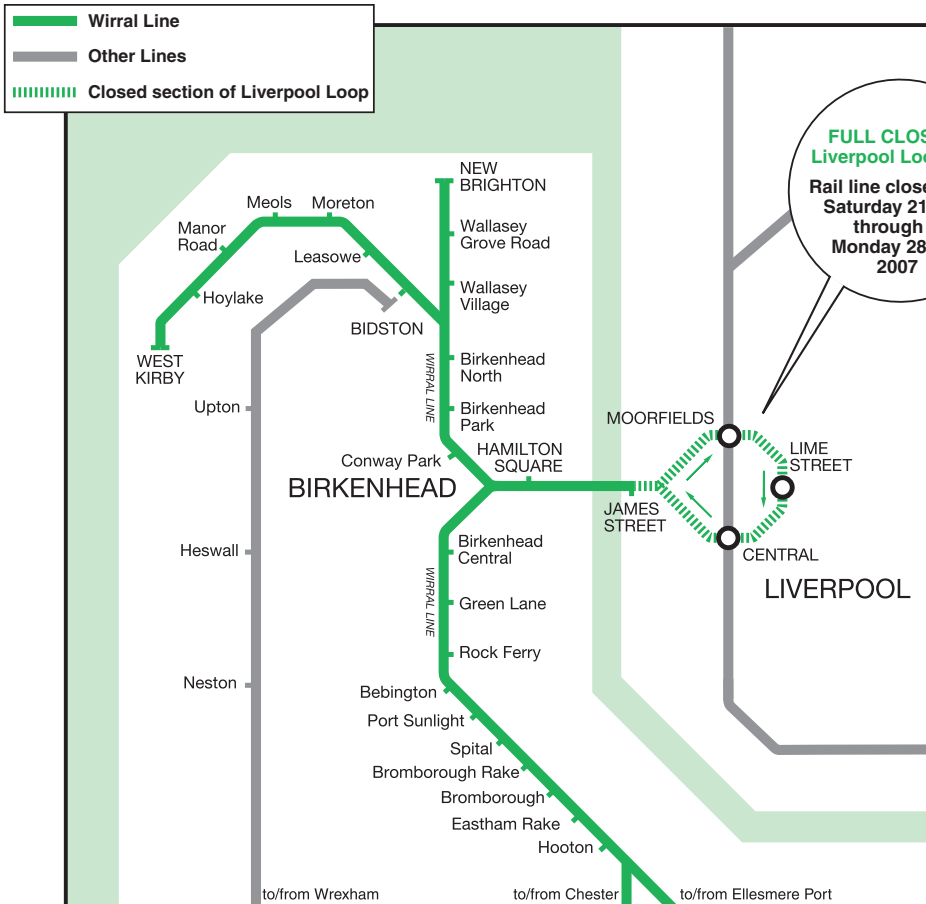




Liverpool Loop Closure



21 April until 28 May 2007

Major Engineering work on the Liverpool Loop section of the Wirral Line

Further investment on Merseyside by Network Rail, the company that maintains the UK's railway track and signalling, continues throughout 2007. During mid April and May, engineering work will affect train services on the Liverpool Loop section of the Wirral Line.

Closure details

Due to essential track improvement works by Network Rail around the Liverpool Loop section of the Wirral Line, trains will not operate from Saturday 21 April through to Monday 28 May 2007.

For the first two days (Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 April) and last three days (Saturday 26 to Monday 28 May) of the engineering works, trains will operate as normal Birkenhead North to/from West Kirby/New Brighton or Birkenhead Central to/from Chester/Ellesmere Port, then rail replacement bus services will connect with trains to take passengers via Birkenhead Hamilton Square to Liverpool City Centre.

From Monday 23 April to Friday 25 May, trains will operate as normal to/from James Street station. A rail replacement bus service will operate between James Street and Lime Street only.


A calendar showing the breakdown of the works over the 6-week period can be found on page 3. Pages 4 and 5 show train departure times from James Street* station. Pages 6 and 7 provide information on getting around the City Centre, including a map showing a suggested walking route to Moorfields station for onward travel on the Northern Line, and page 8 has general information.

* **Please note:** departures are split between two platforms at James Street station. Please check on pages 4 and 5 which platform your train is leaving from.




Calendar of closures

	April				May				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	

 Trains will operate as normal from New Brighton to Birkenhead North; West Kirby to Birkenhead North; Chester/Ellesmere Port to Birkenhead Central, then rail replacement bus services will operate to Liverpool City Centre.

 On Monday to Saturday, trains will operate to a Saturday timetable, and on Sunday a Sunday timetable from New Brighton, West Kirby, Chester, Ellesmere Port via Hamilton Square to James Street. **Trains will not serve Moorfields, Lime Street or Liverpool Central.** Rail replacement bus services will operate from James Street to Lime Street Station only.*

 On Monday to Saturday, trains will operate to a Saturday timetable, and on Sunday a Sunday timetable from New Brighton, West Kirby, Chester and Ellesmere Port via Hamilton Square to James Street. **Trains will not serve Moorfields, Lime Street or Liverpool Central.** Rail replacement bus services will operate from James Street to Lime Street station only.* **Last trains will be replaced by buses on these dates.**

 Normal service on these days.

* **Valid** Trio, Trioplus, Saveaway, Railpass, Free Travel Passes and individual train tickets can be used on the rail replacement bus services.

James Street Station - Platform 1

Below are details of the train services using James Street Platform 1. All times shown are departure times.

Mondays to Saturdays 23 April to 25 May 2007

West Kirby	New Brighton	Ellesmere Port
0626 0656	0736	0616 0646
0726 0756	0806 0836	0716 0746
0826 0856	0906 0936	0816 0846
0926 0956	1006 1036	0916 0946
1026 1056	1106 1136	1016 1046
1126 1156	1206 1236	1116 1146
1226 1256	1306 1336	1216 1246
1326 1356	1406 1436	1316 1346
1426 1456	1506 1536	1416 1446
1526 1556	1606 1636	1516 1546
1626 1656	1706 1736	1616 1646
1726 1756	1806 1836	1716 1746
1826 1856	1906 1951	1816 1846
1936	2021 2051	1916
2006 2036	2121 2151	
2106 2136	2221 2251	
2206 2236	2321 2351	
2306 2336		

Sundays 29 April to 20 May 2007

All trains to West Kirby and New Brighton depart from Platform 1.

James Street Station - Platform 2

Below are details of the train services using James Street Platform 2. All times shown are departure times.

Mondays to Saturdays 23 April to 25 May 2007

West Kirby	
0741	
0811	0841
0911	0941
1011	1041
1111	1141
1211	1241
1311	1341
1411	1441
1511	1541
1611	1641
1711	1741
1811	1841
1911	

New Brighton	
0621	0651
0721	0751
0821	0851
0921	0951
1021	1051
1121	1151
1221	1251
1321	1351
1421	1451
1521	1551
1621	1651
1721	1751
1821	1851
1921	

Chester	
0601	0631
0701	0731
0801	0831
0901	0931
1001	1031
1101	1131
1201	1231
1301	1331
1401	1431
1501	1531
1601	1631
1701	1731
1801	1831
1901	1931
2001	2031
2101	2131
2201	2231
2301	2331

Ellesmere Port	
0551	
1946	
2016	2046
2116	2146
2216	2246
2316	2346

Hamilton Square	
0001	

Sundays 29 April to 20 May 2007

All trains to Chester and Ellesmere Port depart from Platform 2.

Please note: on Sunday **13 May 2007**, there will be engineering work between **Rock Ferry** and **Hooton** until 1300. Until this time, trains from Platform 2 will terminate at Rock Ferry to connect with a rail replacement bus service. The first through trains from James Street station will be 1301 to Chester and 1316 to Ellesmere Port.

How to get around Liverpool City Centre

To connect with Northern Line trains to Southport/Hunts Cross, Kirkby and Ormskirk the following walking route (see map on page 7) is suggested:

James Street to Moorfields

Walk along James Street, then left onto Castle Street (towards Town Hall), right onto Dale Street, cross Dale Street and then left onto Moorfields.

A rail replacement bus service will operate to/from James Street, stopping only outside St George's Hall for Lime Street station, to connect with City Line long distance services.

You could also use the FerryLink S2 and S3 bus services which operate around the City Centre. Rail users transferring to/from the train to the FerryLink S2 and S3 services also get 'free' travel when presenting a valid rail ticket showing 'to/from Liverpool stations' to the bus driver.

There are many other bus services running from James Street via Lord Street, and Victoria Street to Queen Square Bus Station. Valid Trio, Trioplus, Saveaway and Free Travel Passes will be accepted on these services but please note that rail tickets cannot be used on these services.

Please allow extra time for your journey, especially if you are connecting to other train services.

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Open 8am to 8pm 7 days a week

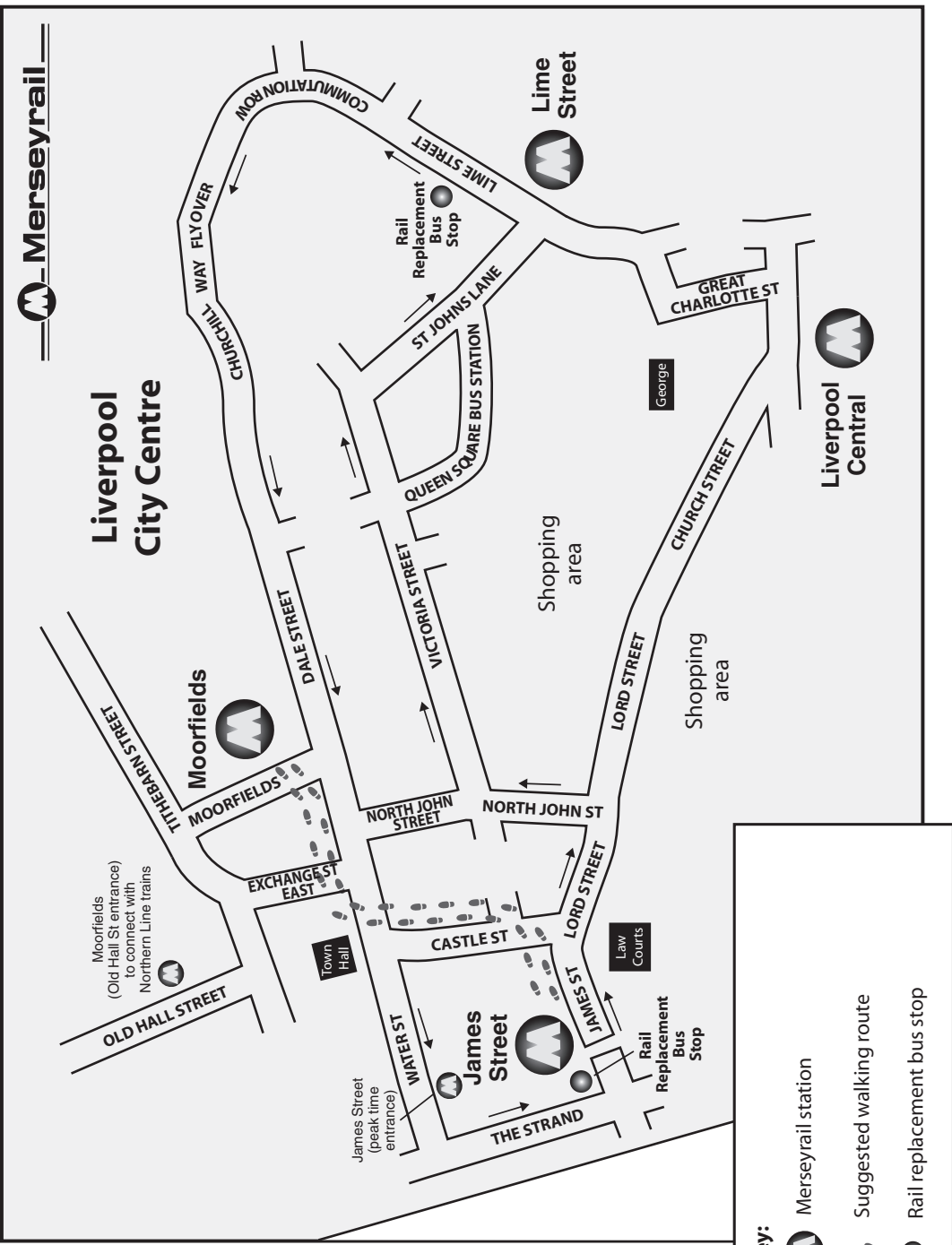
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Rail Enquiries

08457 48 49 50
Local call rate

Liverpool City Centre



Key:

-  Merseyrail station
-  Suggested walking route
-  Rail replacement bus stop

General information

Passenger help points and telephones

All Merseyrail stations have public telephones and rail information/emergency help points. These can be used at any time to obtain further information or emergency assistance.


Prams and Dogs

Prams, pushchairs and dogs will be carried at the discretion of the bus driver.

Cycles

Cycles **cannot** be carried on the buses.

Disabled travellers

 Most buses used for the rail replacement services will be fully accessible. However, if you think that you may have a problem during the closures, ring the Merseyrail 'Mobility' helpline, in advance, on **0151 702 2071** and they will try to make alternative arrangements to assist you with your journey.

Taxis will be available at James Street and Lime Street stations for those with mobility needs. If you require assistance please contact the station staff.

If you need help or advice, please call the Merseyrail 'Mobility' helpline on **0151 702 2071** 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday (Textphone available) or **0151 702 2704** at all other times. You can email Merseyrail at: **comment@merseyrail.org** (staffed from 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday).

If you need help with your journey, please give them at least one hour's notice.

Tickets and passes

Please buy your ticket at the station booking office as normal before starting your journey - **you will not be able to buy a ticket on the bus!**

All valid rail, Trio, Trioplus, Saveaway and Free Travel Passes will be accepted on buses for the appropriate journeys.

The information contained in this timetable is believed to be correct at the time of going to print in April 2007. Changes can, however, be made at short notice and these will be shown on our website at www.merseytravel.gov.uk