

RAIL OPERATORS IN THE BRITISH ISLES

Please email any comments
regarding this page to:
update@barrydoe.co.uk

UPDATED 12/05/25

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.

My Great Britain National Rail Passenger Operators' map (see below) is sponsored by the following: Rail Delivery Group (www.raildeliverygroup.com); First Rail (www.firstgroupplc.com/about-firstgroup/uk-rail.aspx); Nationalrail.com (www.nationalrail.com) an independent and impartial website; ScotRail (www.scotrail.co.uk); and Severn-Dee Travel (www.severndeetravel.org.uk), specialists in rail ticketing and group travel for schools and colleges, based at Gobowen station. It is designed by Fabrik Communications (www.fabcomms.co.uk). These are also sponsors of the main sections of this web site.

Rail Delivery Group



GREAT BRITAIN

NATIONAL RAIL
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Its website has a link to all operators at:
www.nationalrail.co.uk/tocs_maps/tocs/TrainOperators.aspx

NATIONAL RAIL TIMETABLE

15 December 2024 – 17 May 2025
18 May – 13 December 2025

www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/timetabling/electronic-national-rail-timetable

FABDIGITAL produce the NRT files on behalf of Network Rail. These are on their own site at:

<https://timetables.fabdigital.uk/nrt/dec2024>

<https://timetables.fabdigital.uk/nrt/may2025>

Note that <https://timetables.fabdigital.uk/nrt> also shows all past editions

Note that Fabdigital update their files weekly

NETWORK RAIL WORKING TIMETABLES

www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/timetabling/working-timetable

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 PASSENGER OPERATORS' MAP

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

Fifty-ninth edition (May 2025) published 15/04/25 – showing Metro & Tram links where detail permits

www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap59.pdf

Earlier editions are available:

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

Second Edition: June 2005: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap2.pdf

Third Edition: December 2005: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap3.pdf

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

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

Sixth Edition: February 2007: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap6.pdf

Seventh Edition: November 2007: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap7.pdf

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

Twelfth Edition: March 2009: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap12.pdf

Thirteenth Edition: June 2009: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap13.pdf

Fourteenth Edition: December 2009: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap14.pdf

Fifteenth Edition: May 2010: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap15.pdf

Sixteenth Edition: July 2010: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap16.pdf

Seventeenth Edition: December 2010: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap17.pdf

Eighteenth Edition: February 2011: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap18.pdf

Nineteenth Edition: May 2011: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap19.pdf

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

Thirtieth Edition: March/April 2015: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap30.pdf

Thirty-first Edition: June/October 2015: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap31.pdf

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
Forty-second Edition: October 2018: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap42.pdf
Forty-third Edition: May 2019: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap43.pdf
Forty-fourth Edition: August 2019: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap44.pdf
Forty-fifth Edition: December 2019: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap45.pdf
Forty-sixth Edition: March 2020: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap46.pdf
Forty-seventh Edition: July 2020: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap47.pdf
Forty-eighth Edition: March 2021: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap48.pdf
Forty-ninth Edition: May 2021: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap49.pdf
Fiftieth Edition: October 2021: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap50.pdf
Fifty-first Edition: December 2021: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap51.pdf
Fifty-second Edition: May 2022: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap52.pdf
Fifty-third Edition: Dec 2022: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap53.pdf
Fifty-fourth Edition: May 2023: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap54.pdf
Fifty-fifth Edition: Dec 2023: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap55.pdf
Fifty-sixth Edition: Jun 2024: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap56.pdf
Fifty-seventh Edition: September 2024: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap57.pdf
Fifty-eighth Edition: December 2024: www.barrydoe.co.uk/railmap58.pdf

These maps only exist as acrobat files, which users may download and/or print. If a 75 x 100cm professionally-printed laminated version is required it can be obtained by emailing Map Marketing at hello@mapmarketing.com.

USEFUL LINKS FOR TRAIN TIMES, FARES and JOURNEY PLANNERS

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

Coast, Lakes, Dales & Fells Guide to train services – published by Northern with dates to match the National Rail Timetable. Includes bus services. It can be downloaded from the website below and a link is also available to obtain a copy post-free, though it is also available from most stations in the area (details on the website)
<https://coastandlakestraintimetable.co.uk/current-timetable>

Deutsche Bahn UK Booking Centre
Email: sales@bahn.co.uk
www.bahn.co.uk

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

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

Live Underground Map – an independent site showing the position of all trains
www.traintimes.org.uk/map/tube

London & South East National Rail map – published by the RDG and covering out to Bristol, Gloucester, Birmingham, Sheringham and Great Yarmouth
www.nationalrail.co.uk/travel-information/maps-of-the-national-rail-network

London's Rail & Tube map – published by the RDG and the only map showing National Rail, Tube, TfL Rail and trams
www.nationalrail.co.uk/travel-information/maps-of-the-national-rail-network

'(The) Man in Seat Sixty-One' - independent site for planning UK and overseas rail travel
Email: traininfo@seat61.com
www.seat61.com

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.railmap.org.uk.
www.nationalrail.com

National Rail Conditions of Travel
www.nationalrail.co.uk/nrcot

National Rail Real Time Information

www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/ldb.aspx

National Rail Routing Guide - shows permitted routes for rail tickets

www.raildeliverygroup.com/our-services/rail-data/fares-timetable-data.html

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

www.brtimes.com

www.opentraintimes.com

www.realtimetrains.co.uk

Network Rail Sectional Appendices (containing route diagrams with distances and speed limits/restrictions)

www.networkrail.co.uk/industry-and-commercial/information-for-operators/national-electronic-sectional-appendix

Oyster Fares Central - an independent site explaining the Oyster system in depth

www.oysterfares.com

www.oysterfares.com/information-pages/daily-caps-and-travelcards-2025 (for daily caps)

www.oysterfares.com/osi-list (for OSI times)

www.oysterfares.com/fare-finder (single fares finder - now showing the maximum permitted journey time for each journey)

Oyster Single Fares Finder - official TfL site

www.tfl.gov.uk/fares/find-fares/tube-and-rail-fares/single-fare-finder?intcmp=54716

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

Email: psul@branchline.uk

www.branchline.uk/rail_chronology/PSUL/2025.pdf

www.branchline.uk/PSULintro.php

Archive of all editions back to the first (1963):

www.branchline.uk/PSULdocs.php

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. This site is now run by the Branch Line Society.

Email: psul@branchline.uk

https://branchline.uk/rail_chronology/index.html

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

www.brfares.com

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

www.recenttraintimes.co.uk

Split Ticketing site – an independent site that works for walk-on fares and advance fares

www.traintickets.com

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

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

USER GROUPS, RAIL GROUPS and MISCELLANEOUS SITES

BusandTrainUser.com - a superb bus & rail industry blog produced by Roger French OBE, DL, MA and emailed to your nominated address at 0600 on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, plus some Sundays, each week

Email: busandtrainuser@gmail.com

www.busandtrainuser.com

Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways

<https://fosbr.org.uk>

(The) **Friends of the Far North Line**

www.fofnl.org.uk

Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line

www.foscl.org.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

Mid-Cheshire Rail Users' Association

www.mcrua.org.uk

Visit By Train - a comprehensive guide to visiting tourist attractions from stations in SE England, Devon, Cornwall, Norfolk, Suffolk, Gloucestershire and West Midlands, with maps
www.visitbytrain.info

OFFICIAL CONSUMER BODIES

London TravelWatch

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

The Rail Ombudsman

Email: info@railombudsman.org
www.railombudsman.org

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
<https://taxi.uk.cabnumbers.com>

CabGuideUK – finds a cab firm at any rail station, bus station, ferry port or airport
This is an app downloadable from Android and Apple devices; details from
<https://cabguideuk.info>
Email: cabguideuk@traintaxi.co.uk



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

No publications

EDINBURGH TRAMS

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

Single folder (Apr 23)
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 publications

MANCHESTER METROLINK

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

System Map (Jan 19)

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

No publications

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SUPERTRAM
Enquiries tel: 0800 952 0002
www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

No publications

TYNE & WEAR METRO
Enquiries tel: 0191 203 3333
www.nexus.org.uk/metro

Stop-specific timetables for
18 major stops

WEST MIDLANDS METRO
Enquiries tel: 0345 835 8181
Email: customerservices@westmidlandsmetro.com
www.westmidlandsmetro.com

Timetable leaflet (Nov 23)

NORTHERN IRELAND

NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS
(*Translink NI Railways*)
Enquiries tel: 028 9066 6630
Email: feedback@translink.co.uk
www.translink.co.uk/timetables?LocationId=&Name=&LocationType=&TransportMode=Train&page=1

No publications

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

IARNRÓD ÉIREANN (IRISH RAIL)
Enquiries tel: 00 353 1 836 6222
www.irishrail.ie/train-timetables

Occasional leaflets published
when services change

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.im

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

Now go back to:

[Home Page](#)

[Introduction](#)

[Special Announcements](#)

[The Best Timetables of the British Isles](#)

[Summary of the use of the 24-hour clock](#)

[Links Section](#)

[English Counties](#)

[Welsh Counties, Scottish Councils, Northern Ireland,
Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man](#)

Bus Operators in the British Isles