Exeter to Barnstaple and Okehampton

Changes to train services

Saturday 21 to Sunday 29 March 2026

Check before you travel at
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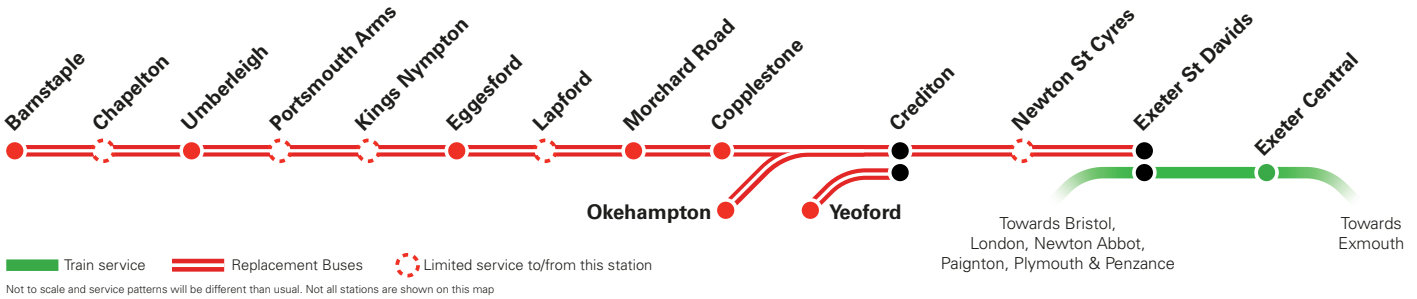

What's happening?

From **Saturday 21 until Sunday 29 March 2026**, track renewals, planned for over a year, mean rail replacement services will be running between Barnstaple / Okehampton, Crediton and Exeter St Davids.

Will rail replacement services appear in journey planners?

Yes! In fact, they're there now, so do please check before you travel as some stations will have a limited bus service or require a change of bus.

Can I use local bus services instead?

Yes! Your rail ticket will be accepted on the following local buses:

Stagecoach:

- **5** - Exeter to Crediton
- **5A** - Exeter to Okehampton via Crediton
- **5B** - Exeter to Barnstaple via Crediton
- **5C** - Exeter to Chumleigh via Crediton

Dartline:

- **66** - Exeter to Okehampton

Please check your bus journeys at **traveline.info**

Travelling to Exeter College?

Rail replacement departures from Barnstaple at 0645 and 0759 will run through to Exeter Central.

Replacement bus services

To eliminate confusion, all bus pick-up points have new yellow signs in place. You can also check the locations online at **Nationalrail.co.uk/stations**

As space is limited on buses or coaches compared to trains, please don't bring onboard:

- Large items of luggage
- Bikes (excluding folding bikes)
- Dogs (excluding assistance dogs).

Pushchairs must be folded up and stored as luggage. Seat belts, where fitted, must also be worn as it is a legal requirement.

Please note there are normally no toilet facilities provided on replacement buses or coaches.

Need help with your journey?

It's best to let us know in advance if you will require assistance when travelling with us.

Our **Passenger Assist Team** are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except 25 and 26 December) on **0800 197 1329** or go to **GWR.com/PassengerAssist**

Thank you, and a look ahead

We understand you have recently experienced disruption due to flooding, so we sincerely appreciate your patience while Network Rail carry out this work.

Once this is completed there are no further planned long term closures until April 2027.

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