

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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Rail Enquiries tel: 0345 7484950
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

On-line version:
09 December 2018 – 18 May 2019

Middleton Press publishes the National Rail Timetable, as below:

MIDDLETON PRESS

Easebourne Lane, Midhurst GU29 9AZ
Tel: 01730 813169 Fax: 01730 812601
Email: info@middletonpress.co.uk
www.middletonpress.co.uk

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

NETWORK RAIL WORKING TIMETABLES

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 (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) and Virgin Trains East Coast (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); and c2c (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). 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.

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

Earlier editions are available:

First Edition: February 2005: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap1.pdf

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Fourth Edition: April 2006: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap4.pdf

Fifth Edition: June 2006: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap5.pdf

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Eighth Edition: December 2007: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap8.pdf

Ninth Edition: January 2008: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap9.pdf

Tenth Edition: June 2008: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap10.pdf

Eleventh Edition: December 2008: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap11.pdf
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Thirteenth Edition: June 2009: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap13.pdf
Fourteenth Edition: December 2009: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap14.pdf
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Twentieth Edition: June 2011: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap20.pdf
Twenty-first Edition: September 2011: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap21.pdf
Twenty-second Edition: February 2012: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap22.pdf
Twenty-third Edition: September 2012: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap23.pdf
Twenty-fourth Edition: December 2012: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap24.pdf
Twenty-fifth Edition: October 2013: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap25.pdf
Twenty-sixth Edition: December 2013: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap26.pdf
Twenty-seventh Edition: March 2014: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap27.pdf
Twenty-eighth Edition: July 2014: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap28.pdf
Twenty-ninth Edition: September 2014: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap29.pdf
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Thirty-second Edition: October 2015: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap32.pdf
Thirty-third Edition: December 2015: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap33.pdf
Thirty-fourth Edition: April 2016: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap34.pdf
Thirty-fifth Edition: September 2016: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap35.pdf
Thirty-sixth Edition: February 2017: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap36.pdf
Thirty-seventh Edition: April 2017: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap37.pdf
Thirty-eighth Edition: August 2017: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap38.pdf
Thirty-ninth Edition: December 2017: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap39.pdf
Fortieth Edition: May 2018: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap40.pdf
Forty-first Edition: June 2018: 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.

USEFUL RAIL LINKS:

Bishop Auckland Railway Station Travel Centre (Bishop Trains) – private travel agent site
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
www.bahn.co.uk

FastJP – an independent journey planner for the British network and the fastest available
www.fastjp.com

(The) **Friends of the Far North Line**
www.fofnl.org.uk

Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line
www.foscl.org.uk

GB Rail Rover Guide – a privately-produced definitive guide to rail rovers and rangers
Email: kev@britishrailways.net
www.railrover.org

Gensheet – an independent site showing engineering notices as well as trains using rare routes
www.gensheet.co.uk

Halifax & District Rail Action Group (HADRAG)
www.facebook.com/HADRAG

Irish Railway Record Society – covers the Republic of Ireland and the site includes details of membership
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

www.seat61.com

Mid-Cheshire Rail Users' Association

www.mcrua.org.uk

Nationalrail.com – an independent booking agent based at Bishop Auckland station which can handle ticket orders between any British stations. They also produce a poster map showing all 2563 stations in the country, each with its 3-letter code, full details being at:

www.nationalrail.com/2018-edition-nationalrail-com-map-still-available

National Rail Advance Ticket Booking Horizons

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

National Rail Enquiries

www.nationalrail.co.uk

National Rail Real Time Information

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

www.opentraintimes.com

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

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

www.oyster-rail.org.uk/maximum-journey-times (for maximum journey-times)

www.oyster-rail.org.uk/osi-list (for OSI times)

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

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

Email: webmaster@psul4all.free-online.co.uk

www.psul4all.free-online.co.uk/intro.htm

www.psul4all.free-online.co.uk/2019.html

PlusBus – unlimited travel at either end of a train journey

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

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

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

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

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

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

Official Consumer Bodies

London TravelWatch

Email: enquiries@londontravelwatch.org.uk
www.londontravelwatch.org.uk

Transport Focus

Email: info@transportfocus.org.uk
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
<http://uk.cabnumbers.com>

OTHER BRITISH RAIL OPERATORS:

BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY

Enquiries tel: 01253 473000
Email: enquiries@blackpooltransport.com
www.blackpooltransport.com

See Blackpool Transport
(Bus Operators' section)

DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY

Enquiries tel: 0343 2221234
www.tfl.gov.uk/dlr

General Guide with first/last times
(Jan 17)

EDINBURGH TRAMS

Enquiries tel: 0131 555 6363
Email: customer@edinburghtrams.com
www.edinburghtrams.com

Working Timetables available at:

www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/edinburgh_trams_working_timetabl#incoming-695344

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

GLASGOW SUBWAY

Enquiries tel: 0141 332 6811
www.spt.co.uk/subway

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

LONDON TRAMS

Enquiries tel: 0343 2221234
Email: tramlink@tfl.gov.uk
www.tfl.gov.uk/trams

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

LONDON UNDERGROUND

Enquiries tel: 0343 2221234
Email: travinfo@tfl.gov.uk
www.tfl.gov.uk/tube

Working Timetables available at:

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

System Map (Sep 18)

NOTTINGHAM EXPRESS TRANSIT

Enquiries tel: 0115 942 7777
Email: info@thetram.net
www.thetram.net

Timetable folder (2018)

STAGECOACH (SHEFFIELD) SUPERTRAM

Enquiries tel: 0114 272 8282

Single book (Sep 17)

Email: supertram.enquiries@supertram.com
www.supertram.com/journeyplanner.html

TYNE & WEAR METRO

Enquiries tel: 0191 203 3333

www.tyneandwearmetro.co.uk

Working Timetables available at:

www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/tyne_and_wear_metros_rule_book_a

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

WEST MIDLANDS METRO

Enquiries tel: 0121 254 7272

or 0121 200 2700 (West Midlands PTE)

Email: customercare@travelwm.co.uk

www.travelmetro.co.uk

Single book (Jan 18)

NORTHERN IRELAND

NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS

(*Translink NI Railways*)

Enquiries tel: 028 9066 6630

Email: feedback@translink.co.uk

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

No printed timetables

LUAS (Transdev Ireland)

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

www.iombusandrail.info

Timetable folders available. Details also
contained in the Bus Vannin timetable
listed in the Bus Operators’ section

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