



What's happening:

Network Rail will be testing overhead power lines in the Reading area.

Once this is done we'll be another step closer to running our new Electrostar and Intercity Express Trains in the area.

For more information please visit networkrail.co.uk/westernupgrade



Our travel advice

Most routes will be open until 1400 on Saturday, so we recommend you travel before then if at all possible.

Please check carefully before travelling, and allow plenty of time to complete your journey.



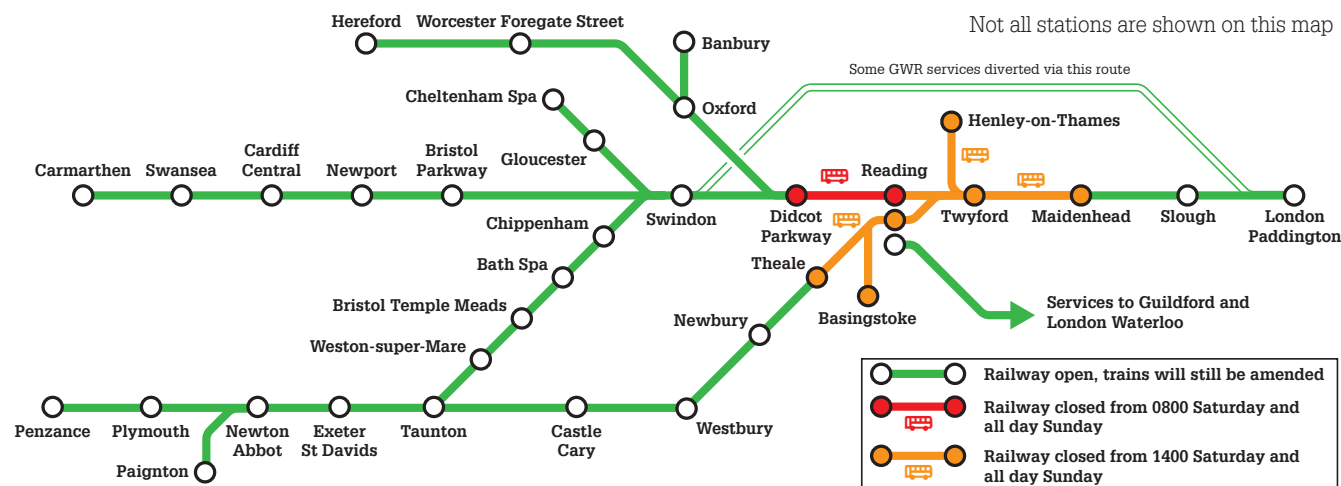
Luggage and animals on replacement buses

Please be careful with the amount of luggage you bring, as we might not be able to accept some larger items.

We can only carry Assistance dogs or Guide dogs on replacement buses.



Route map showing how train services will be affected



Sunday mornings from 24 September to 5 November

Train services will also be amended on Sunday mornings this autumn



Help with your journey

It's always best to let us know in advance if you need help. You can arrange assistance for your journey by visiting GWR.com/AssistedTravel and completing the online booking form.

If you travel without arranging assistance our staff will get you to your destination as quickly as possible.



Ticket validity

Various ticket restrictions have been lifted to make journeys as easy as possible. Our online journey planners will show this.

Valid rail tickets will be accepted on some local bus services. For details visit GWR.com/Reading2017



Travelling with bike?

The normal bike policy for all train companies will apply. We can only carry folding bikes on replacement buses.

Preparing Reading for electric trains

Saturday 16 and
Sunday 17 September 2017



Plan your journey at
GWR.com/Reading2017





How will our trains be affected?

Saturday 16 September (between 0800 and 1400)

- **Didcot Parkway to Reading** - No trains
- **Bristol Temple Meads to London Paddington** - 1 train an hour calling at Bath Spa and Reading
- **South Wales to London Paddington** - 1 train an hour, calling additionally at Chippenham
- **Hereford/Worcester/Oxford to London Paddington** - Trains will terminate at Didcot Parkway
- **Cheltenham Spa to Swindon** - amended timetable

Saturday 16 September (after 1400) and all day Sunday 17 September

- **Trains to/from the West of England** will be diverted via Bristol Temple Meads but still run to London Paddington. Journey times will be extended by up to 70 minutes.
- **South Wales to London Paddington** - Hourly service. Trains will be diverted but still run to London Paddington. Journey times will be extended by up to 90 minutes.
- **Bristol Temple Meads to London Paddington** - Reduced to 1 train per hour and terminate at Didcot Parkway
- **Hereford/Worcester/Oxford to London Paddington** - Trains will terminate at Didcot Parkway
- **London Paddington Reading** - Trains will start/terminate at Maidenhead
- **Services from Exeter St Davids (via Westbury) and Bedwyn/Newbury** - Trains will terminate at Theale
- **Cheltenham Spa to Swindon** - amended timetable



Summary of replacement buses

- **Reading to Swindon** (non-stop - 70 minutes journey)
- **Reading to Didcot Parkway** (non-stop - 40 minutes journey)
- **Reading to Didcot Parkway** (stopping bus*)
- **Reading to Basingstoke** (non-stop - 40 minutes journey)
- **Reading to Basingstoke** (stopping bus*)
- **Slough to Theale** (non-stop - 45 minutes journey)
- **Maidenhead to Theale** (via Reading - 80 minutes journey)
- **Maidenhead to Didcot Parkway** (via Reading - 90 minutes journey)
- **Twyford to Henley-on-Thames** (25 minutes journey)
- * Stopping buses will call at stations on the route



CrossCountry trains

CrossCountry trains will run between the South Coast and Basingstoke. They will also run between Didcot Parkway and Birmingham (and the North).

A direct replacement bus between Winchester and Didcot Parkway will link these services.



Car parking

There will be reduced parking at Maidenhead, Shiplake, Theale and Twyford stations. Please allow plenty of time to park your car as space may be limited.

For more information



Visit
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Intercity Express Trains are arriving this autumn

Our new Intercity Express Trains will start to be introduced this autumn giving you:

- more seats, tables and legroom
- improved air-conditioning
- improved passenger information and Wi-Fi

They will start to run between London, Bristol and South Wales, with other routes being introduced as more trains enter service.

Please visit GWR.com/newtrains for details.

