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### LIRR's 'Belmont Special' Is Off and Running for Fall Racing Season

#### *MTA LIRR & NYRA Partner to Provide Train Service to Belmont Park for Fall Meet*

The thoroughbreds are back from Saratoga and the MTA Long Island Rail Road's "Belmont Special" is off and running to beautiful Belmont Park for the fall racing season. The LIRR is partnering with the New York Racing Association (NYRA) to provide regular train service for racing fans for the start of the Fall Meet this Saturday, September 10, and continuing through October 30.

Belmont Park is only a half-hour train ride from midtown Manhattan and the LIRR's "Belmont Special" ticket package entitles LIRR customers to a \$1 discount off the regular \$3 grandstand admission.

Post time is 1 PM on all racing days, except Saturday, October 1 (Jockey Club Gold Cup Day) when the first race is at 12:30 PM. The Park admission gates open at 11:30 AM daily. There is no racing on Monday's and Tuesdays, except Columbus Day, October 10. There is no racing on Wednesday, October 12

#### **LIRR Service to Belmont Park:**

Trains to and from Belmont Park will run at the following times.

#### **Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays**

##### **Eastbound**

10:58 AM train from Penn Station, stopping at Woodside at 11:09 AM and Jamaica at 11:18 AM will arrive at Belmont Park at 11:32 AM.  
11:51 AM train from Penn Station, stopping at Woodside at 12:03 PM and Jamaica at 12:12 PM will arrive at Belmont Park at 12:33 PM.

##### **Westbound**

4:27 PM train from Belmont Park, stopping at Jamaica at 4:40 PM and Woodside at 5:19 PM (Sat. & Su. Sept. 10 & 11); otherwise stopping at Woodside at 5:10 PM, will arrive at Penn Station at 5:09 PM  
6:27 PM train from Belmont Park, stopping at Jamaica at 6:40 PM, Woodside at 6:51 PM will arrive at Penn Station at 7:02 PM. (Note: The departure time for this train is approximate, since this train is scheduled to depart 30 minutes after the last race.)

#### **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (with exception of Wed., Oct. 12)**

##### **Eastbound**

10:58 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Woodside at 11:09 AM and Jamaica at 11:18 AM will arrive at Belmont Park at 11:32 AM.  
11:46 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica 12:12 PM will arrive at Belmont Park at 12:33 PM. (A connecting train departs Woodside at 11:46 AM for a transfer at Jamaica)

##### **Westbound**

3:42 PM from Belmont Park, stopping at Jamaica at 3:55 PM and Woodside at 4:15 PM will arrive at Penn Station at 4:25 PM.  
6 PM train from Belmont Park, stopping at Jamaica at 6:13 PM and Woodside at 6:25PM will arrive at Penn Station at 6:35 PM. (Note: The departure time for this train is approximate, since this train is scheduled to depart 30 minutes after the last race.)

Belmont Package tickets are available at LIRR ticket offices as well as from the gray, blue, and green Touch Screen ticket machines at stations – just press the "Deals & Getaways" button on the first screen; then select "Belmont Park." Payment can be made with cash, ATM/Debit or Credit Cards (blue machines don't accept cash). The LIRR ticket office at its Belmont station is closed and there are no ticket machines at Belmont.

Weekly and monthly ticket holders can use their tickets for travel to Jamaica and need only purchase a \$10 round-trip package ticket at an LIRR station prior to boarding the Belmont Special to cover the fare between Belmont Park and Jamaica. Round-trip tickets are not sold on-board trains. A one-way ticket from Jamaica to Belmont, purchased at an LIRR station to use in conjunction with a monthly or weekly ticket, is \$6. One-way tickets for travel between Jamaica and Belmont, sold on trains to use in conjunction with a monthly or weekly ticket, are \$11.

To avoid higher on-board fares and save time, customers should purchase round-trip tickets in advance. (Please note: CityTicket is not valid for travel to or from Belmont Park.)

#### **LIRR Train Fares to Belmont Park by Zone:**

##### **From New York, Brooklyn, and Woodside:**

Purchased at Station: One Way - \$7.00 / Round-trip- \$13.00  
Purchased On-Board Train: One Way- \$13.00 / Round-trip – Not sold on train

**From Jamaica**

Purchased at Station: One Way - \$6.00 / Round-trip- \$10.00  
Purchased On-Board Train: One Way - \$11.00 / Round-trip - Not sold on train

**Round-trip fares from Long Island with transfer at Jamaica:**

Zone 3 - \$10.00 (Rosedale, St. Albans, Queens Village, Hollis)  
Zone 4 - \$12.00 (Far Rockaway, Lynbrook, Hempstead, Mineola)  
Zone 7 - \$14.00 (Long Beach, Massapequa, Hicksville, Oyster Bay)  
Zone 9 - \$17.00 (Babylon, Deer Park, Huntington, Northport)  
Zone 10 - \$22.00 (Bay Shore, Sayville, Ronkonkoma, Patchogue, Port Jefferson)

LIRR tickets are good for 14 days from date of sale; refundable within 30 days from date of sale and are subject to a \$10 refund processing fee per transaction.

**Accessibility**

The LIRR's Belmont Station is not wheelchair accessible, and there are no elevators and only limited escalator service. It is necessary to use a staircase to and from most train platforms at Belmont Station.

For additional information, racing fans can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477. Customers can also consult the [LIRR's Belmont Park Schedule](#) on the website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

For information on races and admission to [Belmont Park](#), call 516-488-6000 or visit NYRA's website at [www.nyra.com](http://www.nyra.com).