

South Glos rail upgrades

June 2025

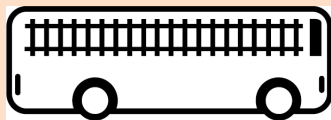


Overview

For two weeks, from Monday 9 until the early hours of Saturday 21 June, we will be completing essential maintenance work in the Filton, Stoke Gifford, Pilning and Severn Beach areas of South Gloucestershire, as well as working inside the Severn Tunnel.

Across the two main track work sites in South Gloucestershire we will be installing:

- 2,185 sleepers
- 1,480 tonnes of fresh track stone
- 2.6km of track (plain line)
- 16 switches and crossings track panels.



Travel arrangements

Monday 9 - Friday 20 June:

No direct trains between Bristol and South Wales. Travel via Gloucester or Cheltenham Spa instead where trains run to/from South Wales. More information overleaf.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or concerns please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

What's happening?

Stoke Gifford track replacement

Throughout the two week period - from Monday 9 until the early hours of Saturday 21 June, we will be working around the clock to replace track on both lines running through the Stoke Gifford area. The working area spans between Gipsy Patch bridge and Bristol Parkway station.

Track replacement involves cutting out the existing track and then digging out the old ballast (track stone) before installing a new track bed, rail and sleepers and finishing off with more stone.

Once this has been completed, the tone will be compacted by a special engineering train (tamping train) to ensure a stable and solid base for the railway. This also extends the lifespan of the new track.

Filton switches and crossings work

Work to replace points in the Filton area

will be focused on track running alongside Conygre Grove, Avonsmere Carvan Park and The Sidings.

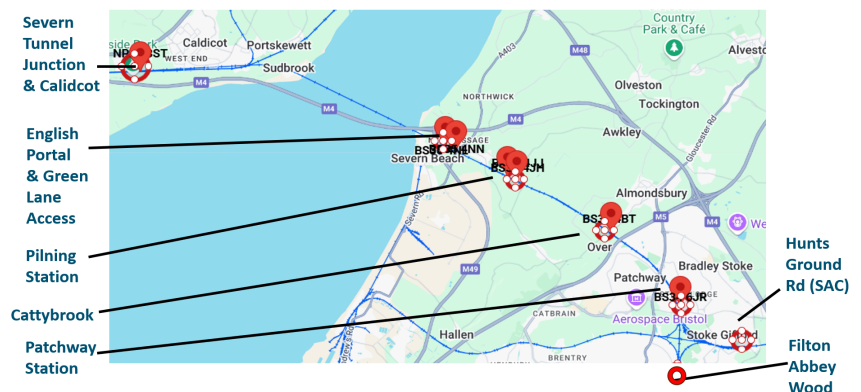
This will also involve removal of track and stone prior to the installation of new track panels and the use of a tamping train to compact the stone.

Severn Tunnel overhead line work

With the line closed for the track work we will be working inside tunnel to complete essential maintenance on the overhead line that powers trains through the tunnel. This follows last summer's upgrade in which we replaced the track.

Other work

In the Pilning area we will be carrying some tamping, compacting the stone around the existing track. In the Severn Beach area we will be clearing vegetation near the English tunnel entrance.



Access and compound arrangements

With multiple teams taking advantage of the opportunity while the line is closed, we have numerous work sites and access points in use.

The main control centre for the track work - where most of our workers will park and sign in - will be at Hunts Ground Road car park in Stoke Gifford. Minibuses will take them to their work sites, reducing traffic on local roads.

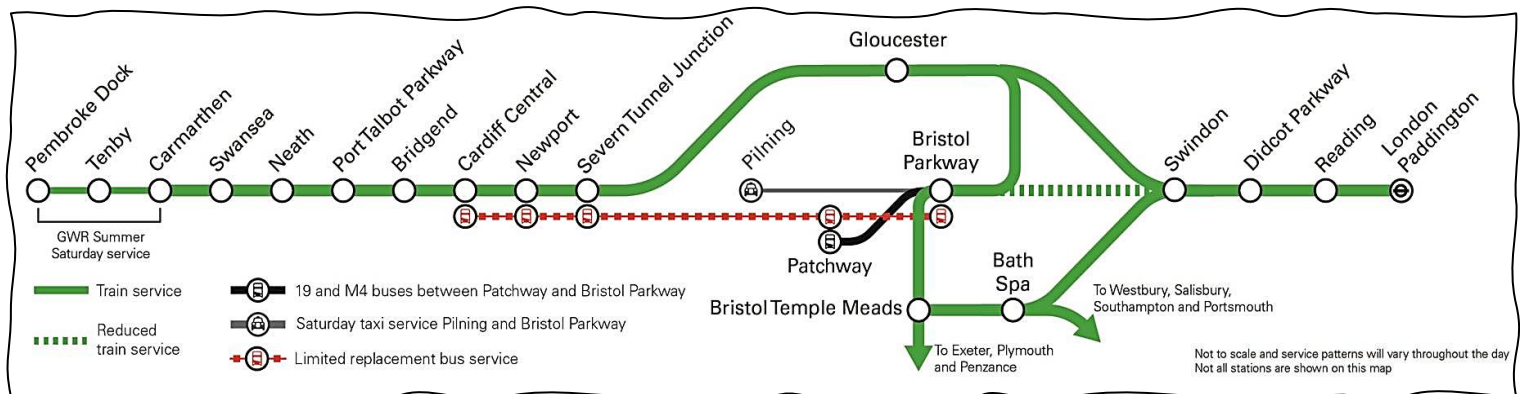
Vehicles, tools and workers will access the railway at Filton Abbey Wood station, Conygre Grove access point in Filton, at Patchway station, Cattybrook access point and at Pilning station.

For the Severn Tunnel work, staff will be mini-bused in from hotels to both our Green Lane access point in Severn Beach and to the main compound at Garthalan Drive in Caldicot in Wales.

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(Monday 9 – Friday 20 and Sunday 29 June 2025)



There will be no direct trains between Bristol and South Wales on these dates:

- Services between Cardiff Central and Portsmouth Harbour start/terminate at Bristol Parkway
- Services between Cardiff Central and Taunton or Exeter St Davids start/terminate at Bristol Temple Meads

Monday 9 to Saturday 14 June, plus Monday 16 to Friday 20 June

- Customers travelling between Bristol and South Wales should change at Gloucester or Cheltenham Spa, where trains will still be running to/from South Wales.
- Trains between London and South Wales will use an alternative route between Swindon and Newport – stopping at Gloucester instead of Bristol Parkway.
- A limited train service will still run between London Paddington and Bristol Parkway.
- Replacement buses are also planned between Bristol Parkway and Severn Tunnel Junction/Newport, but these will be limited services only.

Sunday 15 June

- Rail replacement services are planned to operate between Bristol Parkway and Newport or Cardiff Central on this date.
- Trains will still run between London Paddington and Bristol Parkway, plus between Newport and Swansea or Carmarthen.
- Trains between London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads will also be reduced to hourly services.

Sunday 29 June

- Customers travelling between Bristol and South Wales can change at Gloucester or Cheltenham Spa, where trains will still be running to/from South Wales.
- Trains between London and South Wales will be diverted via Gloucester, not stopping at Bristol Parkway, until around 1600.
- A limited train service will run between London Paddington and Bristol Parkway.
- Replacement buses are also planned between Bristol Parkway and Newport until 1530.

Please note, ticket acceptance will be in place, meaning free travel with a valid rail ticket on buses:

- Metrobus m4 bus services Bristol Parkway <> Patchway (all dates)
- TrawsCymru T7 bus services Chepstow <> Bristol (9-20 Jun only)

Please allow extra time for your journey and check before you travel at nationalrail.co.uk or GWR.com/Bristol