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LIRR Is Best Way to Catch 2013 Mets Baseball!

Children 5 to 11 Ride for Just \$1 Off Peak; Change at Woodside for Service To and From Long Island or Southern Queens

The New York Mets return to Citi Field on Monday, April 1, at 1:10 p.m. when they'll take on the San Diego Padres in their 2013 home opener. With speedy, reliable service that lets you avoid game day traffic and parking fees, the Long Island Rail Road is the best way to get to Mets home games. And on weekends, the LIRR is adding 12–13 extra trains on game days to ensure service every 30 minutes before, during and after the game in each direction.

Direct train service to the ballpark is available from Penn Station, Woodside, and all stations on the Port Washington Branch. Those traveling from Long Island or southern Queens on other branches can reach Citi Field by changing trains at Woodside, just a five-minute ride from the stadium. Fans from N.Y.C. or New Jersey can board trains at Penn Station, which is just a quick 19 minutes away on the LIRR. The ballpark is just 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

"Our goal is to make you comfortable and put you in a relaxed state of mind before and after the game," said LIRR President Helena E. Williams. "If you're stressed out by traffic tie-ups and parking fees before the game, or you're thinking about leaving early to 'beat the rush,' then you're not necessarily having a great game-day experience. The LIRR can help take all of those worries away."

Regularly scheduled Port Washington Branch trains will stop at the Mets-Willets Point Station throughout the regular season for all weeknight and weekday afternoon games, and on weekends, the LIRR is adding the extra game day service. Schedule summaries valid through the system-wide timetable change on May 19 are below, and specific train times are available on the Mets-Willets Point special timetable, available at <http://bit.ly/Mets-LIRR> (pdf).

Opening Day & Weekday Afternoon Games (First Pitch 1:10 PM)		
<i>April 1, 4 & 25</i>		
	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Game-bound trains will depart Penn Station at :19 and :49 minutes past the hour starting at 9:19 a.m.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :36 minutes past the hour through 4:05 p.m., then 4:33, 5:03 and 5:27 p.m.
From Port Washington Branch	Trains depart every half hour from most stations on the Port Washington Branch beginning with a 9:40 a.m. departure from Port Washington. Service from Plandome, Auburndale, Broadway and Murray Hill is once per hour. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable (pdf) for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at 3:34 p.m., 4:05, 4:41, and 5:02 p.m. Customers traveling to Manhasset, Plandome and Port Washington on the 4:41 and 5:02 departures will change trains at Great Neck.
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools such as TripPlanner+ or CooCoo to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside at :00 and :30 minutes past every hour.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :36 minutes past the hour through 4:05 p.m., then 4:33, 5:03 and 5:27 p.m.

Weeknight Games (First Pitch 7:10 PM)
<i>April 3, 5, 19, 23, 24 & 26; May 7, 8, 9 & 10</i>

	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Trains will depart from Penn Station at 2:49 p.m., 3:18, 3:49, 4:25, 4:46, 5:14, 5:29, 5:50, 5:56, 6:14, 6:42, 7:14 and 7:49 p.m. All are peak-hour trains except for the first three departures.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 minutes past the hour through 11:06 p.m., then 12:06 a.m. and 1:07 a.m.
From Port Washington Br.	Ten trains making stops at Port Washington Branch stations will get you to the game in time for the opening pitch, beginning with a 3:40 p.m. departure from Port Washington. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable (pdf) for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :35 minutes past every hour until 12:05 a.m., then 12:36, a.m. and 1:35 a.m. (1:36 a.m. following Friday night games.)
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools such as TripPlanner+ or CooCoo to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside 3:00 p.m., 3:29, 4:00, 4:36, 4:57, 5:40, 6:07, 6:25, 6:53, 7:25 and 8:00 p.m.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 minutes past the hour through 11:06 p.m., then 12:06 a.m. and 1:07 a.m.

Weekend Early Afternoon Games (First Pitch 1:05 or 1:10 p.m.)		
<i>April 6, 7, 21, 27 & 28; May 11 & 12</i>		
	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Trains will depart from Penn Station at 10:18, and then at :18 and :46 minutes past every hour starting at 11:18 a.m.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at 3:07 p.m., 3:37, 4:07, 4:37, then every hour at :07 minutes past the hour until 8:07 p.m.
From Port Washington Br.	Five trains making all local stops at Port Washington Branch stations will get you to the game in time for the opening pitch, beginning with a 9:40 a.m. departure from Port Washington. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable (pdf) for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at :04 and :35 minutes past every hour until 5:35 p.m., then 6:35 and 7:35 p.m.
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools such as TripPlanner+ or CooCoo to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside at 10:30 a.m., then :30 and :58 minutes past the hour starting at 11:30 a.m.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at 3:07 p.m., 3:37, 4:07, 4:37, then every hour at :07 minutes past the hour until 8:07 p.m.

Weekend Late Afternoon Game (First Pitch 3:05 p.m.)		
<i>April 20</i>		
	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Trains will depart from Penn Station at :18 and :46 minutes past every hour starting at 12:18 p.m.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :07 and :37 past every hour until 7:07 p.m., then 8:07 and 9:07 p.m.
From Port Washington Br.	Five trains making all local stops at Port Washington Branch stations will get you to the game in time for the opening pitch, beginning with a 11:40 a.m. departure from Port Washington. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable (pdf) for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at :04 and :35 minutes past every hour until 7:35 p.m., then 8:35 and 9:35 p.m.
From S. Queens	Use LIRR planning tools such as TripPlanner+ or CooCoo to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :07 and :37 past

& Long Island	Woodside at :30 and :58 minutes past the hour starting at 12:30 p.m.	every hour until 7:07 p.m., then 8:07 and 9:07 p.m.
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Trains are subject to be held at Mets-Willets Point at the conclusion of games for loading purposes, which may result in missed connections at Woodside or Penn Station.

Fares

Except for weeknight trains from Penn Station noted above, all trains to baseball games accept off-peak tickets. On weekends, fans coming from Penn Station, Woodside, Auburndale, Bayside, Broadway, Douglaston, Flushing-Main Street, Little Neck, or Murray Hill can save money by using [CityTicket](#), which is just \$4 one way. CityTicket cannot be purchased on board a train, and is valid only on the day purchased.

Fans traveling from branches other than the Port Washington Branch who change at Woodside will *not* need a separate ticket for that leg of the journey. Since Mets-Willets Point is located in Zone 1, tickets to Woodside or Penn Station are valid to Mets-Willets Point as well. However, passengers must retain their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point Stadium. Customers must hold onto their tickets, which may be collected at Mets-Willets Point after they disembark.

The railroad's special Family Fare is a great way for future big leaguers to see their favorite team. Children ages 5 through 11 can ride for only \$1 each (in each direction) when tickets are purchased at a ticket office or from a ticket machine, during off-peak hours, when accompanied by an adult paying the regular off-peak fare. Parents with monthly or weekly tickets just pay for the children. Up to four children can travel with each parent (or guardian, 18 or older) at this special rate. Children under 5 ride for free at all times.

A Note About Accessibility for the Disabled

The Mets-Willets Point Station is not accessible to the disabled. The New York City Subway's Mets-Willets Point station is accessible via the Queens-bound local platform, with an ADA-compliant ramp connecting to the sidewalk on the south side of Roosevelt Avenue. LIRR Customers with mobility impairments who are traveling to see the Mets should travel to Woodside Station. At Woodside Station, which has elevators, customers should transfer to a Flushing-bound 7 subway train to the Mets-Willets Point subway stop, and then use the ramp to reach Roosevelt Avenue, across from the ballpark. To return to Woodside after the game, customers with mobility impairments should board the 7 subway and travel one stop east to its end point, the Flushing-Main Street Station. There, after a brief wait on the train, the train will head west to Woodside. This is necessary due to the location of the ramp, which will only permit access to the eastbound platform.

For More Information

Mets-Willets Point timetables are available at this link: <http://bit.ly/Mets-LIRR>. Printed timetables are available at LIRR ticket offices and terminals. Fans can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511 from any phone in New York State. 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 website at www.mta.info, and can follow follow @LIRRTrain2Game on Twitter for all events at Citi Field.