

Will your journey be affected this weekend?

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PLANNING AHEAD

There are no planned works this weekend on the Central, Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly, Victoria or Waterloo & City lines, Docklands Light Railway or London Tramlink.

However, the following lines will be affected by engineering and improvement works.

Bakerloo line

Part closure

Sunday: No service between Stonebridge Park and Harrow & Wealdstone owing to Network Rail engineering work. Replacement bus services will run:

Service A: Stonebridge Park – Wembley Central – North Wembley – Preston Road (for the Metropolitan line and South Kenton station) – Kenton – Harrow & Wealdstone

Edgware Road: Closed until late December owing to lift replacement work. Edgware Road (Circle and Hammersmith & City lines) is the nearest alternative station. Trains from here connect with Bakerloo line services at Baker Street and Paddington.

District line

Part closure

All weekend: No service between South Kensington and Hammersmith, Edgware Road and Wimbledon, and Earl's Court and Kensington (Olympia) owing to track replacement and station improvement work at High Street Kensington. New trains will also be tested during the closure. Replacement buses will run:

Service A: Hammersmith – Putney Bridge – East Putney – Southfields – Wimbledon Park – Wimbledon

Service B: Earl's Court – West Brompton – Fulham Broadway – Parsons Green – Putney Bridge – Wimbledon

Service C (Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10am-6pm): Earl's Court – Kensington (Olympia) – West Kensington – West Brompton – Earl's Court

Jubilee line

Part closure

Sunday: No service between Waterloo and Finchley Road owing to Jubilee line tunnelling maintenance works. Use alternative Tube and/or local bus services.

London Overground

Part closure

Saturday: No service between Kilburn High Road and Euston owing to Network Rail track maintenance between Euston and Kensal Green. Tickets will be accepted on local bus and Tube services via all reasonable routes – remember that tickets will only be accepted for entrance/exit at Queen's Park, Kilburn Park, Euston Square and Euston stations.

Sunday: No service between Watford Junction and Queen's Park owing to Network Rail track maintenance work between Euston and Kensal Green. Replacement bus services will call at all stations between Watford Junction and Stonebridge Park except South Kenton. Buses will stop at Preston Road instead for the Metropolitan line and South Kenton station. Use the Bakerloo line for stations between Stonebridge Park and Queen's Park.

Sunday: No service between Surrey Quays and Clapham Junction owing to Network Rail track maintenance at Peckham Rye.

Sunday: (Before 12.15pm and after 8.30pm) no service between Queen's Park and Euston owing to Network Rail track maintenance between Camden Junction and Queen's Park. Tickets will be accepted on local bus and Tube services via all reasonable routes – remember that tickets will only be accepted for entrance/exit at Queen's Park, Kilburn Park, Euston Square and Euston stations.

Escalator out of action at Highgate Tube

FROM Monday until mid-October, passengers will be unable to exit Highgate Tube station from the ticket hall to Archway Road using the escalator.

The escalator is out of service for improvement work, so passengers can only exit via the steps to the car park, or the steps to Priory Gardens and then the

ramped walkway to Wood Lane.

By Monday, the escalator to and from the platforms, which is currently out of service, will be back in use.

People who have difficulty using the stairs may find it easier to use Archway Tube station for local buses to Highgate.

Underground escalators

There have been escalators on the Tube for more than a century, with 426 now in service.

The first two opened at Earl's Court station in 1911. Their installation gave rise to the story of William 'Bumper' Harris. Bumper was a tunnelling engineer who lost his leg in an accident. When the first escalators were introduced he was asked to demonstrate to the public just how safe they were by riding them all day.

In fact, this was unnecessary because they proved so popular passengers were getting off at Earl's Court just to ride the escalators before getting back on the Tube. According to a Board of Trade report, during the first week nine dresses were torn, one finger was pinched and a passenger fell from his crutches. A guard rail was added after that.

The future

As part of improving the Tube, almost 200 escalators have been replaced or restored so far, and work continues on many others. Over the next three years, London Underground will continue with this escalator refurbishment programme.

So, next time you see blue hoardings surrounding an escalator, bear in mind that there's likely to be a team of highly skilled staff hard at work behind the scenes to get it up and running as quickly as possible.

Did you know?

- Every week, Underground escalators travel the equivalent distance of going twice around the world
- The longest escalators are at Angel and measure 60 metres
- The Tube's shortest escalator is at Chancery Lane
- The station with the most escalators is Waterloo (23)

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