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MTA-LIRR 'Tiger Express 2' Is The Way To Get To The U.S. Open Friday

Early Birds Can Catch 3 Morning Trains From Penn Station To See Tiger Woods Play at Bethpage State Park

MTA Long Island Rail Road is urging customers heading for the U.S. Open Championship on Friday, June 19 to use three early morning trains if they want to get to Bethpage Black in time to spend the day with golfer Tiger Woods. With Woods set to resume play at the sixth hole at 7:30 AM, the special "Tiger Express" trains leaving Penn Station at 5:35 AM, 6:07 AM and 6:18 AM will get fans to Farmingdale Station for the action.

Once at Farmingdale, customers will board MTA Long Island Bus shuttle buses – courtesy of the United State Golf Association - for the short trip to one of the nation's most challenging courses. Rain shortened the first day of play at Bethpage Black, so officials are expecting a big turnout on Friday if the weather brightens. Tiger Woods is the defending Open champ and also won in 2002 when it was last played at Bethpage.

The Tiger Express trains, which will make stops at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and Farmingdale, are just part of the extra half-hourly service the LIRR is offering between Penn Station and Farmingdale for the Open.

Customers are urged to purchase round trip tickets before boarding the train. Tickets cost more if purchased on the train. For train schedule information customers may contact the LIRR Travel Information Center 24-hours a day in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers may also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.