

Kick Off Your Game-Day Savings

Looking to be a more frugal football fan - without sacrificing a trip to the stadium? Here are four ways to score big savings during your game-day experience:

1. Carpool

Parking prices are no joke, so consider carpooling if possible, to help split up the fee. Or, if you don't mind walking (and know the area is safe), park a few blocks or miles away and head to the stadium on foot. You may also want to research public transit options and price those out to pinpoint any possible savings.

2. Skip the Concessions

Stadiums are notorious for charging astronomical food and beverage prices. And to make things even more challenging, there are often rules about what food and drink items you are allowed to bring into the stadium yourself. Plan ahead and eat a meal or snack before entering the stadium so you won't have to splurge on overpriced items during the game.

3. Settle for the Nosebleed Seats

Sure, this may not be the best option if you're hoping to be close to the action so you can witness intricate game plays. But if you're going to the game primarily for social reasons, settling for lower-priced, higher-up seats is a great way to get the game-day experience without blowing your entire budget on just the ticket alone.

4. Rein In Your Tailgating Expenses

There's no doubt about it - some people really know how to spend money when tailgating. (Tricked-out RV? With satellite TV? And a restaurant-worthy food and beverage display? If you can dream it, some football fan somewhere has probably done it.) But you can have just as much fun with only a few food and drink options and a football to toss around with your friends. Plus, the cleanup will be a whole lot simpler - and, of course, you'll save *loads* of cash.

