

SWR December strike action service levels

- Due to the planned national strikes, SWR customers are urged only to travel by rail if absolutely necessary from Tuesday 13 December to Sunday 18 December
- Strike days (13, 14, 16, and 17 December) will see a severely reduced service between 07:15 and 18:30 on a limited number of routes for those who have no choice but to travel
- Thursday 15 December and Sunday 18 December will also be significantly impacted by the strike; first trains across the network will start much later than usual and are likely to be very busy
- Customers should also expect disruption during the RMT overtime ban from Sunday 18 December to Monday 2 January

South Western Railway (SWR) is urging customers to only travel if absolutely necessary from Tuesday 13 December to Sunday 18 December due to the planned national RMT industrial action.

Members of the RMT at Network Rail are set to take strike action on 13, 14, 16, and 17 December, significantly limiting the rail infrastructure available to run services. More than 2,100 SWR members of the union will join the strike action.

Customers should expect severe disruption on strike days. Significant parts of the SWR network will be closed entirely and those trains that are running will be far less frequent and much busier compared to normal.

On Thursday 15 December and Sunday 18 December, the knock-on impact of the strike days means first trains will start much later than usual across the network and are likely to be very busy – customers are asked to avoid these if they can.

SWR's reduced timetable will run from 07:15 to 18:30 on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14, Friday 16, and Saturday 17 December and will consist of:

- Four trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Windsor & Eton Riverside
- Two semi-fast trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Basingstoke
- Four trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Woking
- Two fast trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Southampton Central

Trains will not stop at all the stations on these routes. There will be no SWR services across the rest of the network.

In addition, the RMT has announced that its members at SWR and other Train Operating Companies have been instructed not to book on for any overtime from Sunday 18 December to Monday 2 January.

SWR will update customers once it has confirmed what service levels it can provide during this period from Sunday 18 December to Monday 2 January.

Customers are urged to check the SWR website for latest information [here](#).

South Western Railway's Performance and Planning Director, Steve Tyler, said:

"We appreciate that customers will be eager to enjoy the festive season, so we're really sorry that we must urge them to only travel by rail if absolutely necessary from Tuesday 13 December to Sunday 18 December.

"The nationwide strike action means we can only operate a severely reduced timetable from 07:15 to 18:30 only, with much of the network closed entirely.

“The strike period will be followed by two weeks of further disruption on the network, as the RMT has instructed their members not to book any overtime until 2 January.

“After months of damaging strike action, we are grateful to our customers for their continued cooperation, patience, and understanding as the rail industry works to bring this dispute to an end.”

Waterloo to Southampton	Waterloo to Woking	Waterloo to Basingstoke
2 fast trains per hour each way	4 trains per hour each way	2 trains per hour each way
First train from Waterloo: 0730	First train from Waterloo: 0720	First train from Waterloo: 0715
Last train from Waterloo: 1700	Last train from Waterloo: 1750	Last train from Waterloo: 1745
First train from Southampton: 0730	First train from Woking: 0718	First train from Basingstoke: 0724
Last train from Southampton: 1659	Last train from Woking: 1748	Last train from Basingstoke: 1654
Services will call at: London Waterloo Clapham Junction Woking Basingstoke Winchester Eastleigh Southampton Airport Southampton Central	Services will call at: London Waterloo Clapham Junction Wimbledon Surbiton Esher Hersham Walton-on-Thames Weybridge Byfleet & New Haw West Byfleet Woking	Services will call at: London Waterloo Clapham Junction Surbiton Woking Brookwood Farnborough Fleet Winchfield Hook Basingstoke

STRIKE DAY SERVICES

07:30 to 18:30 only

Tuesday 13

Wednesday 14

Friday 16

Saturday 17

December



Thursday 15 and Sunday 18 December

First trains will start much later than usual and be very busy.

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