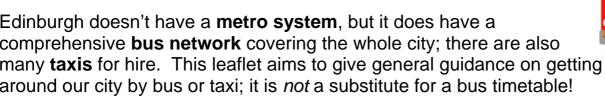
PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN EDINBURGH BUSES AND TAXIS

Edinburgh doesn't have a **metro system**, but it does have a comprehensive bus network covering the whole city; there are also many taxis for hire. This leaflet aims to give general guidance on getting around our city by bus or taxi; it is not a substitute for a bus timetable!



BUSES: GENERAL INFORMATION

- Two companies, Lothian Buses and First Edinburgh, operate regular bus services throughout the city.
- Most buses run at **intervals** of between 10 and 20 minutes during the day, but are **less frequent** in the evenings (after 1900hrs) and on Sundays. After midnight, a skeletal night service operates.
- Bus stops have information on the bus companies and route numbers that serve them. Most bus stops also have detailed timetable information. A real-time electronic information system – Bustracker – is now in use at bus stops on many routes, including those running past Pollock Halls. Bustracker screens display the route number, destination and predicted arrival time of the next few buses due at the stop.
- Just wait at the appropriate **bus stop** for your bus to arrive. It helps if you **signal to the driver** that you wish the bus to stop for you!

BUSES: COST OF TRAVEL

- For adults, single (one-way) journeys cost £1 whatever the distance travelled; children (5 to 15 years inclusive) pay 60 pence, and under-5's travel free. [Lothian Buses fares quoted; First Edinburgh's are
- Pay your fare to the driver when you get on the bus. Make sure you have the **correct money**: virtually all buses running within Edinburgh do not give change, so it's best to carry a number of £1 coins with you.
- However, you can save hassle, time and a lot of money by buying a **DAY TICKET**.

BUSES: DAY TICKETS

- Both bus companies have DAY TICKETS providing unlimited travel on their own buses on the day of purchase.
- They are **NOT** interchangeable; you can't use a **Lothian Buses DAY TICKET** on a **First Edinburgh** bus, or vice-versa.
- Lothian Buses DAY TICKETS cost £2.30 for adults; First Edinburgh's cost £2.30 (£1.80 after 0930hrs). Both companies offer cheaper DAY TICKETS for children.
- Buy your DAY TICKET on the first bus you get on. Remember to keep it safe with you, as you'll need to show it to the bus driver on any subsequent journeys.

BUSES: GETTING FURTHER INFORMATION

- Lothian Buses operate a *Travelshop* at Waverley Bridge, near the railway station, (open Monday-Saturday 0830-1800 and Sunday 0930-1700hrs). There are other Travelshops (open Monday-Saturday 0830-1800hrs) at Shandwick Place and Hanover Street. Call Lothian Buses' 24-hour Infoline on 555 6363 or go to www.lothianbuses.co.uk
- Useful **Lothian Bus** route maps are available at the **Reception Centre** at Pollock Halls.
- First Edinburgh information leaflets are available from the Scottish Citylink Desk in the new Bus Station at St Andrew Square. Call First Edinburgh's 24-hour Busline on 0870 872 7271.
- Traveline has impartial information on transport matters, including details of routes and timetables. Call 0870 608 2 608.

BUSES: WHERE TO CATCH YOUR BUS

- From Pollock Halls, the nearest bus stop is at Dalkeith Road (at the west end of the site), but Newington Road/Minto Street, one block further west, has many more bus routes.
- Bus stops for routes going north (**towards** the city centre) are located on the far (**west**) side of each of these main streets.
- You may need to change buses to reach some destinations.
- You'll find it easier, cheaper and quicker to get around, especially if you need to change buses, if you buy a **DAY TICKET**.

BUSES: FAVOURITE TOURIST DESTINATIONS

Check at bus stops for actual route numbers and bus times. You may need to change buses to reach some destinations.

From Newington Road/Minto Street (west side) or Dalkeith Road (west side) buses run north, east and west to:

Royal Mile: The Castle, Holyrood Palace, Dynamic Earth, Scottish Parliament Princes Street: City Centre, National Gallery, Waverley Station, Airport buses, City Tour buses, central New Town Lothian Road: Lyceum Theatre, Filmhouse, Usher Hall Chambers Street: Festival Theatre, Museums Leith: Britannia, Ocean Terminal Corstorphine Road: Murrayfield Stadium, Zoo West End: west New Town, Stockbridge, Gallery of Modern Art Inverleith Row: east New Town, Botanic Gardens

From Newington Road/Minto Street (east side) or Dalkeith Road (east side) buses run south to:

■ Cameron Toll shopping centre, Fort Kinnaird retail park, Butterfly World, IKEA

BUSES: MAJOR CONFERENCE DESTINATIONS

Check at bus stops for actual route numbers and bus times. You may need to change buses to reach some destinations.

From Newington Road/Minto Street (west side) or Dalkeith Road (west side) buses run north and west to:

- **Lothian Road/West End:** for International Conference Centre at Morrison Street. Use **Lothian Buses** #2, 3, 3A, 31, 33 to Lothian Road/Shandwick Place
- **The Bridges:** for Edinburgh University's Old College and Holyrood campuses. Use **Lothian Buses** #2, 3, 3A, 5, 7, 8, 9, 31, 33, 37, 37A to South Bridge. For George Square campus, use the same routes, but get off at St Patrick Square instead
- **Princes Street:** for Waverley Station, other city centre conference venues and Airport buses. Use **Lothian Buses** #2, 3, 3A, 7, 8, 29, 31, 37, 33, 37A to Waverley Station and St James Centre

From Newington Road/Minto Street (east side) or Dalkeith Road (east side) buses run south to:

■ Cameron Toll: for shopping centre and Edinburgh University's King's Buildings campus

TAXIS: GENERAL INFORMATION



- Hundreds of licensed **taxis** provide reliable transport, day and night, for **up to 5 persons per taxi**. Some taxis are adapted to carry **wheelchairs**. Fares are **metered** and strictly regulated.
- Taxis can be found at **designated taxi ranks** in the city, like those at Waverley Station or at Pollock, or you can simply **hail** taxis as they pass on the street... just signal to the driver that you wish the taxi to stop for you.
- Taxis can also be called by **phone**. For getting around the city in general, try **Central Taxis** on **229 2468** or **City Cabs** on **228 1211**. **Airport Taxis** on **344 3344** specialise in getting to... the airport!
- Taxi drivers know the city well, and will give advice if you're unsure about your destination. It's usual to give taxi drivers a **tip** of between 10 and 15% of the fare.