

East Midland's Railway regional services enhanced by new trains and more frequent timetable

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East Midlands Railway's (EMR) will provide improved connections, more seats and increased journey options for its regional passengers when it launches its new timetable next month.

The new timetable, which begins on May 16, will also include the phased introduction of more Class 170 trains.

The trains, offer significant upgrades over the current fleet, including wider doors closer to the middle of the carriage making it easier for passengers to get on and off as well as a more accessible layout.

In due course, they will also be significantly refurbished, including upgrades such as the introduction of power sockets, improved CCTV, new interiors, enhanced information systems and better toilet interiors.

The improvements to EMR Regional include:

Routes

Nottingham – Derby – Matlock

- An extra train every hour between Derby and Nottingham, providing improved journey options and additional hourly services for Beeston, Long Eaton and Attenborough
- An additional weekday morning service from Matlock to Derby. This will be achieved by starting an existing Ambergate to Derby service back at Matlock
- Enhanced service for Spondon

Leicester – Nottingham – Lincoln

- Later evening weekday services between Nottingham and Leicester
- Services from Leicester to Lincoln will extend to Grimsby Town every two hours during off-peak hours on weekdays.
- More evening weekday services will run to Newark Castle from Nottingham and Lincoln.
- Attenborough will gain an additional service every hour

Derby – Crewe

- Weekday and Saturday services will run through to Nottingham and Newark Castle for the first time since 2007
- Later evening weekday service

Will Rogers, Managing Director of East Midlands Railway, said: “This new timetable represents an exciting new chapter for train services in the region and will bring significant benefits to the communities we serve.

“The £1.5 billion Midland Main Line upgrade has allowed us to provide more seats, quicker journeys, and a simpler, more resilient timetable.

“It has been an incredible team effort to put this timetable in place, especially during a period so heavily affected by COVID and that is why we are so proud to be able to launch this new timetable.

“It which will enable better regional and intercity connectivity, helping people get to work and enjoy their leisure time, and boost our local economies at a time when it’s never been so important.”

Full details of the all the changes to its timetable can be found on EMR’s website here: <https://www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk/may21>

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