

# Plan to get into the carnival spirit!



**THE Notting Hill Carnival returns to the streets of west London on Sunday 30 and Monday 31 August and people are advised to start planning their travel now.**

Seen as the biggest street festival in Europe, there will be hundreds of costumed performers, dancers, steel bands and food stalls there.

Huge crowds are expected throughout the weekend and roads and public transport will be particularly busy.

The easiest ways to travel to and from the festival will be by Tube, bus, cycling or walking. However, some stations nearby will be closed or exit only, and some local bus routes will be diverted or stop short of their journey.

Carnival goers are encouraged to consider walking part of their journey to avoid delays. They can plan their route at [tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner](http://tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner).

## Buses

Extra buses will be running on routes 2, 205 and 436 but they will not enter the carnival area and some local buses will also be on diversion.

The routes closest to the event are: 6, 7, 16, 18, 23, 27, 28, 31, 36, 46, 52, 70, 94, 98, 148, 187, 220, 228, 274, 295, 316, 328, 332, 390,

414, 452, N7, N16, N18, N28, N31, N98 and N207.

## Tube

Some Underground stations will be closed or exit only. Those affected include Ladbroke Grove, Latimer Road, Notting Hill Gate, Westbourne Park and Royal Oak.

Customers travelling on the Circle or District lines could use Bayswater station, and those on Hammersmith & City line trains could go via Paddington and walk.

Other nearby stations include High Street Kensington, Holland Park, Queen's Park and Shepherd's Bush.

With stations busy all weekend, customers are advised to save time and avoid queues by topping up their Oyster cards in advance or to use contactless payment cards.

## Other travel

For those travelling by London

Overground, the nearest stations to the carnival are Willesden Junction, Kensal Rise, Kensal Green, Queen's Park and Shepherd's Bush.

Some cycle hire docking stations in the area will be suspended and, although others will remain open, it may be difficult for redistribution vehicles to collect and/or replace bikes because of traffic congestion.

Taxi and private hire ranks inside the area will also be suspended.

With traffic likely to be slow moving, drivers should avoid the area if possible, or allow more time for their journeys.

■ TfL has created a dedicated carnival webpage with travel details, plus maps showing the nearest stations and bus routes. Follow @TfLTrafficNews, @TfLBusAlerts and @TfLTravelAlerts on Twitter for the latest information.



Contactless fares are the same as Oyster

For more information on using contactless, visit [tfl.gov.uk/contactless](http://tfl.gov.uk/contactless)

## Traffic information for the capital

### Hammersmith Bridge

Daily, 8am to 4pm to August 21

Closed, southbound, at the junction of Hammersmith Bridge Road for emergency works. Diversions in place via Chiswick Bridge and Putney Bridge.

### A12 Blackwall Tunnel

Nightly, 11pm to 5am until August 28

Tunnel closed southbound on August 16, 17, 18 and 27 and

northbound on August 23, 24, 25 and 26 for resurfacing works.

### Abingdon Street, SW1

Until September 13, 6pm

Lane restrictions and possible three-way traffic signals at weekends for utility works.

### Lordship Lane, N17

Until November 17, 6pm

Lane restrictions between The Roundway and Bruce Grove, and the closure of Church Lane for

Cycle Superhighway works. Diversions are in place.

### Parliament Square

Until November 30, 6pm.

Lane closures for utility works. Phase 1 is from Parliament Square to Victoria Street's junction with Storey's Gate for four weeks.

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