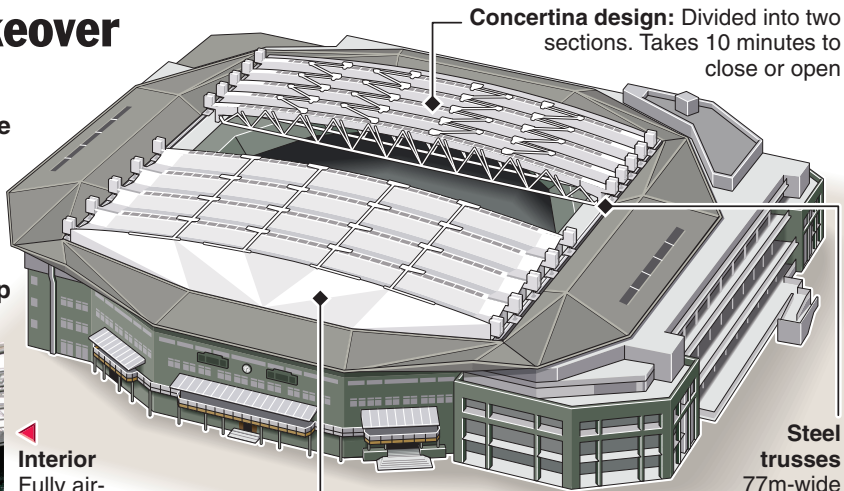


21st century makeover for Wimbledon

"Rain stopped play" will become a thing of the past at this year's Wimbledon championships with the completion of a state-of-the-art retractable roof on Centre Court, the centrepiece of a three-year project to revamp the world famous venue



Interior
Fully air-conditioned. Roof lighting will allow play to carry on late into evening

Roof material
5,200 square metres of flexible, translucent, waterproof fabric allows natural light to reach grass

Steel trusses
77m-wide arches run on two parallel tracks, folding or stretching roof fabric as they move



COURT LAYOUT
No. 1 Court
Capacity 11,429

Wimbledon Museum

Centre Court: Capacity increased from 13,800 to 15,000. New, wider seats installed

ROOF FACTS

- ▶ Height **16m** above court
- ▶ Can be deployed in winds of up to **69km/h**
- ▶ Weight **3,000 tonnes**
- ▶ Estimated cost **£80 million**
- ▶ Takes **30 minutes** for internal climate to stabilize after roof has closed before play can resume

New Court 2: 4,000 permanent seats. Court surface sunk 3.5m below ground to reduce profile

Old Court 2: Becomes Court 3. Other southern courts renumbered in sequence. No Court 13

Broadcast Centre

Millennium Building