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EXTRA HELPINGS OF AMTRAK TRAINS FOR THANKSGIVING TRAVEL IN MICHIGAN Additional service for the busy holiday season

CHICAGO and LANSING – In anticipation of its busiest travel week of the year, Amtrak is adding 18 more trains to its schedule to operate between Chicago and Michigan destinations during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Passengers are encouraged to [book early](#).

The attached schedule ([also on Amtrak.com](#)) provides information on these extra trains that will operate in addition to the [Amtrak Wolverine Service, Blue Water and Pere Marquette](#) trains sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Michigan passengers also will find new stations in Grand Rapids and Troy.

To accommodate the expected surge of holiday riders nationally, America's Railroad® will operate every available passenger rail car in its fleet and is scheduling extra trains and adding capacity on several routes. The busiest travel days are the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after the holiday. Other than Thanksgiving Day, morning trains typically have more available seats than those in the afternoon and evening.

About Amtrak®

Amtrak is America's Railroad®, the nation's intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. Amtrak and its state and commuter partners move people, the economy and the nation forward. Formally known as the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak is governed by a nine member board of directors appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Anthony R. Coscia is board chairman and Jeffrey R. Moreland is vice chairman. In FY 2014, nearly 31 million passengers traveled on Amtrak on more than 300 daily trains – at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph) – that connect 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces. Enjoy the journey® at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Like us on [Facebook](#), Follow us on Twitter ([@Amtrak](#)) and check out our blog at blog.amtrak.com.

About MDOT

The mission of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is to provide the highest quality integrated transportation services for economic benefit and improved quality of life. MDOT has direct jurisdiction over Michigan's nearly 10,000-mile state highway system, comprised of all Interstate, state, and U.S. routes. The state also owns 4,704 highway, railroad and pedestrian bridges, 655 miles of railroad track (which is managed by private operators including Amtrak), 103 miles of non-motorized trails and four airports. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mdot.

(special schedule attached) #
NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION



SPECIAL MICHIGAN THANKSGIVING TIMETABLE

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 1, 2014

Amtrak® will operate 18 extra trains in Michigan in order to supplement regularly scheduled Wolverine® trains for the Thanksgiving 2014 Holiday—these are in addition to regularly scheduled trains. These extra trains will operate between Chicago, IL and Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor, MI and serve stations as indicated. See other page for Pere Marquette® schedules.

WOLVERINE SERVICE and BLUE WATER

| | Wolverine Extra | Blue Water | Wolverine | Wolverine Extra | Wolverine | Blue Water | Wolverine | Wolverine Extra | Wolverine | Wolverine Extra | Wolverine | Wolverine Extra | Wolverine |
|--------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| 7:00A | 9:00A | 12:50P | 4:00P | 6:00P | 10:00P | | | 7:45A | 10:47A | 11:45A | 3:58P | 7:45P | 10:57P |
| 7:40A | 1:19P | 1:58P | 5:19P | 7:01P | 11:00P | | | 6:22A | 8:45A | 11:24A | 3:28P | 7:17P | 10:34P |
| 9:37A | 11:39A | 3:05P | 6:10P | 8:12P | 11:10A | | | 6:32A | 8:04A | 11:00A | 2:50P | 6:51P | 10:09P |
| 10:07A | 12:09P | 3:33P | 6:38P | 8:35P | 11:23A | | | 6:40A | 8:06A | 10:50A | 2:25P | 6:15P | 9:51P |
| 10:17A | 12:19P | 3:43P | 6:48P | 8:45P | 11:33A | | | 6:15A | 8:02A | 10:25A | 2:25P | 6:15P | 9:51P |
| 10:55A | 12:57P | 4:05P | 7:12P | 9:10P | 1:30A | | | | 9:00A | 9:02A | 1:54P | 5:44P | 8:55P |
| 11:27A | 1:06P | 4:40P | 7:45P | 9:47P | | | | | 9:00A | 9:02A | 1:54P | 5:44P | 8:55P |
| 12:15P | 5:00P | 8:50P | 10:00P | 10:30P | | | | | 8:45A | 8:45A | 11:55A | | 11:55A |
| 12:45P | 5:30P | 9:31P | 10:31P | 11:45P | | | | | 7:06A | 7:06A | 12:45A | | 12:45A |
| 1:50P | 6:45P | 10:28P | 11:28P | | | | | | 8:00A | 8:00A | 1:21P | | 1:21P |
| 2:16P | 7:00P | 11:58P | | | | | | | 8:08A | 8:08A | 12:17P | | 12:17P |
| 2:50P | 7:30P | | | | | | | | 7:28A | 7:28A | 12:17P | | 12:17P |
| 3:00P | 8:00P | | | | | | | | 6:51A | 6:51A | 11:45A | | 11:45A |
| 3:00P | 8:00P | | | | | | | | 6:29A | 6:29A | 11:17A | | 11:17A |
| 3:00P | 8:00P | | | | | | | | 6:55A | 6:55A | 10:57A | | 10:57A |
| 3:00P | 8:00P | | | | | | | | 5:59A | 5:59A | 10:40A | | 10:40A |
| 3:00P | 8:00P | | | | | | | | 5:45A | 5:45A | 10:25A | | 10:25A |

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Shading Key
Reserved corridor service train
Throughway and connecting services

- Service on Wolverine® and Blue Water™**
- Coaches: Reservations required.
 - Business class: Ticket price includes non-alcoholic beverage and newspaper, and access to the Amtrak Metropolitan Lounge in Chicago.
 - Cafe: Sandwiches, snacks and beverages.
 - WiFi available.
 - Amtrak Quiet Car (Monday-Friday only).
 - Indian Trails Thruway Connection available between Battle Creek, East Lansing and Flint.
 - Cafe: Task machine is located at the Blue Water Area Connection & Visitors Bureau, 520 Thomas Edison Parkway, next to Thomas Edison Inn, approximately five miles from the station.
 - Smoking is prohibited.
 - Bicycles and Golf Bags: A limited number of spaces are available on the Blue Water from all stations to transport bicycles and golf bags; on Wolverine trains spaces are available from all stations to transport golf bags only. Reservations are required; nominal charges apply; passenger assists with loading, stowing and unloading.

STATION: D Stops only to discharge passengers; train may have brief stop. L Stops to receive and discharge passengers; train may have brief stop. On-Board: B Stop. O Call-tak self-service to bring food, pet, bag, stop. O Unstaffed station. S Staffed station with ticket office; may or may not be open for all train operations. S Station wheelchair accessible. B Bar between station and train. B Station wheelchair accessible; not all station facilities accessible.

