

# RAIL OPERATORS IN THE BRITISH ISLES

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## **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](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  
[www.fastjp.com](http://www.fastjp.com)

**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)

**Live Underground Map** – an independent site showing the position of all trains  
[www.traintimes.org.uk/map/tube](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:traininfo@seat61.com)  
[www.seat61.com](http://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](http://www.railmap.org.uk).  
[www.nationalrail.com](http://www.nationalrail.com)

**National Rail Conditions of Travel**  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk/nrcot](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/nrcot)

**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  
<https://data.atoc.org/routeing-guide>  
[https://data.atoc.org/rp\\_calc](https://data.atoc.org/rp_calc) - allows users to find appropriate routeing points. Applies only to Anytime (day or month) and OP (day or month) fares – ie SDS/SDR, SOS/SOR, SVS/SVR and CDS/CDR

**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>

**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](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/industry-and-commercial/information-for-operators/national-electronic-sectional-appendix)

**Oyster Fares Central** - 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.oysterfares.com](http://www.oysterfares.com)

[www.oysterfares.com/information-pages/daily-caps-and-travelcards-2024](http://www.oysterfares.com/information-pages/daily-caps-and-travelcards-2024) (for daily caps)

[www.oysterfares.com/osi-list](http://www.oysterfares.com/osi-list) (for OSI times)

[www.oysterfares.com/fare-finder](http://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](http://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](mailto:psul@branchline.uk)

[www.branchline.uk/rail\\_chronology/PSUL/2024.pdf](http://www.branchline.uk/rail_chronology/PSUL/2024.pdf)

[www.branchline.uk/PSULintro.php](http://www.branchline.uk/PSULintro.php)

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

[www.branchline.uk/PSULdocs.php](http://www.branchline.uk/PSULdocs.php)

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

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

**Rail Delivery Group data download site** (you create your own account to log in)

<https://data.atoc.org>

**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)

**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](http://www.recenttraintimes.co.uk)

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

[www.traintickets.com](http://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](mailto:busandtrainuser@gmail.com)

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

**Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways**

<https://fosbr.org.uk>

(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)

**Halifax & District Rail Action Group (HADRAG)**

[www.facebook.com/HADRAG](https://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)

**Mid-Cheshire Rail Users' Association**

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

(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)

**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

## **OFFICIAL CONSUMER BODIES**

### **London TravelWatch**

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

### **The Rail Ombudsman**

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

### **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  
<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](mailto:cabguideuk@traintaxi.co.uk)



## **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)

No publications

### **EDINBURGH TRAMS**

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

No publications

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)

### **MANCHESTER METROLINK**

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

System Map (Jan 19)

### **NOTTINGHAM EXPRESS TRANSIT**

Timetable folder with map (2022 but undated)

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

(summary only)

### **SOUTH YORKSHIRE SUPERTRAM**

Enquiries tel: 0800 952 0002  
[www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com)

No publications

### **TYNE & WEAR METRO**

Enquiries tel: 0191 203 3333  
[www.nexus.org.uk/metro](http://www.nexus.org.uk/metro)

Stop-specific timetables for  
18 major stops

### **WEST MIDLANDS METRO**

Enquiries tel: 0345 835 8181  
Email: [customerservices@westmidlandsmetro.com](mailto:customerservices@westmidlandsmetro.com)  
[www.westmidlandsmetro.com](http://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](mailto:feedback@translink.co.uk)  
[www.translink.co.uk/timetables?LocationId=&Name=&LocationType=&TransportMode=Train&page=1](http://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](http://www.irishrail.ie/train-timetables)

Occasional leaflets published  
when services change

### **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.im](http://www.iombusandrail.im)

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