



FEB. 7, 1996: A plot of trees



MARCH 1, 1996: Ground-breaking begins



SEPT. 26, 1996: From the ground up



DEC. 11, 1996: A stadium is shaped



JAN. 21, 1997: Standards are set



MARCH 11, 1997: Let there be lights



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Although the Zephyrs have joined the Houston Astros organization this year, they remain a member of the eight-team American Association. The A.A. is one of three Class AAA-level minor leagues, which are one step below the majors. The members of the A.A. and their major-league affiliate:

- EASTERN DIVISION**
Buffalo Bisons Indians
Indianapolis Indians Reds
Louisville Redbirds Cardinals
Nashville Sounds White Sox
- WESTERN DIVISION**
Iowa Cubs Cubs
New Orleans Zephyrs Astros
Oklahoma City 89ers Rangers
Omaha Royals Royals

THE HOME SLATE

APRIL

11	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
12	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
13	Oklahoma City	2:05 p.m.
14	Omaha	7:05 p.m.
15	Omaha	11 a.m.
15	Omaha	7:05 p.m.
18	Indianapolis	7:05 p.m.
19	Indianapolis	7:05 p.m.
20	Indianapolis	2:05 p.m.
21	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
22	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
23	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
29	Iowa	7:05 p.m.
30	Iowa	7:05 p.m.

MAY

1	Iowa	7:05 p.m.
6	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
7	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
8	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
9	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
10	Nashville	7:05 p.m.
11	Nashville	6:05 p.m.
12	Nashville	7:05 p.m.
13	Nashville	7:05 p.m.
15	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
16	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
17	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
18	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
18	Oklahoma City	6:05 p.m.
30	Omaha	7:05 p.m.
31	Omaha	7:05 p.m.

JUNE

1	Omaha	6:05 p.m.
2	Iowa	7:05 p.m.
3	Iowa	7:05 p.m.
13	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
14	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
15	Indianapolis	6:05 p.m.
16	Indianapolis	7:05 p.m.
17	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
18	Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
26	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
27	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
28	Nashville	7:05 p.m.
29	Nashville	6:05 p.m.
30	Nashville	7:05 p.m.

JULY

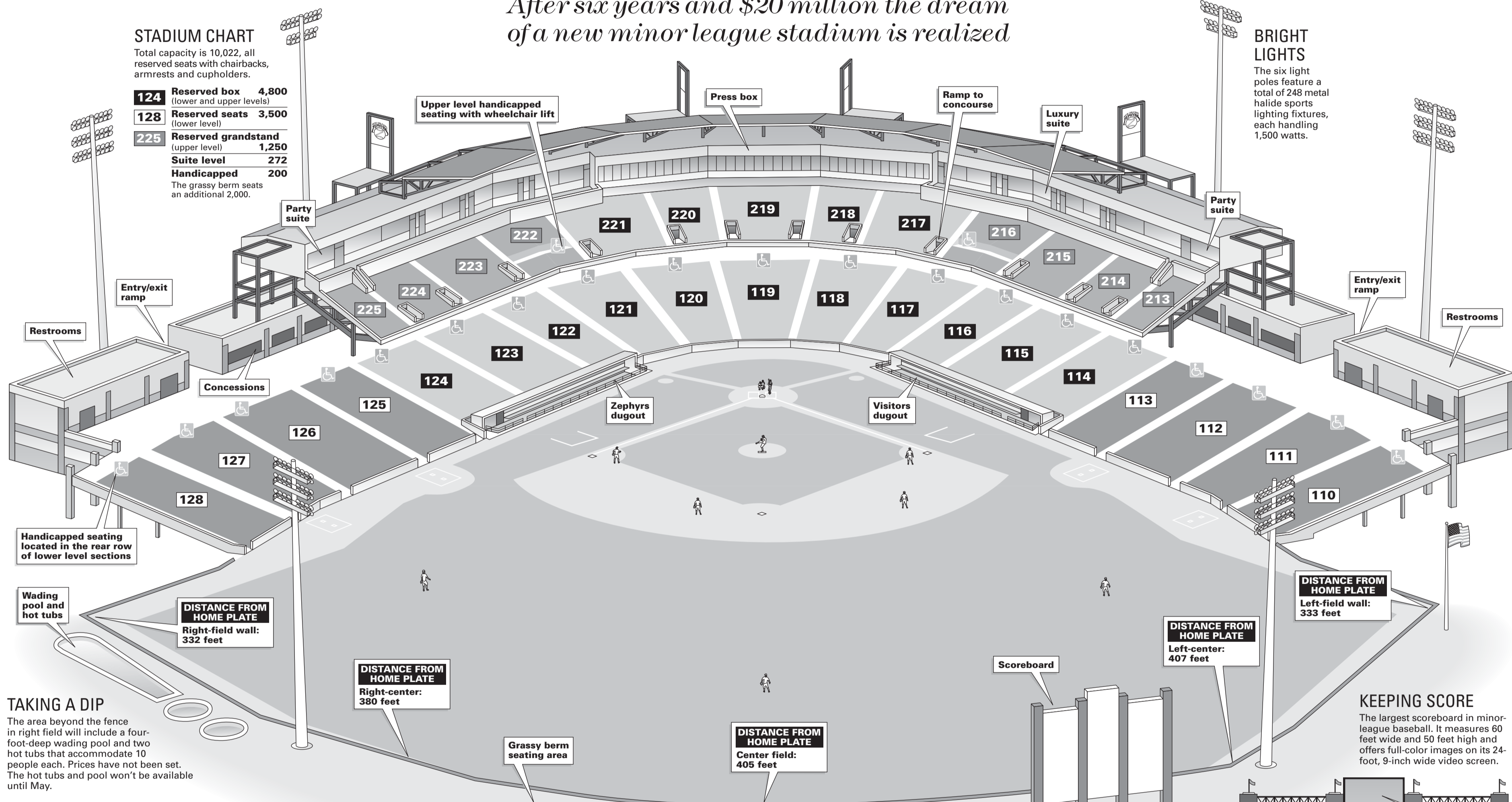
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21	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
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23	Louisville	7:05 p.m.
24	Louisville	7:05 p.m.

AUGUST

3	Buffalo	6:05 p.m.
4	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
5	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.
6	Nashville	7:05 p.m.
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THE BIRTH OF A BALLPARK

After six years and \$20 million the dream of a new minor league stadium is realized



TAKING A DIP

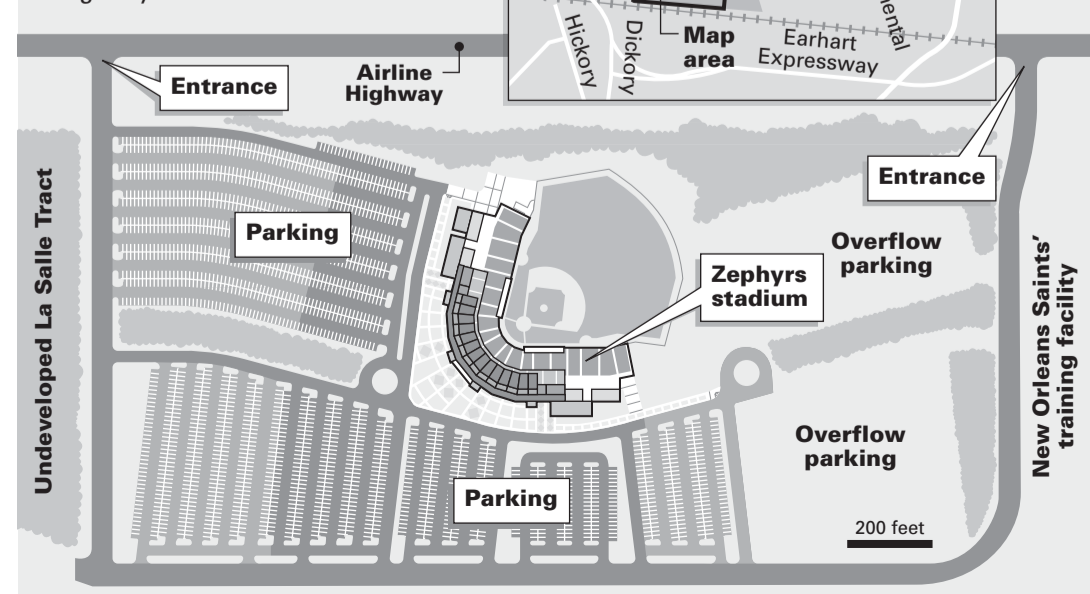
The area beyond the fence in right field will include a four-foot-deep wading pool and two hot tubs that accommodate 10 people each. Prices have not been set. The hot tubs and pool won't be available until May.

SITTING ON THE GRASS

The only general admission seating at the ballpark is on the berm, a hilly area running behind the outfield wall. For \$4 you can lay out a picnic blanket and watch the ballgame. It will accommodate 2,000 fans and should open in May.

PARKING ON GAMEDAY

The parking lots will accommodate 3,375 cars with overflow parking available in the grassy lots to the east of the stadium.

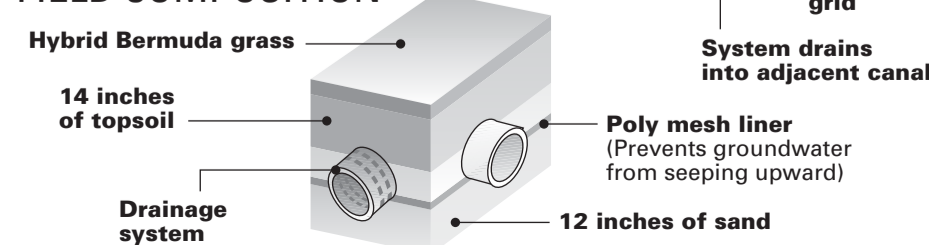


DRAINAGE

The entire field is covered by an underground rain water drainage system. A grid composed of pipes with openings every few inches is connected to a network of drainage pipes that empty into a canal. A "tarp drain area" located beyond third base has additional draining capacity.

When the tarp that covers the infield during rain is rolled up, the excess water is directed to this area.

FIELD COMPOSITION



HOT DOGS AND BEER

- Menu items and prices found at the park's 10 concessions areas.
- Hot dogs:** small \$1.75; large \$2.50
 - Soft drinks:** small \$1.50; large \$2.25; souvenir cup \$2.75
 - Beer:** small \$1.50; large \$3.75; souvenir cup \$4.25
 - Popcorn:** small \$2; large \$3.50
 - Peanuts:** small \$2; large \$3
 - Hamburgers:** \$3
 - Cheesburgers:** \$3.25
 - Chicken breast sandwich:** \$3.50
 - French fries:** small \$2; large \$3
 - Nachos:** \$2.50
 - Chips:** \$1.25

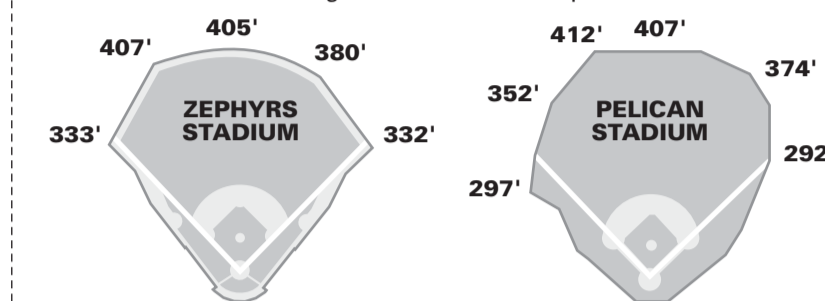
TICKET PRICES

	Individual adult	Season
124 RESERVED BOX (Sections 114-124, 217-221)	\$8	\$500
128 RESERVED (Sections 110-113, 125-128)	\$7	\$450
225 RESERVED GRANDSTAND (Sections 213-216, 222-225)	\$6	\$400
BERM	\$4	-

Children under 12, senior citizens over 60 and active military receive dollar off regular ticket prices. For ticket information call 734-5155.

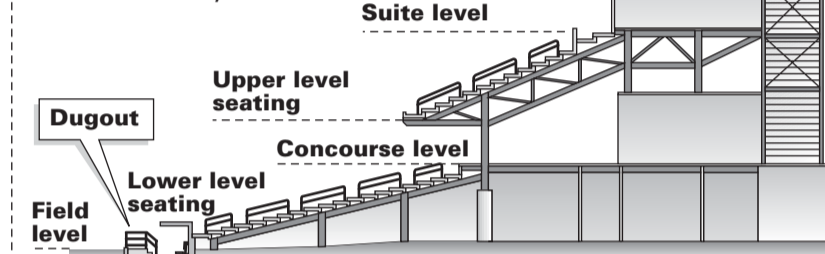
ON THE FIELD

The new stadium is built along classic lines with irregular distances to the outfield wall. The straight-away distances are comparable to the old Pelican Stadium, but pull hitters face longer distances down the foul lines. Distances given are from home plate.

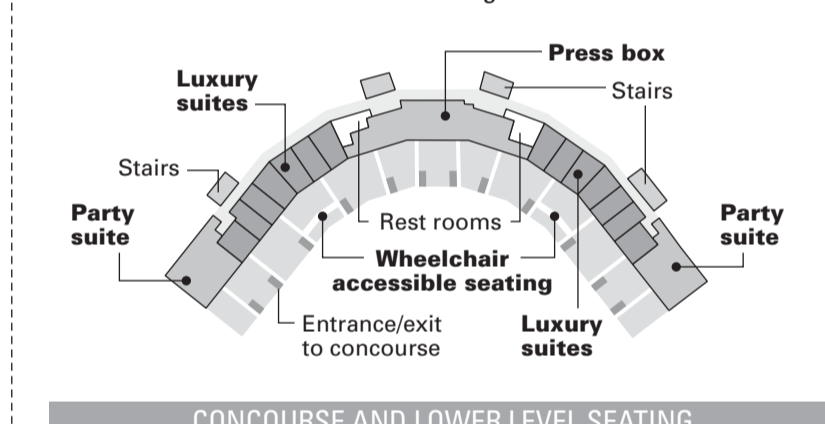


IN THE STANDS

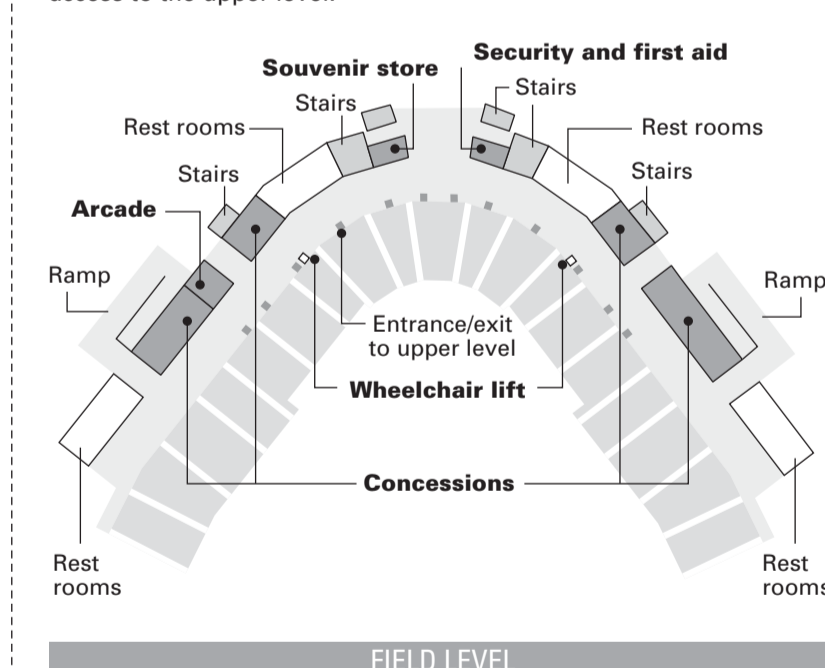
The ballpark is designed to have the convenience of modern amenities while retaining the charm of baseball's early stadiums.



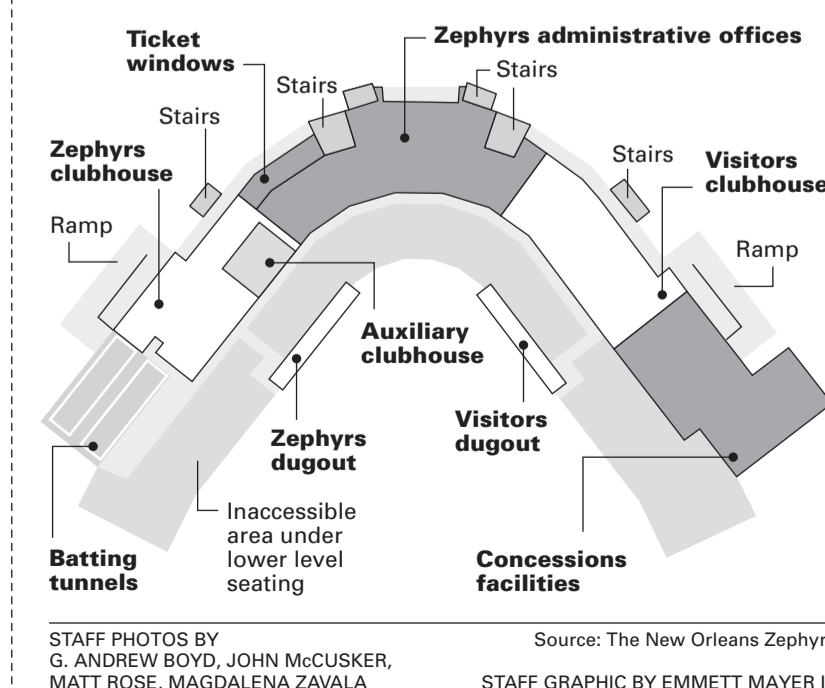
The highest level is comprised of 16 luxury suites and the press box. The two largest suites, approximately 1,200 square feet each, are utilized by the Zephyrs organization. These "party suites" will be used for special events. The press box will be shared by print reporters, radio and television broadcasters and game announcers.



Concessions, restrooms, first aid, information, telephones and Zephyrs merchandise can all be found on the concourse level. 12 stairways connect to upper level seating sections. Handicapped seating is available in the back row of each section and two wheelchair lifts allow easy access to the upper level.



The stadium's ground floor is where most of the ballpark's operations are located. Team clubhouses, Zephyrs offices, ticket windows and concessions facilities can be found here.



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