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Take the LIRR to the Belmont Stakes on Saturday, June 11

Beat the Traffic to the Racetrack for 143rd Running

MTA Long Island Rail Road continues a century old tradition by offering a full schedule of trains to historic Belmont Park on Saturday, June 11 for a special day of thoroughbred racing highlighted by the 143rd running of the Belmont Stakes.

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Though the sport's Triple Crown remains elusive, you'll have no trouble catching the excitement always generated by the stakes race over the mile and a half dirt track that remains the toughest challenge for the best 3 year-olds in the world. Belmont Park is operated by the New York Racing Authority, which has long partnered with the LIRR to provide train service. Earlier this year, MTA LIRR and NYRA announced a plan that brought back daily LIRR service to Belmont Park for the Spring-Summer Meet after budget cuts forced the Railroad to eliminate the service in 2010.

Round-trip tickets from your station of origin to Belmont and back are now on sale at any LIRR ticket window and from all LIRR full service ticket machines by selecting "Deals & Getaways," then "Belmont Park." Weekly and monthly ticket holders can use their commuter ticket to and from Jamaica, but must purchase a Belmont Park ticket prior to boarding at Jamaica to cover the additional fare between Belmont Park and Jamaica. Only Belmont Park tickets will be accepted for train service to and from the track. The LIRR's CityTicket is not valid for travel to Belmont Park trains. On Belmont Stakes day, tickets will not be sold on-board trains. Post time for the first race is 11:35 AM.

Pick Up A Special Schedule

The special Belmont Stakes timetable follows below and on the LIRR's website at www.mta.info. Printed copies of the LIRR Belmont Stakes printed timetables will be available at stations beginning Tuesday June 7.

No Alcohol Allowed

On race day, the MTA Police will be enforcing a no alcohol policy on trains to Belmont Park. Bags and coolers are subject to search prior to boarding Belmont Park trains at Penn Station and at Jamaica Station. Also, Belmont Park is enforcing its own alcohol ban and will not permit alcohol beverages of any kind to be brought into the Belmont Park facility. The restrictions regarding alcohol have been enacted in the interest of patron safety and in an attempt to make sure that people drink responsibly.

LIRR Fares

From New York, Brooklyn and Woodside:

One-way \$7; Round-trip \$13

From Jamaica:

One-way \$6; Round-trip \$10

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

Zone 3 (Rosedale, St. Albans, Queens Village, Hollis) \$10
 Zone 4 (Far Rockaway, Lynbrook, Hempstead, Mineola) \$12
 Zone 7 (Long Beach, Massapequa, Hicksville, Oyster Bay) \$14
 Zone 9 (Babylon, Deer Park, Huntington, Northport) \$17
 Zone 10 (Bay Shore, Sayville, Ronkonkoma, Patchogue, Port Jefferson) \$22

Belmont Park Admission:

Remember that special prices are in effect for Belmont Stakes Day:

General Admission: \$10

Clubhouse Admission \$20

Leaving Belmont Park after the Stakes Race

To ensure the safe and orderly boarding of LIRR trains, the MTA Police Department will employ a color-coded train queuing system. LIRR personnel will be assigned at key locations to assist customers. Starting at 6:27 PM until 9 PM trains will depart Belmont every 15 minutes to Jamaica, Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn and Penn Station. Announcements will provide customers with train departure information. Wait times can range from 15 minutes to 2 hours. Once inside the queuing area, customers can expect wait times of 15 to 60 minutes. Customers waiting to enter the queuing area can expect longer wait times for trains, possibly up to 2 hours.

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 web site at www.mta.info

LIRR Belmont Stakes Train Service - Effective June 11, 2011 Only

Eastbound: To Belmont Park																		
For explanation, see "Reference Notes"	Saturday June 11, 2011 Only																	
	11:35 AM Post Time																	
	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
PENN STATION	9:59	10:07	10:28	10:58	11:06	11:30	11:37	11:57	12:28	12:37	12:55	1:05	1:33	2:37	2:55	3:28	3:45	4:25
Woodside	J 10:03	J 10:03	J 10:28	J 11:03	J 11:03	J 11:28	J 11:28	J 12:03	J 12:28	J 12:28	J 12:57	J 1:03	J 1:28	J 2:28	J 3:03	J 3:28	J 3:57	J 4:28
ATLANTIC TERMINAL	J 9:42	J 9:42	J 10:12	J 10:42	J 10:42	J 11:12	J 11:12	J 11:42	J 12:12	J 12:12	J 12:42	J 12:42	J 1:12	J 2:12	J 2:42	J 3:12	J 3:42	J 4:12
Nostrand Avenue	J 9:49	J 9:49	J 10:19	J 10:49	J 10:49	J 11:19	J 11:19	J 11:49	J 12:19	J 12:19	J 12:49	J 12:49	J 1:19	J 2:19	J 2:49	J 3:19	J 3:49	J 4:19
East New York	J 9:54	J 9:54	J 10:24	J 10:54	J 10:54	J 11:24	J 11:24	J 11:54	J 12:24	J 12:24	J 12:54	J 12:54	J 1:24	J 2:24	J 2:54	J 3:24	J 3:54	J 4:24
JAMAICA (Arrive)	10:18	10:29	10:53	11:18	11:26	11:50	11:59	12:17	12:48	12:57	1:15	1:27	1:54	2:59	3:17	3:48	4:06	4:45
JAMAICA (Leave)	10:19	10:31	10:55	11:19	11:28	11:51	12:01	12:19	12:49	12:59	1:16	1:28	1:56	3:01	3:19	3:49	4:19	4:55
BELMONT PARK	10:32	10:43	11:07	11:34	11:40	12:04	12:15	12:31	1:01	1:14	1:28	1:40	2:10	3:15	3:33	4:01	4:31	5:07
Train #	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
	7900	7902	7904	7906	7908	7912	7914	7916	7918	7920	7922	7924	7928	7930	7932	7934	7936	7938

Westbound: To Jamaica, Brooklyn & New York									
For explanation, see "Reference Notes"	Saturday June 11, 2011 Only								
	11:35 AM Post Time								
	PM	PM	PM	PM	Starting at 6:27 PM until 9:00 PM, trains will depart Belmont Park approximately every 15 minutes to Jamaica, Brooklyn & New York.				
BELMONT PARK	4:16	4:51	5:18	5:51					
JAMAICA (Arrive)	4:32	5:03	5:30	6:06					
JAMAICA (Leave)	4:39	5:19	5:39	6:19					
East New York	J 5:01	J 5:31	J 6:01	J 6:31					
Nostrand Avenue	J 5:06	J 5:36	J 6:06	J 6:36					
ATLANTIC TERMINAL	J 5:12	J 5:42	J 6:12	J 6:42					
Woodside	J 4:48	J 5:28	J 5:48	J 6:28					
PENN STATION	J 4:59	J 5:39	J 5:59	J 6:39					
Train #	PM	PM	PM	PM					
	7903	7905	7907	7909					

Reference Notes:
J - Change at Jamaica. The track of your connecting train will be announced.
Note: Belmont Station is not wheelchair accessible

There Is Bus and Subway Service Too

The Q2, Q110 and N6 buses serve Belmont Park full time, and the N1 bus serves the track between 4 and 7 p.m. weekdays. The Q2, N1 and N6 buses connect to the F at 169th Street and Hillside Avenue and 179th Street and Hillside Avenue as well as numerous local bus routes at the 165th Street Bus Terminal. The Q110 bus connects to the E, J and Z at Jamaica Center-Parsons-Archer and the F at Parsons Boulevard and Hillside Avenue via a one-block walk. Customers paying bus fare with a MetroCard will receive a free transfer to any of these buses if transferring from the subway.

Bus Stops at Belmont

On race days, the Q2 and Q110 buses are extended to stop at the Belmont Park bus terminal. Going to the park, customers exit at the escalator leading to the LIRR/Racetrack overpass.
Leaving the park, the buses pull up to Lane #3 to pick up customers at the designated Q2 and Q110 bus stops.
The N6 stops as it normally does at Belmont Park Gate 5 at Hempstead Turnpike and Locustwood Boulevard. Customers can take either the N6 local or the N6 limited-stop to reach this stop.
The N1 stops at Belmont Park Gate 5 at Hempstead Turnpike and Locustwood Boulevard between 3:30 and 7:45 p.m. on weekdays.

The Q2 is operated by MTA New York City Transit. The Q110 is operated by the MTA Bus Company. The N6 is operated by MTA Long Island Bus.