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Check before you travel ahead of major Easter weekend rail upgrades

Passengers are being urged to check before travelling this Easter holiday as Network Rail works to deliver vital upgrades and track renewals.

Passengers travelling to and from London Euston are being advised to plan their journeys in advance over the Easter bank holiday weekend.

Between Friday 18 April and Monday 21 April, Network Rail will be delivering various programmes of work to improve the reliability of the railway for passengers and freight services.

Passengers planning to travel to or from London Euston are advised to travel either side of the bank holiday weekend to avoid longer journeys and some bus replacement services. Engineering work, including the renewal of overhead lines, switches and crossings (movable sections of track), and drainage improvements will mean major service changes between London Euston and Milton Keynes Central. No trains will run between these stations on Saturday 19 April, Sunday 20 April and Monday 21 April, with Euston station closed on these days. A reduced timetable will be in effect on Friday 18 April.

Network Rail's head of Euston station operations, Amanda Webster-Uz said:

"There's a lot of great work happening over the Easter bank holiday to improve the reliability and safety of the railway for passengers and freight. We know some of this will be disruptive, but bank holidays remain the least busy time for carrying out complex upgrades.

"I'd like to urge passengers to plan ahead at www.nationalrail.co.uk/spring and recommend those planning journeys to or from London Euston, travel either side of the Easter weekend to avoid longer journeys and some bus replacement services."

Other work includes:

• Engineers completing the final stage of work to connect a new rail freight interchange to the West Coast Main Line in Northampton. Over Easter, the focus will be on commissioning the complex new signalling system to ensure safe and efficient integration into the wider rail network.

Passengers are advised to check their journeys in advance with their train operator or via www.nationalrail.co.uk/spring.

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- London Northwestern Railway services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.
- West Midlands Railway services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

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