpheum, 1995
FleetCenter, 1999

enforce the curfew, but "by the same token, we also understand that Bruce likes to put on his whole show." He said the club is urging fans to come early so the show can start on time.

Seeing from the cheap seats

The stadium's display boards will be working until the show begins, when the production's video screens on either side of the stage will fire up.

Yawkey Way will be closed to traffic but open to all pedestrians, unlike game days when ballpark turnstiles are placed in the street.

.406 Club
 Tickets have been sold and sound will be piped in behind the permanent glass wall.

Protecting the field
 The infield will be cordoned by a snow fence to prevent anyone from walking there. The rest of the field will be covered by Terraplas, commonly used to cover grass sporting fields for non-sports events.

SOURCE: Boston Red Sox, Aramark, mayor's press office, Globe archives



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A still-youthful Springsteen performs in Boston in 1976.

Music in the seats

Besides myriad renditions of the National Anthem and the organ stylings of John Kiley and others, there have been few musical performances at Fenway, and nothing like the full-blown stadium experience that Springsteen will bring.

Sixpence None the Richer gave a brief concert during Pilgrimage 2000, a spiritual renewal effort for Catholics in 2000.

Smash Mouth played one song in 1999 during All-Star festivities.

George Wein's Jazz Festival New England played to about 15,000 on each of two days in 1973, bringing **Ray Charles**, **B.B. King**, **Herbie Mann**, **Stevie Wonder**, and others to the park.

Bob Hope, **Eydie Gorme**, **Debbie Reynolds**, and the **Glenn Miller Band** were scheduled to perform at a Jimmy Fund benefit in 1982 but it was scrapped because of poor ticket sales.

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