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What Luck! Metr O'North Adds Train Service For Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Even More Service Added on Harlem Line

MTA Metro-North Railroad is making it easy for people to attend New York City's 250th annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade--which steps off on Thursday, March 17--with extra trains.

The Fifth Avenue parade route is an easy walk from Grand Central Terminal, so take the train to avoid traffic and parking woes and have a safe ride home after the daylong festivities.

Important reminder: In an effort to maintain orderly travel for our customers on St. Patrick's Day, alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on Metro-North trains. MTA Police will be at outlying stations and on board trains to enforce this ban. Do not attempt to bring any containers of alcohol--open or closed--to stations, on the trains or within Grand Central Terminal. It will be confiscated by the MTA Police. Metro-North's bar carts and café cars will not be in operation this day.

There are three extra trains on the Upper Hudson Line.

- A special, super-express train will depart Poughkeepsie at 7:55 a.m. making stops at New Hamburg and Beacon, arriving at Grand Central Terminal at 9:23 a.m. This is a peak train requiring peak fares. This extra train is intended to take pressure off the regular 8 a.m. out of Poughkeepsie, which was crowded on St. Patrick's Day last year.

- Another super express train will depart Poughkeepsie at 8:40 a.m. making a stop at Beacon, arriving at Grand Central Terminal at 10:05 a.m.

- And an extra train will originate at Beacon departing at 9:01 a.m. making stops at Cold Spring, Garrison, Peekskill, and Croton-Harmon, arriving at Grand Central Terminal at 10:23 a.m.

On the Harlem Line, ongoing power supply problems have forced Metro-North to alter its earlier extra service plan. (A New York State Electric and Gas Co. (NYSEG) substation was flooded on March 6 in the area of Katonah station. As a result, Metro-North must draw power for the third rail to power the trains from two adjacent substations.)

Metro-North had planned to operate several 10-car trains, which provide the greatest seating capacity. But because of the electric supply problem, it is not possible to operate any trains longer than 8 cars. To compensate for these restrictions and to accommodate the extra St. Patrick's Day ridership, Metro-North will operate even more additional service on March 17th. (This plan replaces in its entirety the additional service earlier announced.)

- An extra train will depart Southeast at 9:05 AM, stopping at Brewster, Goldens Bridge, Katonah, Mt. Kisco, Harlem-125th Street, and arriving Grand Central Terminal at 10:20 AM.

- An extra train will depart Mt. Kisco at 9:34 AM, making all stops (except Mt. Pleasant) to Scarsdale, then express to Harlem-125th Street, and arriving at Grand Central Terminal at 10:36 AM.

- An extra train will depart Southeast at 10:00 AM, stopping at Brewster, Goldens Bridge, Katonah, Mt. Kisco, Chappaqua, Pleasantville, North White Plains, White Plains, Harlem-125th Street, and arriving Grand Central Terminal at 11:19 AM.

- The 10:23 AM local train from Mount Kisco will originate instead in North White Plains at 10:43 AM, making its regular stops from there.

As in the past, there is no additional service on the New Haven Line. Current equipment shortages on the New Haven Line do not allow for extra cars.

Since parade-goers often are unfamiliar with Metro-North, here are some important tips:

- Check timetables, either at your train station or online, so you know what trains will suit your travel plans best (the extra trains are shown only in the online schedules).
- Purchase round-trip tickets from your home station via the ticket seller or a ticket vending machine (TVM). This will save you waiting on long lines at ticket windows in Grand Central when you're homebound, or paying an extra charge for purchasing tickets aboard the train.
- Decide on a meeting location in the Terminal in case your party gets separated.
- For schedule information, check Metro-North's web pages at www.mta.info or call 212-532-4900.

