

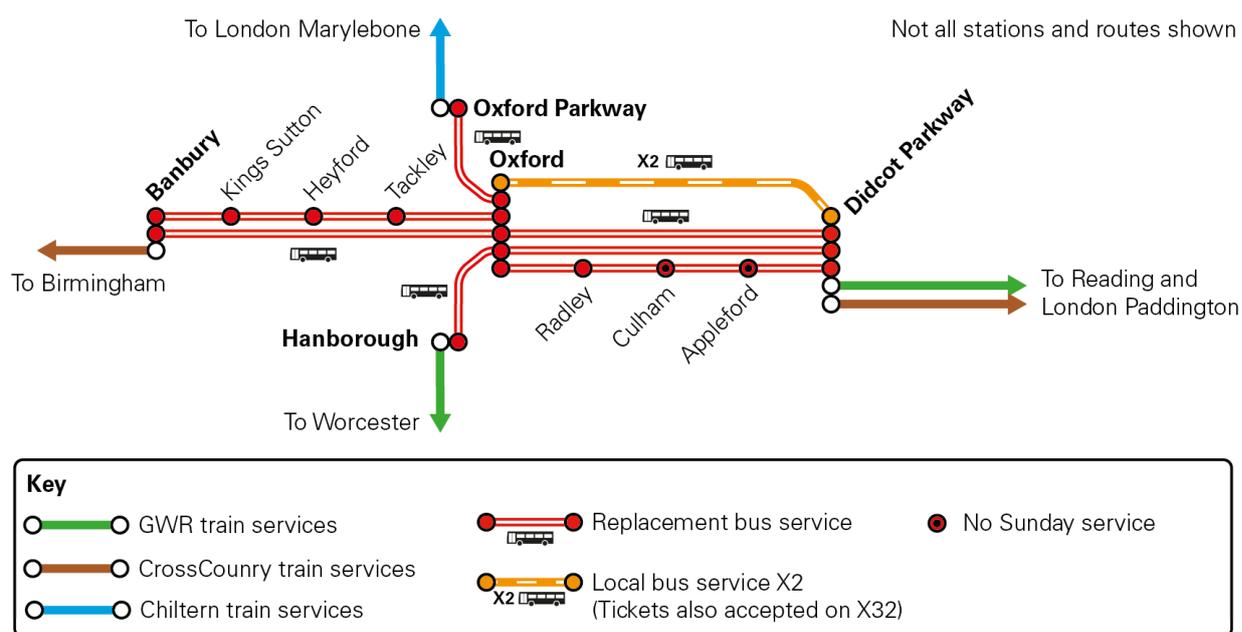
Rail improvement work in the Oxford area

No trains will run in the Oxford area on the weekends of 10/11, 24/25 September and 1/2 October 2022

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Track renewal and infrastructure improvement work in the Oxford area will affect train services on a number of weekends this autumn.

Services on weekdays will not be affected.



What you need to know:

- No trains will run between Didcot Parkway, Banbury and Hanborough. In addition, no trains will run between Oxford and Oxford Parkway
- Buses will replace trains on affected routes but journeys will take longer than usual
- Trains to London will continue to run from Oxford Parkway and Didcot Parkway
- **Trains will run as normal in the Oxford area on the weekend of 17/18 September**

Our travel advice:

- If travelling from Oxford to London, consider starting your journey at Oxford Parkway or Didcot Parkway instead to avoid using replacement buses
- If you need to use our replacement buses, check carefully before travelling – buses will depart at different times to trains and may be changed at short notice
- If catching a replacement bus, allow plenty of time to complete your journey and check your station's bus stop location carefully (see next page for details)

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GWR replacement buses will run between:

Route	Frequency	Total journey time
Didcot Parkway – Oxford (non-stop)	Up to 3 journeys an hour	25-30 minutes
Didcot Parkway – Radley – Oxford	Hourly	45 minutes
Didcot Parkway – Appleford – Culham – Radley – Oxford	Hourly (no Sunday services)	50 minutes
Didcot Parkway – Hanborough (non-stop)	Hourly	40 minutes
Oxford – Hanborough (non-stop)	Hourly	30 minutes
Oxford – Tackley – Heyford – Kings Sutton - Banbury	Every 2 hours (Saturdays) 3 journeys a day (Sundays)	1 hour 10 mins

Other train companies

CrossCountry will run non-stop buses between Didcot Parkway, Oxford and Banbury.
Chiltern Railways will also run replacement buses between Oxford and Oxford Parkway.

Weekend of 17/18 September

Engineering work due to take place over this weekend has been cancelled by Network Rail due to the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Trains will now run normally in the Oxford area over this weekend. Online journey planners will be updated by Friday 16 September.

Replacement bus stop locations:

Station	Bus stop location
Appleford	Unmarked bus stops in the village on B4016, near the village notice board and letter box
Banbury	Front of the station
Culham	By the steps at the rear of the Railway Inn on the old road
Didcot Parkway	Front of the station
Hanborough	Station car park
Heyford	Front of the station
Kings Sutton	Kings Sutton village square
Oxford	Becket Street car park
Oxford Parkway	Front of the station
Radley	Bus stops on Foxborough Road, near the Bowyer Arms
Tackley	Bus stops on Medcroft Road, by the turning for Nethercote Road

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Alternative travel options (avoiding GWR replacement buses):

Travel option	
Travel on Chiltern Railway services	Use Chiltern Railway services between Oxford Parkway and London Marylebone. GWR tickets will be accepted on these trains as well as connecting replacement buses to/from Oxford station. GWR tickets will also be accepted on the Bakerloo line between London Marylebone and London Paddington.
Start your journey at Banbury, Didcot Parkway or Oxford Parkway	These stations all have large car parks and will be served by direct trains towards London.
Travel via Bristol Parkway or Stroud (Worcester area only)	Tickets routed 'via Evesham' will be accepted on GWR and CrossCountry services towards Cheltenham Spa or Bristol Parkway, and then onto connecting services to London Paddington. (This option is only available to customers travelling to/from the following stations: Worcestershire Parkway, Worcester Shrub Hill, Worcester Foregate Street, Malvern Link, Great Malvern, Colwall and Ledbury)
Travel via Newport (Hereford only)	Tickets to/from Hereford will also be accepted on Transport for Wales services to Newport. You can change here for GWR services towards London Paddington
Travel before or after the work starts	For a smoother journey, you may wish to travel on weekdays where services through the Oxford area will be unaffected.

Ticket acceptance on local buses

Local bus operators have agreed to accept rail tickets on the following routes:

Route	Tickets valid between	Frequency
2/2A	Oxford city centre (Stop C1, Magdalen St) – Oxford Parkway station	Every 10 mins (Sat) Every 15 mins (Sun)
7	Oxford station (Stop R5) – Oxford city centre (Stop C4, Magdalen St) – Oxford Parkway station	Every 30 mins
S3	Oxford station (Stop R5) – Oxford city centre (Stop C4, Magdalen St) – Combe – Fawler (for Finstock) – Charlbury	Hourly (Sat) No Sunday service
S4	Oxford city centre (Stop C3, Magdalen St) – Oxford Parkway station – Tackley – Steeple Aston (for Heyford) – Banbury bus station	Hourly (Sat) Every 90 mins (Sun)
X1	Oxford city centre (Stop H1, St Aldates) – Abingdon	Every 30 mins (Sat) Hourly (Sun)
X2	Oxford station (Stop R3) – Oxford city centre (Stop H1, St Aldates) – Didcot Parkway station	Every 20 mins (Sat) Every 30 mins (Sun)
X3	Oxford city centre (Stop H1, St Aldates) – Abingdon	Every 20 mins (Sat) Every 30 mins (Sun)
X32	Oxford city centre (Stop H3, St Aldates) – Didcot Parkway station	Every 30 mins (Sat) Hourly (Sun)