TRUCK STOP REVIEW

ne of the growing number of truckstops in the Onroute chain, the Swindon Truckstop is on the A420 just off the A419 and a few miles from junction 15 on the M4. It's tucked away behind the Sainsburys supermarket on the A420.

It has a fully automated, 24/7 HGV fuel station offering diesel and AdBlue and it accepts most independent fuel cards. The parking area is secure, fenced and floodlit, the site provides parking for over 83 vehicles.

There is a café with ample seating and serving a wide range of home cooked meals for all times of the day. The site also boasts a comfortable lounge bar, wide screen TV and wellmaintained washrooms

MEALS

The Onroute Breakfast is £8.25 and comprises bacon, sausage, egg, hash brown, mushrooms, beans and tomatoes. There is the Onroute Mega Breakfast, or Onroute Lite Breakfast if you prefer at £9.95 and £6.95 respectively or the Onroute Vegetarian Breakfast.

The is also the Onroute All Day Breakfast if you fancy a breakfast later in the day! All are served with bread or toast and tea or coffee. The kitchen boasts a five star hygiene rating.

The list of main meals includes chili con carne, cottage pie, curry, ham, egg & chip, beef burgers, chickenburger, sausage, egg & chips, scampi or steak pie – I had the latter on my visit and it was superb. The sides are chips, rice,



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mash or salad.

The light meal menu is jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, omelettes, sandwiches – hot and cold and there is also a variety of sweets served with custard or ice cream.

The shop and café are open 0600-2100 Mon-Thu, 0600-2000 Fri and 0800-1200 on Saturdays, but are closed on Sunday. Café last orders are 30 minutes before closing time.

FACILITIES

The site has a TV lounge - with Sky Sports - and a licenced bar and you can also have a game of pool. There are also fruit machines.

There are three showers which are free to use all of the time. There are dedicated male and female changing rooms and drivers can purchase soap and shampoo (and a towel if you need one) to use in the showers.

There is also laundry facilities so drivers can wash and dry their laundry during their stay.



There is a shop selling all sorts from Sat Navs and cool boxes plus a comprehensive range of products and truck accessories as well as snacks, drinks and confectionery

There is also a range of products available to purchase form the online shop where you can place an order and either pick it up in-store when you next visit or have it delivered to your home.

PARKING

The site offers two hours of free parking then its £217.60 for 24 hours or £32 with a £9 meal/shop voucher. Weekend contract parking is available. There is also a Hazardous loads parking area and Snap is available 24/7

The site is fully fenced and has CCTV monitoring. Between 2200 and 0600 there is a no noise policy to help ensure drivers can get a good sleep. Between these hours refrigerated units must be switched off and trailer swaps and drops are not permitted.

FUEL

Fuelling is also available at Swindon, with



high speed pumps delivering bunkered diesel, gas oil and AdBlue, 24/7, 365 days a year.

There is Pay at Pump (credit card and fuel card) refuelling for fuel for HGVs and the site accepts most major fuel cards including UK Fuels, Key Fuels and Morgan Fuels.

VERDICT

The Swindon site has been improved since its takeover by Onroute. The facilities are good, the venue immaculate and the staff very helpful indeed. The meal I had was superb and the atmosphere was relaxing. A good place to stop.

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