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MTA Long Island Rail Road to Operate Nine Extra Trains to Kick Off Memorial Day Weekend; Enhanced Summer Service to Fire Island and Hamptons Begins

Memorial Day is coming this Monday, May 28, marking the unofficial start of summer, and the Long Island Rail Road, the best route to beaches, barbeques, and an alluring warm-weather landscape, is adding nine extra trains from Penn Station on Friday, May 25, for customers planning an early getaway.

Later in the weekend, the LIRR will operate on a regular weekend schedule on Saturday and Sunday and on a holiday schedule on Memorial Day.

The extra Friday afternoon trains will depart from Penn Station at these times:

Babylon Branch

- 2:22 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then making all local stops to Babylon
- 2:32 p.m. express to Lynbrook, then making all local stops to Babylon
- 3:00 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then making all local stops to Babylon
- 3:31 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then making all local stops to Babylon

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 p.m. express to Locust Manor, then making all local stops to Far Rockaway

Montauk Branch

- 2:56 p.m., change at Jamaica for an express to Westhampton, then making all local stops to Montauk

Port Jefferson Branch

- 2:08 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then making all local stops to Huntington
- 2:26 p.m. stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then making all local stops to Huntington
- 3:25 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury, and Hicksville

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Extra Summer Service Starts on the Montauk Branch

This weekend marks the beginning of a major summer service increase to the South Fork of Long Island via the LIRR's Montauk Branch, with lots of extra eastbound trains running on Fridays and extra westbound trains returning on Sundays.

- The LIRR offers two Friday-only trains designed for Fire Island-bound customers. These trains stop for Fire Island ferry connections at Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue. Customers boarding at Penn Station can connect for these trains via the 7:39 a.m. Ronkonkoma Branch train (change at Jamaica for the Patchogue train), and the 10:54 Babylon train to Babylon (change at Babylon for the Patchogue train). Connections also available from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.
- A Hamptons-bound train departs Hunterspoint Avenue at 1:49 p.m. and connects at Jamaica with the 1:42 p.m. train from Penn Station. The train will run express to Westhampton then make all stops to Montauk.
- The Cannonball, which departs Penn Station at 4:06 p.m., then runs express to Westhampton, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton and Montauk.
- Change at Jamaica for the 7:23 p.m. express train running to Patchogue, Mastic-Shirley, Westhampton, then all stops to Montauk. This train receives passengers from the 6:56 p.m. train from Penn Station, 6:59 p.m. train from Atlantic Terminal and 6:41 p.m. train from Hunterspoint Avenue.

Returning on Sunday night, the LIRR offers five extra Sunday night departures arriving in New York City between 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., including the westbound Cannonball which departs Montauk at 6:37 p.m., and an extra Monday morning train that departs Montauk at 7:00 a.m. and connects at Jamaica for a 10:05 a.m. arrival at Penn Station.

Many Channels for Service Updates

Information about additional service noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

LIRR Train Time app – Customers who use the LIRR Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. The app is available via the Apple Store for iOS devices or Google Play Store for Android along with MTA eTix – the LIRR's mobile ticketing app which allows customers to buy LIRR tickets on their mobile device -- anytime, anywhere. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

MTA.info – The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at the left side of www.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/lirr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

@LIRR on Twitter – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter’s format.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on **digital signs at station platforms** and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the LIRR’s Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: “Long Island Rail Road.”

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