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Long Island Rail Road Adding Extra Trains for Early July 4th Getaway

Enhanced Service on Thursday Plus New Fire Island Ferry Connections

MTA Long Island Rail Road is helping customers enjoy their summer holiday weekend by providing 10 additional early getaway trains on Friday and enhanced service on Thursday for those looking to escape even earlier. And that's not all – beginning this Friday, July 1, the LIRR is offering new Fire Island Ferry connections on top of the Railroad's already enhanced summer Montauk Branch schedule. A regular weekend schedule will be in effect on Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3 (see Montauk Branch details below). LIRR will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday, July 4. Customers should also note there is a bicycle ban on Friday, July 1, Saturday, July 2, and Monday, July 4.

Extra Friday Service

Ronkonkoma Branch

- 1:49 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then making all stops to Ronkonkoma

Port Jefferson Branch

- 2:08 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then making all stops to Huntington
- 2:29 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then making all stops to Huntington
- 3:24 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville

Babylon Branch

- 2:19 p.m. from Penn Station express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 2:32 p.m. from Penn Station express to Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon
- 3:00 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, all stops to Babylon
- 3:31 p.m. from Penn Station express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon

Port Washington Branch

- 3:40 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Flushing Main St., all stops to Great Neck

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 p.m. from Penn Station stopping at Locust Manor, then making all stops to Far Rockaway

To the Hamptons and Montauk:

Summer Fridays on the Montauk Branch are already very busy, and the Friday before July 4th weekend is even busier with thousands of extra customers using LIRR service to the East End. We strongly encourage customers to avoid the "Friday crunch" by providing extra service beyond our normal Thursday offerings.

Thursday, June 30: The Montauk Branch will operate on a regular summer Friday timetable, including

- 4:06 p.m. from Penn Station, first stop Westhampton
- 4:30 p.m. from Hunterspoint Avenue, stopping at Jamaica, Bay Shore, Sayville then all stops to Montauk. Connection departs Penn Station at 4:19 p.m. with transfer at Jamaica
- 5:09 p.m. train from Penn Station to Speonk will be extended to Montauk, making all stops from Babylon to Montauk.
- 6:17 p.m. from Jamaica, stopping at Bay Shore, then all stops to Montauk (except Bellport). Connection departs Penn Station at 5:51 p.m. with transfer at Jamaica
- 8:53 p.m. from Jamaica, stopping at Babylon, then all stops to Montauk (except Bellport). Connection departs Penn Station at 8:30 p.m. with transfer at Jamaica
- Plus, three other regular, year-round departures throughout the day

Friday, July 1: The Montauk Branch will operate on a regular summer Friday timetable, including

- 2:07 p.m. train from Jamaica, stopping at Westhampton, then all stops to Montauk. Connection departs Penn Station at 1:42 p.m., and Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn at 1:35 p.m.
- 4:06 p.m. Cannonball train from Penn Station
- 5:09 p.m. train from Penn Station to Speonk will be extended to Montauk, making all stops from Babylon to Montauk
- 7:38 p.m. train from Jamaica, with connecting trains departing Penn Station at 7:11 p.m. and Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, at 7:06 p.m.
- Plus, six regular, year-round departures throughout the day and night

Saturday, July 2 & Sunday, July 3: The LIRR is running on a Saturday schedule (Sunday/Holiday-only trains will NOT be running).

Monday, July 4: The LIRR is running on a Sunday schedule (Sunday/Holiday-only trains will be running)

To see the full Montauk Branch schedule, visit <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/Branch2/MontaukBranch.pdf>

To Fire Island Ferry Connections

For those who must travel on Friday, LIRR will provide new Friday service from July 1 through September 2 to help relieve crowding.

Friday, July 1: Customers are encouraged to use these two "relief" trains instead of the popular trains traveling through to Montauk:

- Customers traveling to Bay Shore, Sayville or Patchogue who normally take the 7:49 a.m. train from Penn Station, transferring at Babylon to the 8:52 a.m. Montauk train, can instead take the 7:39 a.m. train from Penn Station, transferring at Jamaica for the new 8:04 a.m. train for Babylon, Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue
- Instead of the 11:05 a.m. train from Penn Station, transferring at Jamaica for the 11:30 a.m. Montauk train, customers can use the new 10:59 a.m. departure from Penn Station transferring at Babylon to the new 12:02 p.m. diesel train to Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue.

To Greenport & the North Fork

Friday, July 1: Regular weekday service plus the 3:55 p.m. train from Penn Station connecting at Ronkonkoma for the 5:21 p.m. eastbound train making all stops to Greenport.

For More Information

The latest information on LIRR service is available at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> or by signing up for free customer service alerts via email or text at www.mymtaalerts.com. Customers may also call 511, the New York State Travel Information line, and say: "Long Island Rail Road," to reach customer service. If you are hearing impaired, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.