

# RAIL OPERATORS IN THE BRITISH ISLES

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This section includes British National Rail operators and their Irish counterparts, plus the Metro/Light Rail systems of the British Isles. Note that some detail of printed timetables is added, but it is not the intention to provide full details of publicity as for the bus sections.

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## **NATIONAL RAIL**

Rail Enquiries tel: 0345 7484950  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

The web site has links to all operators  
Some specific links are added below

## **NATIONAL RAIL TIMETABLE**

[www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/timetabling/electronic-national-rail-timetable](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/timetabling/electronic-national-rail-timetable)

On-line version:  
20 May – 08 December 2018

**Middleton Press publishes two versions of the National Rail Timetable, as below:**

## **MIDDLETON PRESS**

Easebourne Lane, Midhurst GU29 9AZ  
Tel: 01730 813169 Fax: 01730 812601  
Email: [info@middletonpress.co.uk](mailto:info@middletonpress.co.uk)  
[www.middletonpress.co.uk](http://www.middletonpress.co.uk)

Full National Rail Timetable:  
£26.00 + £5.75 postage to UK addresses

## **NETWORK RAIL WORKING TIMETABLES**

[www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/timetabling/working-timetable](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/timetabling/working-timetable)

These are no longer private, but are  
public timetables and are available  
for downloading from:

**SEE ALSO 'National Rail Working Timetables' under 'Useful Rail Links', below, for four independent sites showing full working times for any journey. Also see entries under 'Other British Rail Operators' for more Working Timetables.**

## **NATIONAL RAIL OPERATORS**

All National Rail operators publish timetables matching the dates of the National Rail Timetable, above. These are usually booklets for various parts of their network and some only show the services of that operator. They can be downloaded from the respective operators' web sites, the addresses of which may be found at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) (see the foot of their Home Page). Two inter-city operators each has everything in one book: Virgin Trains West Coast ([www.virgintrains.co.uk](http://www.virgintrains.co.uk)) and Virgin Trains East Coast ([www.virgintraineastcoast.com](http://www.virgintraineastcoast.com)) albeit largely showing only their own services. In the London & SE area two medium-size operators have a single book each: Chiltern Railways ([www.chilternrailways.co.uk](http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk)); and c2c ([www.c2c-online.co.uk](http://www.c2c-online.co.uk)). These are all available from any of the stations that each serves or can be downloaded.

Only one major operator publishes a single comprehensive book covering its whole network and all train services within it regardless of operator: Great Western Railway ([www.GWR.com](http://www.GWR.com)). More detail regarding this is available in the '[Best Timetables of the British Isles](#)' section of this site.

## **GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY**

This is £8 from Bath Spa, Bristol Parkway, Bristol TM, Cheltenham Spa, Chippenham, Didcot Parkway, Exeter St David's, Gloucester, London Paddington, Newbury, Newton Abbot, Oxford, Penzance, Plymouth, Reading, Slough, Swindon, Taunton, Truro and Westbury. It can no longer be purchased by phone, but instead can be bought from [www.gwrsouvenirs.co.uk](http://www.gwrsouvenirs.co.uk).

## **NATIONAL RAIL PASSENGER OPERATORS' MAP**

**Great Britain National Rail Passenger Operators' map** – my own map, updated as necessary to reflect changes

**Forty-second edition (October 2018) published 11/10/18 – showing Metro & Tram links where detail permits**

[www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap42.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap42.pdf)

Earlier editions are available:

First Edition: February 2005: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap1.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap1.pdf)

Second Edition: June 2005: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap2.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap2.pdf)

Third Edition: December 2005: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap3.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap3.pdf)

Fourth Edition: April 2006: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap4.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap4.pdf)

Fifth Edition: June 2006: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap5.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap5.pdf)

Sixth Edition: February 2007: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap6.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap6.pdf)

Seventh Edition: November 2007: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap7.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap7.pdf)

Eighth Edition: December 2007: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap8.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap8.pdf)

Ninth Edition: January 2008: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap9.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap9.pdf)

Tenth Edition: June 2008: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap10.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap10.pdf)

Eleventh Edition: December 2008: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap11.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap11.pdf)  
Twelfth Edition: March 2009: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap12.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap12.pdf)  
Thirteenth Edition: June 2009: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap13.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap13.pdf)  
Fourteenth Edition: December 2009: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap14.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap14.pdf)  
Fifteenth Edition: May 2010: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap15.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap15.pdf)  
Sixteenth Edition: July 2010: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap16.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap16.pdf)  
Seventeenth Edition: December 2010: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap17.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap17.pdf)  
Eighteenth Edition: February 2011: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap18.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap18.pdf)  
Nineteenth Edition: May 2011: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap19.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap19.pdf)  
Twentieth Edition: June 2011: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap20.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap20.pdf)  
Twenty-first Edition: September 2011: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap21.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap21.pdf)  
Twenty-second Edition: February 2012: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap22.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap22.pdf)  
Twenty-third Edition: September 2012: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap23.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap23.pdf)  
Twenty-fourth Edition: December 2012: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap24.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap24.pdf)  
Twenty-fifth Edition: October 2013: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap25.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap25.pdf)  
Twenty-sixth Edition: December 2013: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap26.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap26.pdf)  
Twenty-seventh Edition: March 2014: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap27.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap27.pdf)  
Twenty-eighth Edition: July 2014: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap28.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap28.pdf)  
Twenty-ninth Edition: September 2014: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap29.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap29.pdf)  
Thirtieth Edition: March/April 2015: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap30.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap30.pdf)  
Thirty-first Edition: June/October 2015: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap31.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap31.pdf)  
Thirty-second Edition: October 2015: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap32.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap32.pdf)  
Thirty-third Edition: December 2015: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap33.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap33.pdf)  
Thirty-fourth Edition: April 2016: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap34.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap34.pdf)  
Thirty-fifth Edition: September 2016: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap35.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap35.pdf)  
Thirty-sixth Edition: February 2017: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap36.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap36.pdf)  
Thirty-seventh Edition: April 2017: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap37.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap37.pdf)  
Thirty-eighth Edition: August 2017: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap38.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap38.pdf)  
Thirty-ninth Edition: December 2017: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap39.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap39.pdf)  
Fortieth Edition: May 2018: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap40.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap40.pdf)  
Forty-first Edition: June 2018: [www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap41.pdf](http://www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap41.pdf)

**These maps only exist as acrobat files, which users may download and/or print. If a larger professionally-produced printed version is required the following can supply any size required: Bespoke Mapping Department (Chris Mallinson), Map Marketing Ltd. Email: [railmap@mapmarketing.com](mailto:railmap@mapmarketing.com).**

### **USEFUL RAIL LINKS:**

**Bishop Auckland Railway Station Travel Centre (Bishop Trains)** – private travel agent site  
[www.ba-rail.co.uk](http://www.ba-rail.co.uk)

**Deutsche Bahn rail planner** (works for internal UK rail journeys)  
<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/e>

**Deutsche Bahn UK Booking Centre**  
Email: [sales@bahn.co.uk](mailto:sales@bahn.co.uk)  
[www.bahn.co.uk](http://www.bahn.co.uk)

**FastJP** – an independent journey planner for the British network and the fastest available  
[www.fastjp.com](http://www.fastjp.com)

(The) **Friends of the Far North Line**  
[www.fofnl.org.uk](http://www.fofnl.org.uk)

**Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line**  
[www.foscl.org.uk](http://www.foscl.org.uk)

**GB Rail Rover Guide** – a privately-produced definitive guide to rail rovers and rangers  
Email: [kev@britishrailways.net](mailto:kev@britishrailways.net)  
[www.railrover.org](http://www.railrover.org)

**Gensheet** – an independent site showing engineering notices as well as trains using rare routes  
[www.gensheet.co.uk](http://www.gensheet.co.uk)

**Halifax & District Rail Action Group (HADRAG)**  
[www.facebook.com/HADRAG](http://www.facebook.com/HADRAG)

**Irish Railway Record Society** – covers the Republic of Ireland and the site includes details of membership  
[www.irrs.ie](http://www.irrs.ie)

**Live Underground Map** – an independent site showing the position of all trains  
<http://traintimes.org.uk/map/tube>

**Loco2** - an independent site allowing bookings from any British station to European destinations  
<http://loco2.com>

'(The) **Man in Seat Sixty-One**' - independent site for planning UK and overseas rail travel

Email: [traininfo@seat61.com](mailto:traininfo@seat61.com)

[www.seat61.com](http://www.seat61.com)

**Mid-Cheshire Rail Users' Association**

[www.mcrua.org.uk](http://www.mcrua.org.uk)

**National Rail Advance Ticket Booking Horizons**

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/ticket\\_types/44703.aspx](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/ticket_types/44703.aspx)

**National Rail Conditions of Travel** (and links to Operators' Charters)

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/ticket\\_types.aspx#nrcoc](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/ticket_types.aspx#nrcoc)

**National Rail Enquiries**

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**National Rail Real Time Information**

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/ldb.aspx](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/ldb.aspx)

**National Rail Routeing Guide** - shows permitted routes for rail tickets

<http://data.atoc.org/routeing-guide>

**National Rail Working Timetable train times** - four independent sites showing full working times for any journey

[www.brtimes.com](http://www.brtimes.com)

[www.opentraintimes.com](http://www.opentraintimes.com)

[www.realtimetrains.co.uk](http://www.realtimetrains.co.uk)

<http://trains.im>

**Oyster and National Rail** - an independent site explaining the Oyster system and offering details like 'Out of Station Interchange' (OSI) times that Transport for London refuses to advertise

[www.oyster-rail.org.uk](http://www.oyster-rail.org.uk)

[www.oyster-rail.org.uk/fares-guide/daily-caps-and-travelcards-2018](http://www.oyster-rail.org.uk/fares-guide/daily-caps-and-travelcards-2018) (for daily caps)

[www.oyster-rail.org.uk/maximum-journey-times](http://www.oyster-rail.org.uk/maximum-journey-times) (for maximum journey-times)

[www.oyster-rail.org.uk/osi-list](http://www.oyster-rail.org.uk/osi-list) (for OSI times)

[www.oyster-rail.org.uk/fares-guide/oyster-fare-finder](http://www.oyster-rail.org.uk/fares-guide/oyster-fare-finder) (Single Fares Finder)

**Oyster Single Fares Finder** - official TfL site

[www.tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/fares/single-fare-finder](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/fares/single-fare-finder)

**Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines**

Email: [webmaster@psul4all.free-online.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@psul4all.free-online.co.uk)

[www.psul4all.free-online.co.uk/intro.htm](http://www.psul4all.free-online.co.uk/intro.htm)

[www.psul4all.free-online.co.uk/2018.htm](http://www.psul4all.free-online.co.uk/2018.htm)

**PlusBus – unlimited travel at either end of a train journey**

[www.plusbus.info](http://www.plusbus.info)

(The) **Rail Chronology Web Site** - a listing of British publications which are essentially railway chronologies rather than histories

Email: [editor@RailChronology.free-online.co.uk](mailto:editor@RailChronology.free-online.co.uk)

[www.railchronology.free-online.co.uk](http://www.railchronology.free-online.co.uk)

**Rail Fares for any journey in Britain** - an independent site allowing fares to be seen without having to specify trains

[www.brfares.com](http://www.brfares.com)

**Rail Fares: official Rail Delivery Group data download site** - replaces Avantix Fares CD previously sold by TSO

<http://data.atoc.org>

**Recent Train Times** - an independent site showing the actual punctuality of all passenger trains that have run in Britain over the past three months

<http://recenttraintimes.co.uk>

**Signal Maps for the SW Main Line**

[www.realtimetrains.co.uk/maps/areas/swml/1](http://www.realtimetrains.co.uk/maps/areas/swml/1)

**Split Ticketing calculator** – an independent site that works for walk-on fares for the first time

[www.splitticketing.com](http://www.splitticketing.com)

**Toilets at Tube Stations** - an official map showing (lack of!) provision

<http://content.tfl.gov.uk/toilets-map.pdf>

**Trainseurope Ltd** - experts in booking overseas travel

Email: [enquiries@trainseurope.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@trainseurope.co.uk)

[www.trainseurope.co.uk](http://www.trainseurope.co.uk)

**Visit By Train** - a comprehensive guide to visiting tourist attractions from stations in SE England, Devon, Norfolk and Suffolk, with maps

[www.visitbytrain.info](http://www.visitbytrain.info)

## Official Consumer Bodies

### **London TravelWatch**

Email: [enquiries@londontravelwatch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@londontravelwatch.org.uk)  
[www.londontravelwatch.org.uk](http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk)

### **Transport Focus**

Email: [info@transportfocus.org.uk](mailto:info@transportfocus.org.uk)  
[www.transportfocus.org.uk](http://www.transportfocus.org.uk)

## Taxis

### **A useful complement at times, not least from railway stations**

**Cab Numbers** – finds a cab firm anywhere in the UK by inserting a postcode

Email: [tellus@cabnumbers.co.uk](mailto:tellus@cabnumbers.co.uk)  
<http://uk.cabnumbers.com>

## OTHER BRITISH RAIL OPERATORS:

### **BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY**

Enquiries tel: 01253 473000  
Email: [enquiries@blackpooltransport.com](mailto:enquiries@blackpooltransport.com)  
[www.blackpooltransport.com](http://www.blackpooltransport.com)

See Blackpool Transport  
(Bus Operators' section)

### **DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY**

Enquiries tel: 0343 2221234  
[www.tfl.gov.uk/dlr](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/dlr)

General Guide with first/last times  
(Jan 17)

### **EDINBURGH TRAMS**

Enquiries tel: 0131 555 6363  
Email: [customer@edinburghtrams.com](mailto:customer@edinburghtrams.com)  
[www.edinburghtrams.com](http://www.edinburghtrams.com)

Single folder (Jun 18)  
For map see Lothian Buses  
(Bus Operators' section)

Working Timetables available at:

[www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/edinburgh\\_trams\\_working\\_timetabl#incoming-695344](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/edinburgh_trams_working_timetabl#incoming-695344)

### **GLASGOW SUBWAY**

Enquiries tel: 0141 332 6811  
[www.spt.co.uk/subway](http://www.spt.co.uk/subway)

General Guide available (2017 but undated)  
(Map & frequency guide only)  
For timetables see  
[www.travelinescotland.com/lts/#/timetables](http://www.travelinescotland.com/lts/#/timetables)  
and insert 'SPT Subway' in the search box

### **LONDON TRAMS**

Enquiries tel: 0343 2221234  
Email: [tramlink@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:tramlink@tfl.gov.uk)  
[www.tfl.gov.uk/trams](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/trams)

General Guide available but  
timetables are available at  
[www.londonbusroutes.net/routes.htm#tram](http://www.londonbusroutes.net/routes.htm#tram)  
(an independently-maintained site)

### **LONDON UNDERGROUND**

Enquiries tel: 0343 2221234  
Email: [travinfo@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:travinfo@tfl.gov.uk)  
[www.tfl.gov.uk/tube](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tube)  
Working Timetables available at:  
[www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/working-timetables](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/working-timetables)

No printed timetables

### **MANCHESTER METROLINK**

Enquiries tel: 0161 205 2000  
or 0161 228 7811 (GM PTE)  
[www.metrolink.co.uk](http://www.metrolink.co.uk)

System Map (Sep 18)

### **NOTTINGHAM EXPRESS TRANSIT**

Enquiries tel: 0115 942 7777  
Email: [info@thetram.net](mailto:info@thetram.net)  
[www.thetram.net](http://www.thetram.net)

Timetable folder (2018)

### **STAGECOACH (SHEFFIELD) SUPERTRAM**

Enquiries tel: 0114 272 8282  
Email: [supertram.enquiries@supertram.com](mailto:supertram.enquiries@supertram.com)  
[www.supertram.com/journeyplanner.html](http://www.supertram.com/journeyplanner.html)

Single book (Sep 17)

### **TYNE & WEAR METRO**

Enquiries tel: 0191 203 3333

Stop-specific timetables for  
18 major stops (all Feb 17)

[www.tyneandwearmetro.co.uk](http://www.tyneandwearmetro.co.uk)

Working Timetables available at:

[www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/tyne\\_and\\_wear\\_metros\\_rule\\_book\\_a](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/tyne_and_wear_metros_rule_book_a)

## **WEST MIDLANDS METRO**

Single book (Jan 18)

Enquiries tel: 0121 254 7272

or 0121 200 2700 (West Midlands PTE)

Email: [customercare@travelwm.co.uk](mailto:customercare@travelwm.co.uk)

[www.travelmetro.co.uk](http://www.travelmetro.co.uk)

## **NORTHERN IRELAND**

### **NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS**

*(Translink NI Railways)*

Enquiries tel: 028 9066 6630

Email: [feedback@translink.co.uk](mailto:feedback@translink.co.uk)

[www.translink.co.uk/en/Services/NI-Railways](http://www.translink.co.uk/en/Services/NI-Railways)

Booklet for Bangor & Portadown (Jul 17),

plus leaflets for Londonderry (Jul 17),

Larne (Apr 16) & Belfast-Dublin (Mar 17)

## **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

### **IARNRÓD ÉIREANN (IRISH RAIL)**

Enquiries tel: 00 353 1 836 6222

[www.irishrail.ie/home](http://www.irishrail.ie/home)

No printed timetables

### **LUAS (Transdev Ireland)**

[www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)

(Dublin tram – ‘Luas’ is Irish for ‘speed’)

Timetable folder available

## **ISLE OF MAN**

### **ISLE OF MAN RAILWAYS**

Enquiries tel: 01624 662525

Email: [info@busandrail.dtl.gov.im](mailto:info@busandrail.dtl.gov.im)

[www.iombusandrail.info](http://www.iombusandrail.info)

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