



Sustaining Dunbar Travel Advice Factsheet 13 - Trains



Dunbar now has a more-or-less hourly service to Edinburgh during the day, and late trains home on Friday nights (11.02pm). Last train on a Mon-Thurs and Saturdays is at 10.06pm.

Where to get train information

Up-to-date train timetables are available from the train station and Sustaining Dunbar at 16 West Port, Dunbar.

National Rail - You can also get information from National Rail enquiries, phone 08457 484950 or visit their website at www.nationalrail.co.uk. Calls cost 3p per minute from a BT landline. National Rail Enquiries website also has a very useful facility which allows you to create a personalized timetable between any two stations, and a live departure board facility where you can check whether your train is on time.

TrainTracker - Phone 0871 2004950 for real time, up-to-date information from the station departure boards, or send a text message to **484950** with your station (e.g. "DUNBAR" or "WAVERLEY to DUNBAR"). Sent messages are charged at your usual network rate; the reply costs 25p.

Train Operators stopping at Dunbar

- **Scotrail** - 0845 601 5929 Trains between Dunbar and Edinburgh four times a day, stopping at Musselburgh.
- **East Coast Trains** - 08457 225 333 Trains run four times a day from Dunbar, providing services to Edinburgh and stations towards London.
- **Cross Country Trains** - 08447 369 123 A 2-hourly service between Dunbar and Edinburgh. To get to London requires a change at York or Newcastle but you will get you there as quickly as if you took a direct East Coast service. On the other hand, the CrossCountry trains will take you all the way to Plymouth without needing to break your journey!

Cheaper Fares

On-line booking - You need to book early to get cheaper fares, ideally around 12 weeks before you want to travel. There is no flexibility with the cheapest advance tickets however, and the train you're booked on is the train you must travel on, or you will have to pay a full fare ticket on the train. National Rail has a 'cheapest fare finder' on its website, www.nationalrail.co.uk, which is a good starting point; they often list local promotional offers too. The Trainline, www.thetrainline.com, is another good site to visit for cheap rail fares. It has a ticket alert option, which will e-mail you when cheap advance tickets for a specific journey come on sale, but does have a booking fee.

Railcards and Season Tickets - You can cut the cost of rail travel significantly with a railcard or season ticket. Season tickets from Dunbar to Edinburgh will save you around £10 weekly or £60 monthly. Railcards typically save you a third off your fare, check the railcard website,

www.railcard.co.uk for details and promotions. There are a number of rules and regulations for using your railcard, but this is rarely a problem unless you're travelling in London or the south-east of England. Check with the station if you're travelling further afield, particularly during peak hours. Railcards available include:

- **16-25 Railcard** - For under 26's or full time students of any age. Cost £28 per year.
- **Family and Friends Railcard** Available for family groups of up to four adults and four children (under 16), the minimum sized group must be one adult and one child. Cost £28 per year.
- **Senior Railcard** - For the over 60's. Cost £28 per year.
- **Disabled Persons Railcard** - Cost £20 per year. If your carer travels with you, they get the same discount.

Other Offers

One Ticket

www.one-ticket.co.uk. The One-Ticket is a single ticket for bus and train travel. You can buy a day ticket for buses only, or a weekly/monthly/annual season ticket to allow you to take any local bus or train at any time. Tickets are available from any staffed train stations.

PlusBus

When you buy your train ticket to Edinburgh you can add on city-wide bus travel for £3. This ticket enables you to travel on Lothian and First buses and any of the smaller Edinburgh bus operators. If you are a railcard holder you can buy it for only £2.

Taking your bike on the train

Scotrail - No reservations necessary. Space on the trains is flexible, so if there is room for your bike the guard will usually let it on. Free

Cross Country - 2 spaces per train can be reserved, call 0844 811 0124. One bike without a reservation can be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Free.

East Coast - Bikes will not be carried without a reservation. Reservations should be made at the station at least 24 hours before travel. You can also make a reservation at the same time as buying your tickets if you buy online or over the phone - 08457 225 333. Maximum 5 bikes per train, carried in the guard's van. Free.

All trains will accept folding bikes as hand-luggage.

