



Engineering works on Early May Bank Holiday 2021

Over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend – Saturday 1 to Monday 3 May – there will be changes to Avanti West Coast services as Network Rail carry out major upgrade works on the West Coast Main Line.

With sections of the West Coast Main Line closed, there will be no trains to/from London Euston and changes to services on all routes. In addition, journeys will take longer and may involve a rail replacement service.

As such, we are strongly advising customers to travel either side of the Bank Holiday weekend. If customers choose to travel, we strongly recommend they plan their journey in advance, make a reservation, and check the Avanti West Coast website before travelling.

For further information on Avanti West Coast services by destination, please visit our website at: <https://www.avantiwestcoast.co.uk/travel-information/planned-engineering-works/may-bank-holiday>

What engineering works are there and when are they?

Network Rail is carrying out major upgrade works, including:

- Work at Euston station to prepare it for HS2
- Work near Milton Keynes for the new East West Railway
- Track upgrades at various locations between Preston – Penrith, Euston – Milton Keynes and at Watford
- Major track renewals between Rugby – Birmingham, Crewe – Warrington, Preston – Lancaster and Carstairs to Carlisle

For more information about Network Rail's major upgrade works, visit: networkrail.co.uk/wcml

How will my journey be affected?

- Between Saturday 1 – Monday 3 May, there will be no trains to/from London Euston and changes to Avanti West Coast services on all routes – with journeys taking longer and some involving a rail replacement service.
- On Saturday 1 May, there will be no trains north of Lancaster.
- On Sunday 2 May, there will be no trains north of Wigan North Western.
- Before 09.00am on Monday 3 May, there will be no trains north of Warrington Bank Quay before. After 09.00am, there will be no trains north of Carlisle.

Summary of Avanti West Coast services by day

Saturday 1 May

Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between:

- Milton Keynes Central – Lancaster
- Milton Keynes Central – Crewe via Birmingham
- Milton Keynes Central – Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent
- Rugby – Liverpool Lime Street

A limited service will operate between Crewe and Holyhead.

Sunday 2 May

Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between:

- Milton Keynes Central – Wigan North Western
- Milton Keynes Central – Wolverhampton/Crewe via Birmingham
- Milton Keynes Central – Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent
- Rugby – Liverpool Lime Street

Monday 3 May

Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between:

- Milton Keynes Central – Carlisle
- Milton Keynes Central – Crewe via Birmingham
- Milton Keynes Central – Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent
- Rugby – Liverpool Lime Street

A limited service will operate between Crewe and Holyhead.

A limited service will operate between Carlisle and Glasgow Central via Dumfries.

Summary of Avanti West Coast services by destination

Services to/from Glasgow/Edinburgh

- On Saturday 1 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between Milton Keynes Central and Lancaster.
- On Sunday 2 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between Milton Keynes Central and Wigan North Western.
- On Sunday 3 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between Milton Keynes Central and Carlisle.
- Rail replacement services will operate in both directions between, extending journey times:
- Wigan North Western/Lancaster/Carlisle – Glasgow Central/Edinburgh
- A limited rail service will operate between Carlisle and Glasgow Central via Dumfries on Monday 3 May only.

Services to/from Birmingham

- On Saturday 1 and Sunday 3 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour between Milton Keynes and Crewe via Birmingham.
- On Sunday 2 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour between Milton Keynes Central and Wolverhampton/Crewe via Birmingham.

Services to/from Manchester

Between Saturday 1 – Monday 3 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between Milton Keynes Central and Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent.

Services to/from Liverpool

Between Saturday 1 – Monday 3 May, Avanti West Coast will operate one train per hour in each direction between Rugby and Liverpool Lime Street.

Services to/from North Wales

On Saturday 1 May, Avanti West Coast will operate a limited service between Crewe and Holyhead.

On Sunday 2 May, no Avanti West Coast services will operate to/from North Wales. A limited rail replacement service will operate in both directions between:

- Crewe – Chester
- Chester – Llandudno Junction

On Monday 3 May, Avanti West Coast will operate a limited service between Crewe and Holyhead.