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Metro-North Provides Extra Service and Off-Peak Fares for Holiday Weekend

Whether you're heading to the parade, hosting family, or holiday shopping – Metro-North Railroad has you covered with special service and extra trains for all of your Thanksgiving weekend travel needs. Plus, off-peak fares are in effect for the entire four-day period, and customers can take advantage of free parking at many stations. Check for signs at stations, visit mta.info/mnr or call 511 for details. Customers outside of New York can call (877) 690-5114.

We urge customers to buy tickets in advance, and those traveling into Manhattan can purchase a ten-trip off-peak ticket to save 30 to 40 percent off of the one-way fare. The ticket can be used by more than one person, even when you are traveling together. The Family Fare costs \$1 per ticket for up to four children (ages 5 to 11) when they are traveling with a fare-paying adult.

A special Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend timetable is available at Grand Central Terminal and outlying stations, or online at <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/thanksgiving2015.htm>

Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving

Historically, the day before Thanksgiving is the heaviest travel day of the year for Metro-North customers. On Wednesday, November 25, there will be 18 early getaway trains that depart Grand Central Terminal during the mid-day. The extra service includes three additional trains on the Harlem Line between 2:18 p.m. and 3:34 p.m., five extra trains on the Hudson Line between 1:38 p.m. and 4:11 p.m., and ten extra trains on the New Haven Line between 12:58 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Times are shown in the current timetables. Due to the heavier mid-day travel patterns, some evening trains may be cancelled or combined, so be sure to check the timetable.

Thanksgiving Day

Metro-North will provide additional inbound morning service for customers heading to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which kicks off at 9:00 a.m. at 81st Street and Central Park West and ends in front of Macy's at Herald Square (34th Street). There is also expanded outbound service starting in the late morning and continuing through mid-afternoon. If you're leaving New York after the parade, customers must show a ticket before boarding trains at Grand Central or Harlem-125th Street Station. On this day last year, over 30,000 customers departed Grand Central between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Finally, there will be extra trains in the evening for customers returning to New York City after their Thanksgiving dinners.

Friday, the day after Thanksgiving

On Friday, November 27, Metro-North will operate on a Saturday schedule with additional inbound service in the morning and outbound service in the afternoon to accommodate the Friday workforce and Black Friday shoppers.

Saturday and Sunday (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Metro-North will round out the holiday weekend schedule with extra trains and additional cars on existing trains. Service on Saturday, November 28 features upper Hudson and outer New Haven Line Shoppers' Special service. Regular half-hour service to/from Stamford on the New Haven Line and to/from North White Plains on the Harlem Line will operate all day. On Sunday, November 29, trains run on a normal half-hourly schedule featuring outer New Haven Line Shoppers' Specials.

WEST OF HUDSON SERVICE

Early getaway trains will operate on both the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley Lines on Wednesday, November 25.

On the Port Jervis Line, the 2:41 p.m. train from Hoboken to Middletown (with a connection departing New York Penn Station at 2:29 PM) is extended to Port Jervis. The 6:11 p.m. departure from Hoboken will not operate.

On the Pascack Valley Line, there will be a 2:58 p.m. departure from Hoboken (with a connection departing New York's Penn Station at 2:51 p.m.) making select stops in New Jersey before arriving at Pearl River, Nanuet and Spring Valley (to accommodate this train, the 7:20 p.m. departure from Hoboken will not operate).

On Thanksgiving Day, a regular holiday/weekend schedule is in effect for both lines, with one additional round trip on the Port Jervis Line (shown in the November 8 timetable). Parade-goers can take a 6:22 a.m. departure from Port Jervis arriving in Hoboken at 8:30 a.m. (a connection at Secaucus Junction arrives at New York Penn Station at 8:39 a.m.). After the parade, there is a 12:13 p.m. departure from Hoboken (12:07 p.m. from New York Penn Station) that operates express to Suffern before making all stops to Port Jervis.

A regular weekday schedule is in effect for Friday, November 27, and a regular weekend schedule is in effect on Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29 for both lines.