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Kick Off Your Summer With MTA: The Best Way to the Beach

NYCT's Rockaway Shuttle Will Extend to Meet All 🚇 Trains on Weekends Starting May 25, Giving Subway Riders Easier Access to the Atlantic Ocean

LIRR's Extended Summer Montauk Branch Service Resumes This Weekend; \$1 Summer Saturdays are Back Starting June 1

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced today that special train services and deals to help people get to area beaches begin this weekend, with a Rockaway shuttle for subway customers and extra Long Island Rail Road service to the South Fork. Next week, a popular deal for \$1 LIRR rides on Saturdays also resumes.

"We're offering extra summer service and special deals to help people take the subway or LIRR to area beaches and other attractions, and our buses including new SBS routes are a great option too," said MTA Chairman and CEO Patrick Foye. "Every day of the year, our services help the environment, reduce traffic congestion, and get people to their destinations faster than driving, and the summer is a great time to enjoy the benefits of mass transit."

[Details on service additions and schedule changes in effect this Memorial Day Weekend only on LIRR, Metro-North, Subways and NYCT Buses can be found here.](#)

Long Island Rail Road

Extra Summer Service Starts on the Montauk Branch

This weekend marks the beginning of a major summer service increase to the South Fork of Long Island via the LIRR's Montauk Branch, with several extra eastbound trains running on Fridays and extra westbound trains returning on Sundays. [See details here.](#)

LIRR's Summer Saturdays

LIRR Summer Saturdays, the popular program launched last summer, are back. For 12 Saturdays this summer, from **June 1 through August 24**, LIRR Monthly tickets will be honored systemwide, to and from all LIRR stations. Monthly ticket holders will also have the option to bring along up to four additional travelers for only \$1 per person each way. [Click here for details on how to take advantage of this unique customer appreciation program.](#)

2019 Summer LIRR Getaway Packages

The LIRR has partnered with leading entertainment and activities purveyors across Long Island to help customers make the most out of their summer. From biking, to wine tasting, to thrilling water rides, to lighthouse tours, there's something for everyone. [Click here for a list of all available Getaways.](#)


- [Beach Getaways:](#)
 - Jones Beach, Long Beach, Robert Moses State Park, Captree Fishing
 - Fire Island Beaches: Kismet/Fire Island Lighthouse, Ocean Beach, Ocean Bay Park, Cherry Grove, Fire Island Pines, Sunken Forest at Sailor's Heaven, Davis Park, Watch Hill
- [Wineries:](#)
 - [LI Wine Country](#)
 - [Long Island Wine Tours](#)
- [More Summer Fun:](#)

- [Splish Splash](#)
- [Montauk Lighthouse](#)
- [Nautical Mile](#)
- [Oyster Festival](#)

My LIRR Loyalty Program

LIRR monthly ticketholders can also check for the [latest MyLIRR Loyalty discounts](#) to help make summer days even more rewarding.

NYCT Subways

Beginning Saturday, May 25, the Rockaway Park/Beach 116 St  shuttle service will be extended to Rockaway Blvd to facilitate beach traffic to the peninsula. Customers can take any train to connect with the shuttle at Rockaway Blvd. This seasonal service runs from approximately 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and will also be available on Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day.

Customers may also take the     trains to Coney Island.

NYCT Buses

There are also many bus options to area beaches in New York City:

Jacob Riis Park

- Q22
- Q35

Rockaway Beach

- Q22
- Q35
- Q52 SBS
- Q53 SBS

Coney Island

- B1
- B36
- B68
- X28
- X38 (Weekdays only)

Many Channels for Service Updates

Information about the service noted in this press release and all planned service is available through the MTA and its real-time service information sources. In addition to signage and announcements from station and train and bus crews, customers may check:

MYmta app – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information.

myLIRR.org – Customers can see real-time positions of upcoming trains in real time, on a smartphone-optimized, web-based map that refreshes every three to five seconds, by logging into [myLIRR.org](https://mylirr.org).

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting [MyMTAAlerts.com](https://myMTAAlerts.com). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to specific lines and times of day.

mta.info– “Service Status” on the homepage of new.mta.info, and at the left side of www.MTA.info will always show the latest status for all services, updated every minute.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the MTA at 511.