



This year's Godiva festival takes place between Friday 31 August and Sunday 2 September, at War Memorial Park in Coventry

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Extra train services for Godiva Festival visitors this weekend

West Midlands Railway is providing extra services for rail passengers travelling to Coventry for this year's Godiva Festival. The free music and arts event, which takes place between Friday 31 August and Sunday 2 September, is expected to attract thousands of people to Coventry's War Memorial Park.

On Saturday 1 September, those attending evening concerts will benefit from an additional evening service between Coventry and Nuneaton, departing at 22.49. The 23.30 service between Coventry and Birmingham New Street will

also have eight carriages rather than the usual four.

On both Saturday and Sunday there will also be standby coaches in place to increase capacity between Nuneaton and Coventry if required. Standby buses will also be in place on Saturday between Coventry and Leamington Spa via Kenilworth to run alongside the usual train service if necessary.

The three-day festival is hosting a number of acts over the weekend, including Jake Bugg, Editors and Ronan Keating. Passengers are advised that all rail services in and out of Coventry will be busier than normal and to leave plenty of time to complete journeys where possible.

Additionally, with Euston station closed over the weekend, passengers travelling from London and the South East should check their journeys before they travel.

Richard Brooks, customer experience director at West Midlands Railway, said: “The Godiva Festival is going to be a real highlight for Coventry this summer and it’s great to see the city hosting such a high-profile line up of acts. It will definitely be a draw for visitors from across the Midlands and further afield.

“As a large number of people will be travelling in by train, we want to make sure that everyone’s journey is as smooth as possible, which is why we’ve decided to provide additional services and bus transport.”

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