

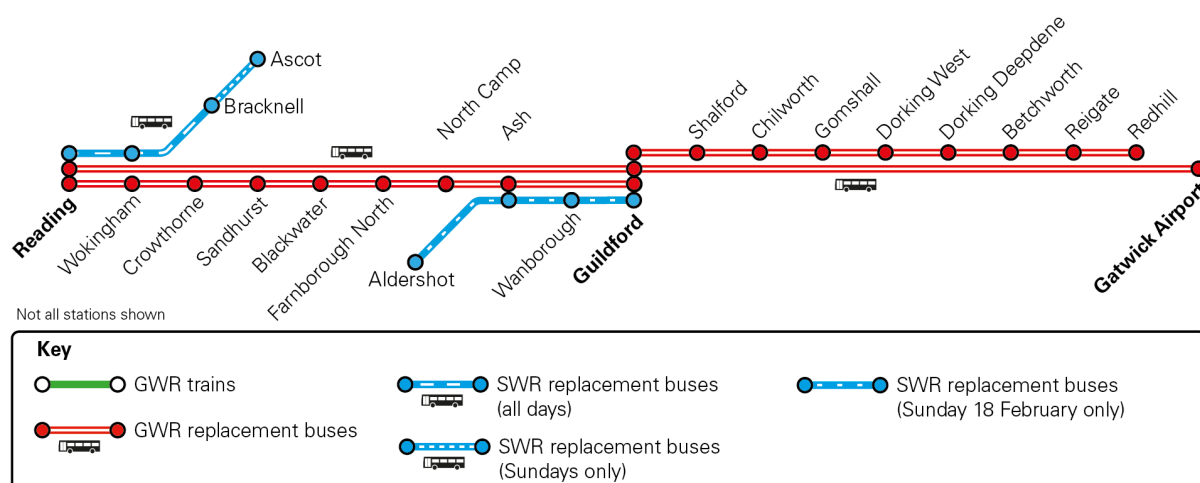
Rail improvement work on the North Downs line

Updated

Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 February 2024

Network Rail will be carrying out nine days of signal upgrade works between Reading and Guildford this February, affecting train services along the North Downs line from Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 February.

Train services on the line will resume from Monday 19 February.



What you need to know:

- No trains will run between Reading and Bracknell/Gatwick Airport
- Replacement buses will run instead between these stations
- Buses will extend to Ascot on Sundays as well as between Aldershot and Guildford on Sunday 18 February only
- Other train operators will continue to run between Redhill and Reigate/Gatwick Airport as well as between Aldershot and Guildford (except Sunday 18 February)

Great Western Railway replacement buses

Route	Frequency	Journey time
Reading – Guildford – Gatwick Airport (express bus)	Hourly	1 hour 15 mins
Reading – Guildford (stopping at all stations*)	Hourly	1 hour 50 mins
Guildford – Redhill (stopping at all stations)	Hourly	1 hour 20 minutes

*Buses only stop at Wanborough at peak times on weekdays. No Great Western Railway buses stop at Earley, Winnersh Triangle or Winnersh (see South Western Railway buses).

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Route	Frequency	Journey time
Reading – Bracknell (non-stop, extends to Ascot on Sundays)	Every 30 mins	30* mins
Reading – Bracknell (all stations, extends to Ascot on Sundays)	Every 30 mins	45* mins
Aldershot – Ash – Wanborough – Guildford	Hourly (Sun 18 Feb only)	40 mins

*Journey times extend by 15 minutes when buses run to Ascot

Alternative routes using trains

We've arranged for tickets to be accepted on a number of routes during these works, making it easier to avoid replacement buses. The table below provides more detail:

Origin station	Destination	Journey
Farnborough North	Reading	Tickets will be accepted on South Western Railway trains from Farnborough (Main) to Basingstoke. Change at Basingstoke for GWR trains to Reading
Farnborough North	Guildford	Tickets will be accepted on South Western Railway trains from Farnborough (Main) to Woking. Change at Woking for South Western Railway trains to Guildford
Farnborough North	Redhill/Reigate/Gatwick Airport	Tickets will be accepted on South Western Railway trains from Farnborough (Main) to Clapham Junction. Change at Clapham Junction for Thameslink/Southern trains to your destination
North Camp	Reading	Tickets will be accepted on South Western Railway trains from Ash Vale to Basingstoke (changing at Woking). Change at Basingstoke for GWR trains to Reading
North Camp	Guildford	Tickets will be accepted on South Western Railway trains from Ash Vale to Woking. Change at Woking for South Western Railway trains to Guildford
North Camp	Reigate/Redhill/Gatwick Airport	Tickets will be accepted on South Western Railway trains from Ash Vale to Clapham Junction. Change at Clapham Junction for Thameslink/Southern trains to your destination
Reading	Redhill/Reigate/Gatwick Airport	Tickets routed 'Via Gomshall' will be accepted on GWR trains to Basingstoke. Change at Basingstoke for South Western Railway trains to Clapham Junction. Change at Clapham Junction for Thameslink/Southern trains to your destination. Only tickets routed 'Any permitted' or 'Via London' can be used on journeys through London

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Great Western Railway replacement bus stop locations:

Station	Bus stop location
Ash	Church Road bus bay (for Aldershot), outside the new flats (for Guildford)
Betchworth	Bus stops outside Pilgrims Way Cottages on A25
Blackwater	Bus stop in large car park
Chilworth	Bus stops by The Percy Arms public house
Crowthorne	Bus stops by the shops on Dukes Ride
Dorking Deepdene	A24, Bus stop A for Guildford, Bus stop E for Redhill
Dorking West	Railway bridge, Ranmore Road
Farnborough North	Junction of Farnborough Street and Ship Lane
Gatwick Airport	Upper level of the bus station
Gomshall	Car park outside the station
Guildford	Front of the station
North Camp	Bus stops on Lynchford Road (next to the station)
Reading	North side of the station
Redhill	Front of the station
Reigate	Front of the station
Sandhurst	Bus stops by the shopping parade on High Street
Shalford	Bus stops on Horsham Road
Wanborough	Glaziers Lane, The Paddocks (for Guildford), Marymead/Landgate (for Reading/Aldershot)
Wokingham	Bus stops near the front of the station