

South Glos railway work

Summer 2024

Introduction

We are back this summer completing more essential maintenance on the railway through South Gloucestershire.

From 6.00am on Wednesday 3 July until 3.40am on Friday 19 July we're replacing track on the line through the Severn Tunnel that joins Patchway Station and Severn Tunnel Junction, as well as a section at Cattybrook in Almondsbury. We're also completing drainage work between the Patchway tunnels.

Severn Tunnel track replacement

This summer we are replacing 14 kilometres of rail on a seven kilometre stretch of track inside the Severn Tunnel, to keep train services safe and reliable along this busy route.

The bulk of the work will take just over 16 full days, running from 6.00am on Wednesday 3 July until 3.40am on Friday 19 July.

There will also be follow up work on the weekends of 27/28 July and 24/25 August.

41 engineering trains will be in use over that period, delivering materials and equipment and removing 21,000 tonnes of spoil.

Nearly 11,000 sleepers will be installed throughout the work, along with 22,000 tonnes of new ballast (stone).

Access & compounds

To support our work inside the Severn Tunnel we will be using our access points at Caldicot, from the Welsh side, and Green Lane in Severn Beach for the English portal.

Large vehicle movements around the constricted site access for Green Lane will be overseen by marshals.

Patchway drainage & Cattybrook track work

Patchway drainage renewal will be completed in the section of open air track, between the Patchway tunnels, using road rail vehicles to complete the work.

Preparation work runs on five consecutive Saturday nights from 25 May, with the bulk of the work completed between 5.00am on Wednesday 3 July and 11.00pm on Friday 5 July. Follow up work will be over six consecutive Saturday nights, finishing in the morning of Sunday 11 August.

Access will be via Patchway Station and Istock Brick Works. From 22 June until 7 July, we'll also be using Pilning Station, with large vehicles making regular deliveries and collections.

Cattybrook track renewal involves the replacement of just under one kilometre of the railway line, from 12.01am on Saturday 13 July

until 3.40am on Friday 19 July. Pilning station will be also be used for this project, to get road rail vehicles onto the line for the work and for removing scrap, with large vehicles regularly accessing the station area until around Wednesday 24 July. We are also setting up a small temporary compound on land off Shaymoor Lane.



Contact us: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our 24-hour national helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or visit networkrail.co.uk/contactus



Travel plans

Trains are being diverted between Swindon and Newport, travelling via Gloucester, adding extra time to journeys. Rail replacement buses will be focused on certain days.

Turn over for details and check before you travel: GWR.com/severntunnel

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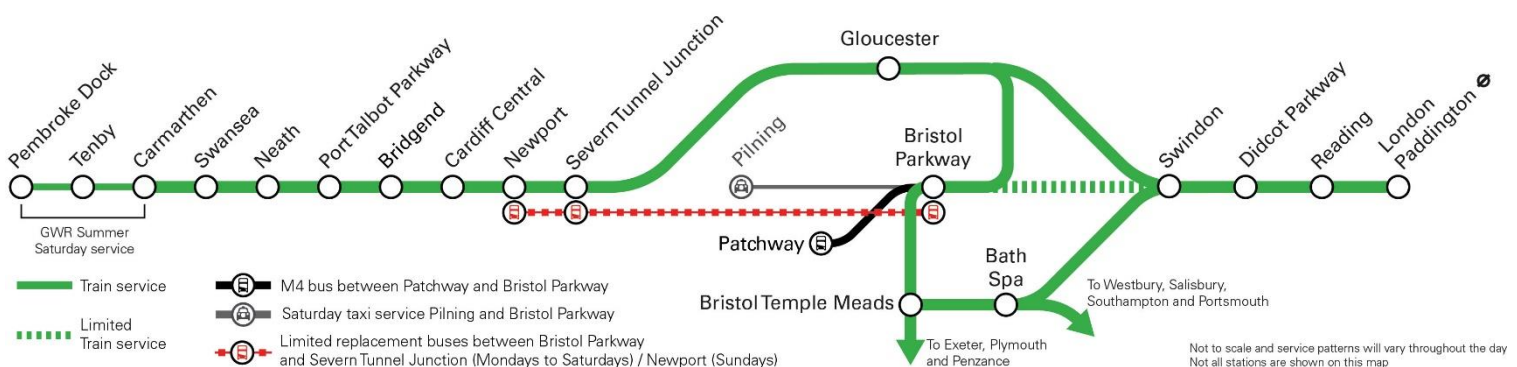
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Travel arrangements

Wednesday 3 – Thursday 18 July and 27/28 July & 24/25 August

During these dates there will be no direct trains between Bristol and South Wales.

Trains between London and South Wales will be diverted via Gloucester and won't stop at Bristol Parkway.



A limited number of trains will run between Bristol Parkway and London Paddington morning and evening only.

Trains will run between Bristol Parkway and Portsmouth Harbour via Bristol Temple Meads, plus between Bristol Temple Meads and Taunton, Plymouth or Penzance.

Other train services will still be running between Bristol Temple Meads or Bristol Parkway and Gloucester – change at Gloucester for trains to South Wales.

Transport for Wales & CrossCountry trains to/from South Wales via Gloucester/Cheltenham Spa are unaffected.

Limited replacement buses are planned between:

- Bristol Parkway and Severn Tunnel Junction (Monday to Saturday)
- Bristol Parkway to Newport (Sundays only)

Valid rail tickets cover journeys on the m4 Metrobus services between Bristol Parkway and Patchway stations.

A taxi service will be provided between Bristol Parkway and Pilning on Saturdays:

- Bristol Parkway to Pilning at 08:05 and 15:00 and Pilning to Bristol Parkway at 08:40 and 15:35

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