

Operators urge travel caution over Easter

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Operators are sending out warnings to passengers travelling this Easter.

Like Christmas, Easter is a time when many engineering teams make the most of reduced demand and carry out major improvements to the network.

Here are some of the warnings for travel that operators and Network Rail have sent out recently.

Northern: be flexible when travelling

Northern is advising customers travelling this Easter bank holiday weekend to check before they travel and be flexible with their journeys.

Trains are expected to be very busy between Friday 15 and Monday 18 April across the Northern network.

In addition, engineering work on some routes in East Yorkshire, Cumbria, Manchester and Liverpool will see some trains replaced by buses, meaning longer travel times on the following routes:

- Hull and Beverley
- Hull, Brough and Goole
- Hull, Brough and Selby
- Manchester Victoria, Ashton-under-Lyne and Stalybridge (on Sunday 17 only)
- Liverpool Lime Street and Huyton until 1300 only (on Sunday 17 only)

- Liverpool Lime Street and Hunts Cross (on Sunday 17 only)
- Lancaster and Grange-over-Sands. Arnsdale and Silverdale stations will be served by a mini-bus service (on Sunday 17 only)
- Bentham, Lancaster, Morecambe and Heysham Port (on Sunday 17 only)
- Lancaster, Oxenholme Lake District, Kendal and Windermere (on Sunday 17 only)

A spokesperson for Northern said: “We know the bank holiday provides a great opportunity for people to get out, explore and enjoy all the North of England has to offer.

“We’re doing all we can to prepare for the weekend and are also asking our customers to plan ahead, expect services to be busy, allow extra time for journeys and, where possible, to avoid travelling during the busiest times.”

For full details of Northern’s timetables – and the planned engineering work visit northernrailway.co.uk. Train times can also be checked via [National Rail Enquiries](#).

No trains to London Euston this weekend

London Northwestern Railway is reminding passengers planning to travel over the Easter bank holiday that London Euston will be closed to passengers, with all trains terminating at Milton Keynes.

Network Rail is investing £22m to improve future journeys for passengers and freight on the West Coast main line and key routes in the Midlands and North West.

Between Good Friday (15 April) and Easter Monday (18 April), Euston station will be closed to main line train services due to major track upgrades in Watford, including work to build Britain’s new zero-carbon railway HS2.

To plan journeys and for the latest travel information visit: www.networkrail.co.uk/wcml.

Other essential work which will require the railway to be closed at points over the bank holiday include:

- 1km of track drainage being replaced at Beechwood Tunnel between Birmingham International and Coventry
- Bridge renewal works at Coventry South Junction and HS2 enabling works at Hampton-in-Arden
- Signalling and track improvements on lines around Crewe station
- Changes to trains between Liverpool and Manchester due to track maintenance around Liverpool South Parkway