



Oldham Loop rail line closure

Important information for train passengers

The Manchester–Oldham–Rochdale rail line (the Oldham Loop) will close after the last train on 3 October 2009 to enable us to start work on replacing the old train route with a brand new Metrolink tram system.

This leaflet provides you with information about the different tickets available for using buses and other train services during the closure.

www.gmppte.com/oldhamloop



Bus fares

How much does it cost and how do I pay?

A range of fare options are available for bus services in Greater Manchester. We've highlighted the ticket choices here so you can choose which best suits your needs.

A number of options are available:

Option 1 – Pay the driver for the single journey. Simply tell the driver where you wish to travel as the fare will vary according to distance. Bus fares do not change during the day, so you don't pay more to travel at peak times. This is the simplest option, but if you are making more than one journey or need to change services the following options may be cheaper.

Option 2 – Pay the driver for a day ticket. These tickets offer unlimited travel in the Greater Manchester area. The cheapest option is to buy a ticket that is valid on all buses provided by single company such as First Day for £4.00. However if you are using more than one bus company's services or combining bus, train or tram journeys a range of tickets is available called DaySaver tickets (from System One). Prices start from £4.30.

Option 3 – Buy a weekly, monthly or annual ticket. Some of the tickets can be purchased from the driver such as First Week or First Month. However, many tickets including the multi-operator System One range must be purchased from GMPTE Travelshops where a photo ID is required or direct from First. Tickets may then also be renewed at local PayPoint outlets.

Peak travel – Some bus and combined bus and train day tickets cannot be used before 9.30am on weekdays. These are called 'off peak' fares. All season tickets can be used on any day at any time and these are called 'peak' travel fares.

Adult tickets for peak bus travel

Ticket provider	Day	Week	Month	Annual	Validity
First	First Day £4.00 ^a	First Week £15.50 ^a	First Month £55.00 ^a	First Year £550.00 ^b	First Bus services only
System One	DaySaver (bus only) £4.60 ^a (£4.30 off peak)	Bus Saver 7 days £17.00	Bus Saver 28 days £59.50	Bus Saver Annual £625.00	All buses in Greater Manchester

^a available on the bus from the driver.

^b available from First. Phone **08457 88 11 55** for an application.

When buying a ticket please note that the bus driver can only accept cash (not credit/debit cards or cheques). Although change can be given on most bus companies' services, please have the correct fare ready whenever possible and avoid large bank notes.

Are there any concessionary fares?

Children aged 16* and under may travel for a flat single fare of 80p. Children aged 13 – 16* can get a free ID-16 card to prove their age. You can get an application form from a GMPTE Travelshop or by visiting **www.gmppte.com**.

People with GMPTE concessionary travel passes may travel free of charge on any bus after 9.30am Monday to Friday and anytime at weekends and public holidays. If you wish to travel before 9.30am Monday to Friday a flat fare of 80p is payable for each journey. GMPTE Concessionary Plus pass holders travel free at all times. Non-GMPTE concessionary travel pass holders pay full fare before 9.30am.

Children under 16 can buy First Day and First Week tickets for £2.10 and £7.00 respectively. You can buy these tickets from the bus driver.

A System One Junior Bus Saver is a bus season ticket for children under 16. A Junior Bus Saver allows unlimited travel in Greater Manchester and costs £8.00 weekly or £30.00 for 28 days. You must have an ID-16 card to buy this ticket. To obtain an ID-16 card please visit a GMPTE Travelshop, details can be found on the GMPTE website.

Travelling by bus and train

You may find it more convenient to use the bus to connect with other train services at Rochdale, Greenfield or other stations. If you do this there are convenient combined tickets that can save you money compared with buying separate bus and train tickets. GMPTE are working with Northern Rail to add more trains on the Rochdale to Manchester service.

All rail tickets and combined bus and train tickets purchased from stations in Greater Manchester to Manchester allow free travel on Metrolink in Manchester city centre.**

A DaySaver Bus and Train costs £5.30 and allows unlimited bus and train travel in Greater Manchester for a whole day at off peak times. You can buy DaySaver tickets from the bus driver, the station ticket office or from the conductor on the train if the ticket office is closed.

* Up to 31 August after their 16th birthday.

** Metrolink services in Manchester city centre are currently suspended and will recommence in November 2009.

A Countycard from System One is a travelcard that allows unlimited bus and train travel in Greater Manchester at any time. You can buy weekly, monthly or annual Countycards from GMPTE Travelshops and staffed rail stations.

If you buy a rail or tram season ticket costing more than £12.00 weekly or £47.00 monthly, you can also buy a Buscard Extra 'add on' ticket which allows unlimited bus travel in Greater Manchester. Buscard Extra costs £6.70 weekly or £26.80 monthly, and to purchase these you must show your current rail or tram season ticket.

Adult tickets for combined peak bus and train travel

Ticket provider	Day	Week	Month	Annual	Validity
System One ticket for bus and train travel	DaySaver (bus and train) £5.30 ^c	Countycard 7 £28.60	Countycard one month £90.00	Countycard annual £900.00	All buses and trains in Greater Manchester
System One bus 'add-on' ticket for rail season tickets	Not available	Buscard Extra (weekly) £6.70	Buscard Extra (monthly) £26.80	Not available	All buses in Greater Manchester

^c off peak only

Further information

For information on buses and trains and bus timetables:

Visit www.gmpete.com/info

Phone Traveline on **0871 200 22 33**. Calls cost 10p a minute from landlines, mobile and landline networks may charge an additional tariff. Lines open 7am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

Call into a GMPTE Travelshop in a main bus station in Greater Manchester including Oldham, Rochdale, Ashton-under-Lyne, Shudehill and Piccadilly Gardens.

Tickets and fare information is available from:

www.firstgroup.com
www.systemonetravelcards.co.uk
www.paypoint.com/locator



Information and prices shown correct at August 2009.