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# Metro-North Offers Special Getaway Service for Memorial Day Weekend

17 Extra Trains to Depart from Grand Central Terminal on Friday, May 25

Metro-North has your ticket to a great holiday weekend. On Friday, May 25, the start of the Memorial Day weekend and unofficial start of summer, Metro-North has 17 extra getaway trains departing from Grand Central Terminal between 12:58 p.m. and 4:11 p.m. Some peak trains between 5:18 p.m. and 7:28 p.m. will be canceled/combined due to reduced ridership in this time period.

All extra and cancelled trains are shown in current timetables, the Metro-North Train Time appared online MTA.info.

Service details for the holiday weekend are below:

## Friday, May 25

#### **New Haven Line**

Nine extra "getaway" trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 12:58 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport, and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven
- 2:01 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport, and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven
- 2:28 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport, and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven
- 2:31 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison
- 2:56 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Stamford then all stations between Noroton Heights and South Norwalk
- 2:59 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison

- 3:26 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison
- 3:29 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven
- 4:00 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Stamford, and all stations between Bridgeport and New Haven

## The following trains from Grand Central will not operate or are combined:

- The 5:18 p.m. train to Harrison and the 5:21 p.m. train to New Rochelle are combined, departing Grand Central at 5:21 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street and all stations between Mount Vernon East and Harrison.
- The 5:41 p.m. train to New Haven will not operate.
- The 5:57 p.m. train to Harrison and 6:02 p.m. to New Rochelle are combined, departing Grand Central at 6:02 p.m., making all stops between Mount Vernon East and Harrison
- The 6:07 p.m. train to New Haven and the 6:13 p.m. train to Bridgeport are combined, departing Grand Central at 6:13 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street and all stations between South Norwalk and New Haven.
- The 6:49 p.m. train to New Haven will not operate.
- The 7:09 p.m. train to Harrison will not operate.

#### **Harlem Line:**

Three extra "getaway" trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 2:15 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, then all stations between Scarsdale and North White Plains
- 3:13 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, then White Plains and North White Plains only
- 3:34 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, White Plains, North White Plains, then all stations between Goldens Bridge and Southeast

#### The following trains from Grand Central will not operate:

- The 5:27 p.m. to Southeast
- The 5:38 p.m. to Crestwood
- The 5:58 p.m. to Crestwood
- The 7:03 p.m. to North White Plains
- The 7:28 p.m. to North White Plains

#### **Hudson Line:**

Five extra "getaway" trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 1:38 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie
- 2:38 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie
- 3:11 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, then all stops between Tarrytown and Croton-Harmon

- 3:45 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie
- 4:11 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie

## The following trains from Grand Central will not operate:

- The 5:29 p.m. train to Poughkeepsie
- The 5:57 p.m. train to Croton-Harmon
- The 6:12 p.m. train to Poughkeepsie

#### **Hudson Line Connecting Services:**

- The Hudson Rail Link will begin a peak level of buses at Spuyten Duyvil starting with the 2:20 p.m. train from Grand Central and at Riverdale starting with the 3:21 p.m. train from Grand Central.
- The Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry will have an early ferry trip that will meet the 3:11 p.m. train from Grand Central, which arrives in Ossining at 3:56 p.m. Since the 5:57 p.m. train will not operate, a 6:00 p.m. train from Grand Central, which arrives in Ossining at 6:53 p.m., will be met by the ferry. To accommodate this trip, the ferry will not meet the regular 6:22 p.m. train from Grand Central.
- The Newburgh-Beacon Ferry will have three early trips meeting the 2:43 p.m., 3:18 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. trains from Grand Central.

#### Saturday, May 26, to Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)

On Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27, a regular weekend schedule will be in effect. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, a Sunday schedule will be in effect.

Most connecting services will not operate on Memorial Day. However, the Tappan Zee Express will operate, on a Saturday schedule.

Grand Central North will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Metro-North also has a special holiday weekend schedule in place for West of Hudson customers.

#### West of Hudson

### Friday, May 25

#### **Port Jervis Line**

The regularly scheduled departure from Hoboken at 2:41 p.m., stopping at Secaucus Junction, and then all stops between Suffern and Middletown/Town of Wallkill, will be extended to stop at Otisville and Port Jervis. Customers from Manhattan wishing to connect to this train should be on the 2:29 p.m. departure from Penn Station-NY to change at Secaucus Junction. To

accommodate this service, the 6:15 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Port Jervis will not operate.

#### **Pascack Valley Line**

The regularly scheduled Pascack Valley Friday-only train will depart Hoboken at 2:58 p.m., and stop at Secaucus Junction, select stations in New Jersey, and Pearl River, Nanuet and Spring Valley. Customers from Manhattan who are wishing to connect to this train should be on the 2:51 p.m. departure from Penn Station-NY to change at Secaucus Junction. To accommodate this train, the 7:20 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Spring Valley will not operate.

#### Saturday, May 26, to Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day):

On Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27, a regular weekend schedule will be in effect. On Monday, May 28, Memorial Day, a weekend schedule will be in effect on the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley Lines. An extra afternoon inbound train will depart Port Jervis at 4:09 p.m., making all stops through Suffern, then run express to Secaucus Junction and Hoboken. Customers wishing to travel to Penn Station-NY should transfer at Secaucus Junction.

Most connecting services will not operate on Memorial Day. However, the Tappan Zee Express will operate on a weekend schedule.

## **Many Channels for Service Updates**

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

**Metro-North Train Time app** – Customers who use the Metro-North Train Time app will see upto-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 - Metro-North Railroad's mobile ticketing app which allows customers to buy Metro-North 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 <a href="www.MTA.info">www.MTA.info</a> is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit <a href="www.mta.info/mnr">www.mta.info/mnr</a> 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.

**@MetroNorth on Twitter** – Twitter users can follow **@MetroNorth** 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, Metro-North 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 Metro-North's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Metro-North Railroad." For customers calling from Connecticut, the number is: 877-690-5114. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach Metro-North at 511.

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