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ENGINEERING DIVERSIONARY ROUTES

This is a list of lines which tend to see use as diversionary routes (and which carry no other - or minimal - regular passenger service). The diversions shown are not, of course, in use every weekend but information may be given on the BLS BranchLine pre-recorded news service (phone number quoted in each issue of Branch Line News, available to members of the Branch Line Society). Diversions tend not to apply at Christmas and some Bank Holidays - but major works are sometimes featured in the BR Bank Holiday supplements. Some diversions are pre-planned in the working timetable, and are listed in the current issue of PSUL. Sometimes only part of the service is diverted - such as through trains - while other trains are subjected to single line working or are replaced by buses. "between X and Y" means in either or both directions; "from X to Y" means only in the direction indicated. Distances may be obtained from British Rail Track Diagrams (Quail Map Co), Mile by Mile (Peter Watts Publishing) and similar publications. The regional grouping of lines is as used in BLN. The list will not be reissued for every edition of PSUL and should therefore be retained.

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ENGLAND

EAST MIDLANDS

Kettering Glendon South Jn - Manton Jn Used by trains between Kettering and Leicester for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Trent East Jn - Trowell Jn Used by trains between Derby and Chesterfield for diversions when the line south of Clay Cross Jn is blocked

Trent Sheet Stores Jn - Stenson Jn Used by trains between Leicester or Nottingham and Derby or Burton on Trent for diversions when the line between Trent Jn and Derby is blocked

Tapton Jn - Beighton Jn - Woodhouse Jn Used by trains between Chesterfield and Sheffield for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Sleaford North Jn - South Jn (via avoiding line) Used by trains from Doncaster to Peterborough for diversions when the direct line is blocked if train not required to give connections at Sleaford [note: down line out of use - only up (southbound) avoiding line available]

Lincoln, Boultham Jn - Pyewipe Jn Used by trains between Doncaster and Newark for diversions when direct line is blocked

NORTH EAST

Stockton Hartburn Jn - Stockton Cut Jn Used by trains between York and Durham for diversions when the direct line between Northallerton and Ferryhill is blocked

Norton-on-Tees South - Ferryhill Turisdale Jn Used by trains between York and Durham for diversions when the direct line between Northallerton and Ferryhill is blocked

Benton North Jn - Bedlington - Morpeth North Jn Used by trains between Newcastle and Berwick for diversions when the direct line between Benton and Morpeth is blocked

NORTH WEST

Chester North Jn - Chester South Jn Used by trains between Warrington and Crewe, reversing during diversions, when the line south of Acton Grange Jn. is blocked
Used by trains between Runcorn and Crewe, reversing during diversions, when the line south of Halton Jn. is blocked

Frodsham Jn - Halton Jn Used by trains between Runcorn and Crewe for diversions when the line south of Halton Jn. is blocked

Manchester Victoria East Jn - Cheetham Hill Jn - Thorpes Bridge Jn Used by trains between Manchester and Rochdale for diversions when the lines via Miles Platting are blocked

Golborne Jn - Newton le Willows Jn Used by trains between Wigan NW and Liverpool for diversions when the line via St Helens Central is blocked

Golborne Jn - Parkside Jn Used by trains between Manchester and Preston for diversions when the line between Salford Crescent and Bolton is blocked

Used by trains between Wigan and Crewe for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Used by trains between Manchester and Southport for diversions when the line between Crow Nest Jn and Wigan is blocked

Used by trains between Manchester and Liverpool via Chat Moss for diversions when the line between Huyton and Parkside Jn is blocked

Bamfurlong Jn - Ince Moss Jn Used by trains between Manchester and Liverpool via Chat Moss for diversions when the line between Huyton and Parkside Jn is blocked

Wigan South Jn - Station Jn (right hand connection LNW - L&Y lines) Used by trains between Manchester and Southport for diversions when the line between Wigan and Crow Nest Jn is blocked

Wigan Station Jn - Wigan NW (platform 1) (left hand connection L&Y - LNW lines) Used by trains between Bolton and Preston for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Used by trains between Preston and Wigan for diversions when the line south of Euxton Jn is blocked (trains reverse at Wigan and at Lostock Jn.)

Used by trains between Wigan and Crewe for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Farington Jn - Lostock Hall Jn Used by trains between points south of Preston and Carlisle for diversions when the line between Preston and Carlisle is blocked

Blackburn Daisyfield Jn - Clitheroe - Hellifield Jn Used by trains between points south of Preston and Carlisle for diversions when the line between Preston and Carlisle is blocked

SOUTH EAST (NORTH)

Old Oak Common West - Northolt Jn Used by High Wycombe line trains or connections with Paddington when the line between Northolt Jn and Marylebone is blocked

Seven Sisters Jn - South Tottenham West Jn Used by trains between Liverpool Street and Enfield line for diversions when the line between Bethnal Green and Seven Sisters is blocked

South Tottenham East Jn - Tottenham South Jn Used by trains between Liverpool Street and Enfield line for diversions when the line between Bethnal Green and Seven Sisters is blocked

Forest Gate Jn - Woodgrange Park Jn Used by trains between Fenchurch Street and Barking for diversions when the direct line east of Gas Factory Jn is blocked

Barking Station Jn - Barking Tilbury Line Jn West (via flyover) Used by trains between Fenchurch Street and Barking for diversions when the direct line east of Gas Factory Jn is blocked

Stratford, Gas Factory North Jn - Bow Jn Used by trains between Fenchurch Street and Barking for diversions when the direct line east of Gas Factory Jn is blocked

Stratford Central Jn East - Stratford - Copper Mill North Jn Used by trains between Liverpool Street and Lea Valley line and by trains between Liverpool Street and Enfield line for diversions when the line between Bethnal Green and Copper Mill North Jn is blocked

Watford North Jn - Watford East Jn Used by shuttle service Chesham - Rickmansworth - Watford when local lines between Harrow on the Hill and Watford East Jn are blocked

Didcot West Curve Jn - Foxhall Jn Used by trains between Birmingham and Bristol for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Reading New Jn - Reading Spur Jn Used by trains between Southampton and Reading for diversions when the line between Basingstoke and Reading is blocked

Langley Jn (up) - Langley South Jn (via up Hertford spur) Used by trains from Stevenage to Kings Cross for diversions when the direct line south of Langley Jn is blocked

Helpston Jn - Tallington Jn (via down Stamford to down ECML spur) Used by trains from Peterborough to Grantham for diversions when down ECML fast line between Peterborough and Tallington Jn is blocked

SOUTH EAST (SOUTH)

Romsey Jn - Eastleigh East Jn Used by trains between Romsey and Southampton for diversions when the direct line is blocked

East Putney Jn - Point Pleasant Jn Used by trains between Clapham Jn and Wimbledon for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Beckenham Jn - New Beckenham Jn Used by trains between Shortlands and Nunhead for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Chislehurst Jn - St Mary Cray Jn (via Chatham loop line) Used by trains between Charing Cross and Ashford for diversions when the line between Orpington and Ashford is blocked

SOUTH WEST

Yeovil Pen Mill Jn - Yeovil Jn Used by trains between Westbury and Exeter for diversions when the line south of Taunton is blocked

Thingley Jn - Bradford Jn Used by trains between Westbury and Reading for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Westbury East Loop Jn - Hawkeridge Jn Used by trains between Reading and Bristol or Newport for diversions when the line between Didcot and Wootton Bassett Jn is blocked

Laverstock North Jn - Laverstock South Jn Used by non-electric trains between Basingstoke and Southampton for diversions when the line between Worting Jn and St Denys is blocked

Bristol Feeder Bridge Jn - Dr Days Jn Used by trains between Newport and Reading for diversions when the line between Bristol Parkway and Wootton Bassett Jn is blocked

WEST MIDLANDS

Lichfield Trent Valley High Level - Wichnor Jn Used by trains between Burton on Trent and Birmingham for diversions when the line south of Wichnor Jn is blocked

Kingsbury Jn - Whitacre Jn Used by trains between Tamworth and Birmingham for diversions when the direct line between Kingsbury Jn and Water Orton Jn is blocked

Bescot Jn - Bushbury Jn Used by trains between Rugby and Stafford for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Bescot Jn - Wolverhampton Crane Street Jn Used by trains between Birmingham N St and Wolverhampton for diversions when the direct line north of Soho South Jn is blocked

Aston South Jn - Stechford South Jn Used by trains between Rugby and Stafford for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Used by trains between Birmingham International and Birmingham N St when the line north of Stechford is blocked

Birmingham Grand Jn - Small Heath South Jn Used by trains between Birmingham N St and Leamington Spa for diversions when the line via Coventry is blocked

Birmingham Grand Jn - Lifford East Jn - Kings Norton Jn Used by trains between Birmingham and Kings Norton for diversions when the line via Selly Oak is blocked

Soho South Jn - Perry Barr North Jn Used by trains between Birmingham N St and Wolverhampton for diversions when the direct line north of Soho South Jn is blocked

Soho South Jn - Perry Barr South Jn Used by trains between Birmingham International and Birmingham N St when the line north of Stechford is blocked

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

Sowerby Bridge, Milner Royd Jn - Heaton Lodge East Jn Used by trains between Manchester and Leeds for diversions when the line via Marsden is blocked

Used by trains between Leeds and Sowerby Bridge for diversions when the line via Halifax is blocked

Hare Park Jn - Crofton West Jn Used by InterCity trains between Leeds and Sheffield for diversions when the line between Leeds and Wakefield is blocked

Used by some trains between Manchester and Sheffield for diversions when the line via Hope is blocked

Altofts Jn - Methley Jn Used by trains between Leeds and Wakefield for diversions when the line via Outwood is blocked

Castleford - Milford Jn Used by trains between Leeds and York for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Gascoigne Wood - Milford Jn Used by InterCity trains between Leeds and Doncaster for diversions when the line via Wakefield is blocked

Hambleton South Jn - West Jn Used by InterCity trains between Leeds and Doncaster for diversions when the line via Wakefield is blocked
Used by trains between Doncaster and York for diversions when the line north of Hambleton South Jn is blocked

Knottingley West Jn - Ferrybridge North Jn Used by trains between Doncaster and York for diversions when the line between Shaftholme Jn and Hambleton South Jn is blocked

Shaftholme Jn - Askern - Knottingley West Jn Used by trains between Doncaster and York for diversions when the line between Shaftholme Jn and Hambleton South Jn is blocked
Used by local trains between Doncaster and Wakefield for diversions when the direct line is blocked

Wakefield Calder Bridge Jn - Turners Lane Jn Used by InterCity trains between Leeds and Sheffield for diversions when the line between Leeds and Wakefield is blocked

IRELAND

Antrim - Bleach Green Jn Used by trains between Belfast and Antrim for diversions when the line between Lisburn and Antrim is blocked

SCOTLAND

Rutherglen East Jn - Coatbridge Jn Used by overnight trains between Carlisle and Edinburgh or points beyond for diversions when the line between Carstairs and Haymarket is blocked. Summer Saturday nights only

Coatbridge Central - Gartcosh Jn Used by overnight trains between Carlisle and West Highland line points for diversions when the line between Carstairs and Haymarket is blocked. Summer Saturday nights only

Coatbridge Central - Garnqueen North Jn Used by overnight trains between Carlisle and Edinburgh or points beyond for diversions when the line between Carstairs and Haymarket is blocked. Summer Saturday nights only

Cumbernauld - Greenhill Lower Jn Used by overnight trains between Carlisle and Edinburgh or points beyond for diversions when the line between Carstairs and Haymarket is blocked. Summer Saturday nights only
Used by trains between Glasgow Q St and Larbert or Falkirk for diversions when the line between Greenhill Lower Jn and Cowlairs is blocked

Slateford Jn - Niddrie West Jn - Portobello Jn Used by trains between Carlisle and Edinburgh for diversions when the line between Slateford Jn and Edinburgh is blocked

Winchburgh Jn - Dalmeny Jn Used by trains between Edinburgh and Falkirk for diversions when the line between Haymarket and Winchburgh Jn is blocked
Used by trains between Perth and Glasgow for diversions when the line between Perth and Carmuir West Jn is blocked

Thornton North Jn - Thornton West Jn Used by trains between Inverkeithing and Markinch for diversions when the line via Kirkcaldy is blocked

WALES

Bridgend Barry Jn - Barry Jn Used by trains between Cardiff and Bridgend for diversions when the direct line is blocked
