

Exeter area

A guide to catching the bus or train



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This is your guide to catching the bus or train

If you haven't used the bus or train for a while you may be surprised at the changes. The majority of buses in Exeter are low floor, with a wide step-free entrance, while local rail services are also operated by modern trains.

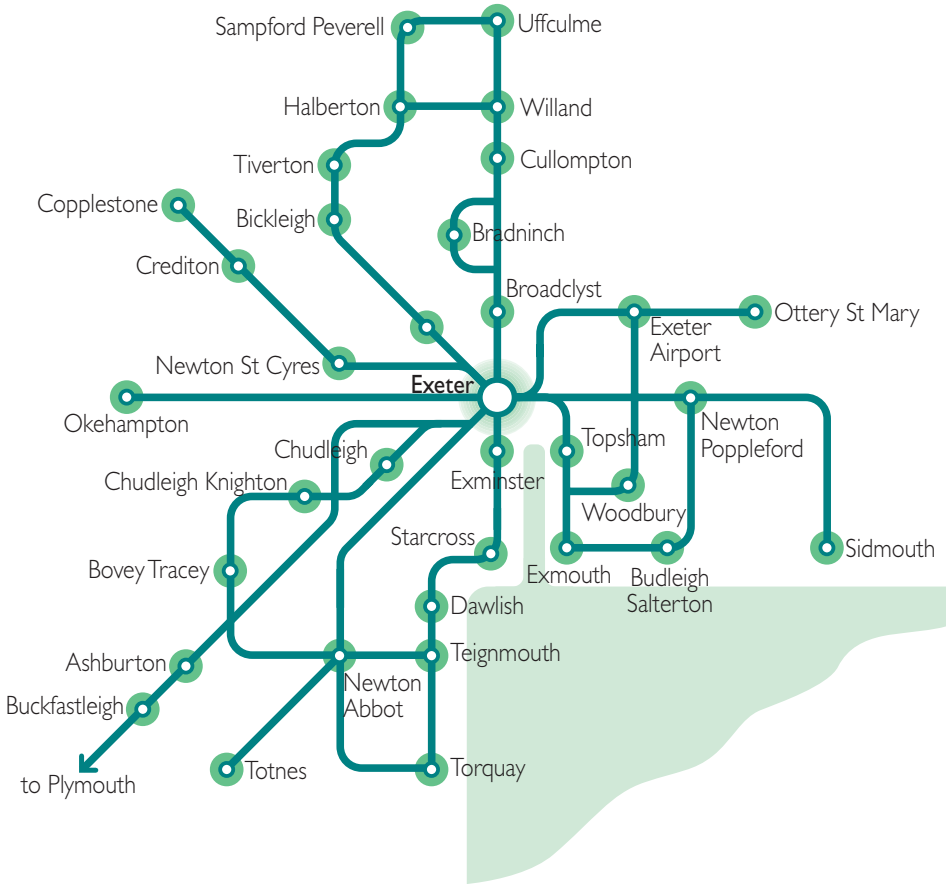
The reasons why Public Transport is a good travel choice:

- Save money and avoid the hassle of finding places to park. Nobody enjoys sitting in a hot car in a traffic jam.
- Using the bus or train can be part of your day-out experience. By choosing to switch from the car we can all help reduce congestion, cut pollution and improve the environment. There are also a range of money saving tickets to suit both regular and occasional travellers.
- Most buses run until late in the evening so you could leave the car at home for your night out. Check with Traveline for your last bus home, www.traveline.org.uk



Travelling by bus

Main bus routes in the Exeter area



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When do the buses run?

To find out which bus takes you where and what time they run ring:



Traveline provides an enquiry service for all public transport journeys in South West England. You can also plan your journey online at www.traveline.org.uk

Timetables for Stagecoach buses are available from Exeter Bus Station, or online at www.stagecoachbus.com/devon

Where to get more information

Stagecoach also provide an Exeter City bus guide which includes details of routes and frequencies in the city. The guide is available from the Stagecoach Travelshop at Exeter Bus Station: Telephone 01392 427711

Devon County Council produce area timetable books giving details of all operators services in the area, an area map and index. These are normally available from Tourist Information Centres and Libraries or order online at www.devon.gov.uk/buses Telephone: **01392 382800**



How to catch the bus

You can normally catch your bus at any bus stop along its route. It's best to be at the bus stop a few minutes before the bus is due. When the bus approaches the route number and destination will be shown on the front. To catch the bus, put your hand out in good time for the driver to see you.



When you want to get off the bus, ring the bell in good time before the stop. If you are unsure where the stops are check with the driver.



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How to pay your fare

When you get on the bus tell the driver where you want to go and what type of ticket you would like. Pay your fare with cash. Cheques and credit cards are not accepted. Although you do not need the correct fare it helps speed the journey if you have it.



Children

Children aged 5 to 15 can normally buy reduced single and return fares.

Which type of ticket is best for you:

Single - if you are only going one way ask for a single. Prices vary depending on the length of the journey.

Day return - if you are coming back the same day ask for a day return, they are cheaper than two singles.

Season tickets - most bus companies offer money saving tickets if you use the bus regularly - check with the bus company, or driver, what is available.

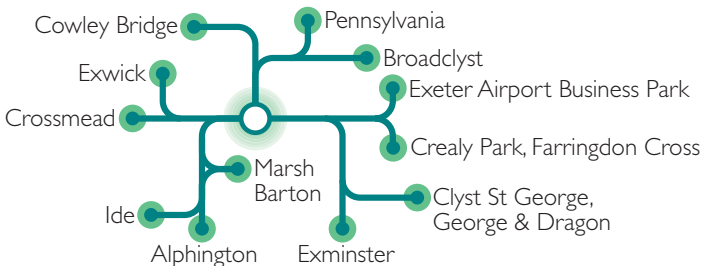
If you are going to travel regularly on buses in Exeter, Stagecoach offer an **Exeter Megarider** ticket giving unlimited travel on all their buses in the Exeter area, shown on the map below.

Prices

1 day - **£4** • 1 week - **£11** • 1 month - **£42**

Buy day and weekly tickets from the driver - monthly tickets from the bus station.

Exeter Megarider Area



For longer journeys a **Goldrider** ticket gives the freedom of the Stagecoach Devon bus network and costs **£20** for one week or **£78** for a month. Buy weekly tickets from the driver - monthly from the bus station. Annual tickets are also available.

A **Day Explorer** costs **£6** and gives one day's travel on all Stagecoach Devon buses.

One Day Group Explorer - one day's unlimited travel on Stagecoach Devon buses for up to five people travelling together for **£16**.

Prices correct at time of going to press but may be subject to alteration.

Devonwide Concessionary Travel Scheme

If you are over 60 or disabled and live within the council areas of Exeter City, Mid Devon, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, Torbay, Torridge or West Devon, you can apply for a Devonwide bus pass which gives you off peak free travel on local buses throughout Devon.

For further details contact the Devonwide office on **01392 383688**, email: devonwide@devon.gov.uk, website: devonwide.devon.gov.uk



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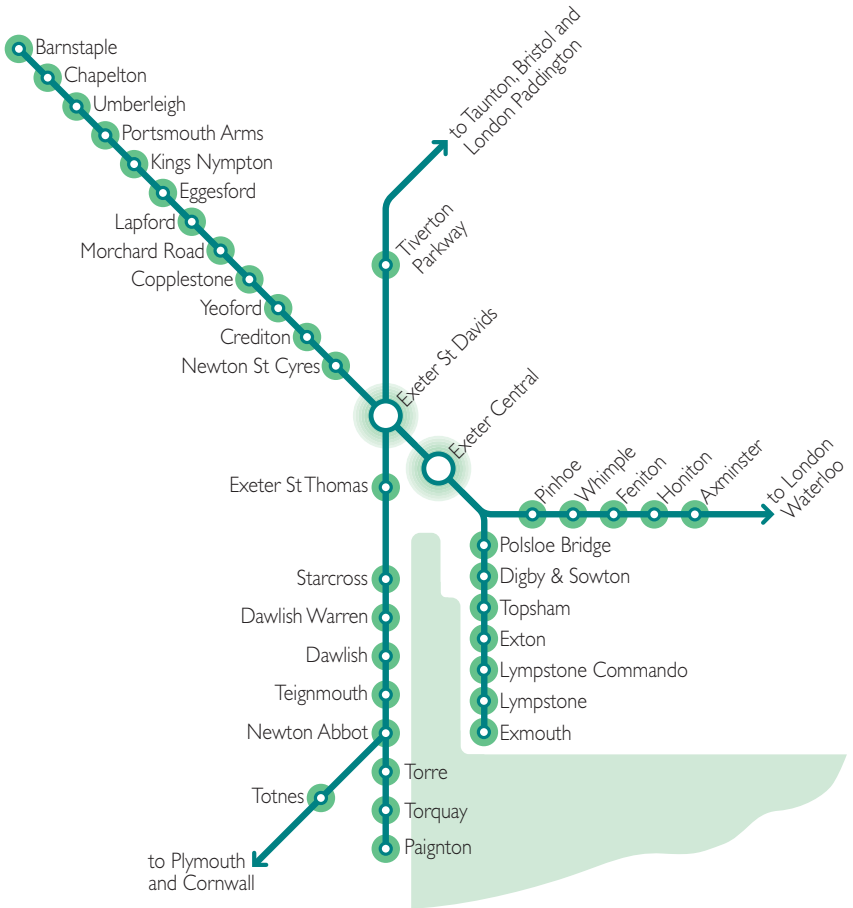


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Travelling by train

There are regular train services on the lines into Exeter. Timetables are available from staffed stations. For details of times and fares phone National Rail Enquiries on **08457 484950**. You can also plan your journey online at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Local rail services



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Ticket Information

Local timetables are available from staffed stations and Tourist Information Centres. For details of all train times and fares contact National Rail Enquiries on **08457 48 49 50**, or on the website www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Tickets can be bought in advance over the internet, www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk, or on the day of travel from staffed stations. If the Booking Office at the station is closed, or the station is unstaffed, tickets can be bought from the conductor on the train.

Children

Children (aged 5-15) travel at half the adult price. Under 5's travel free.

Cycles

Two cycles can be carried on all services, space permitting, on a first-come first-serve basis. Cycle reservations can be made on most mainline services - there is no charge for this. Folding cycles can be carried as hand luggage without any restriction. There are also cycle parking facilities at most main stations. On Virgin trains you do need to make a cycle reservation.

Turn-up-and-travel Tickets

Single

Single fares allow a one-way journey between two named stations on the date shown on the ticket. They are available for travel at any time.

Standard Day Return

Standard Day Return fares are for local journeys (such as within Devon), allow one return journey on the date shown on the ticket, and are also available for travel at any time.



Cheap Day Return

Cheap Day Return fares allow one return journey on the date shown on the ticket and are available for travel after 0930 Monday to Friday, any time weekends or Bank Holidays.

GroupSave

GroupSave fares allow up to four passengers to travel together for the price of two adult Cheap Day Returns. The fare is valid for any journey where a Cheap Day Return is available.

Savers

These are discounted return tickets for longer journeys, but are not valid on all trains. On busy commuter trains to London, for example, you will need an Open Return, unless you have booked in advance.

Advance Purchase Tickets

If you are going on a long journey and know beforehand when you want to travel there are some great deals to be had. Ask at your nearest staffed station or look online at www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk or www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

If you are going to use the train regularly it may be worthwhile buying a season ticket. These can give seven days travel, or any period between one month and a year. Tickets are available from ticket offices and you will need a photocard for your first one.



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For more information about bus and rail services contact:

Traveline **0871 200 22 33*** www.traveline.org.uk

DevonBus **01392 382800** www.devon.gov.uk/buses

National Rail **08457 484950** www.nationalrail.co.uk
Enquiries

* Calls from landlines cost 10 pence per minute



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