HOW TO RIDE THE TRAIN

IN MERCER COUNTY





There are several options for getting around by train in Mercer County. This section will cover available routes, fares, and timetables.

TRAIN SERVICE IN MERCER COUNTY



NJ TRANSIT provides rail service along the **Northeast Corridor (NEC) rail line** between Trenton and New York City. The following stations are located in Mercer County:

Trenton Transit Center	72 South Clinton Ave., Trenton
Hamilton Station	Sloan Ave. near I-295, Hamilton
Princeton Junction	2 Wallace Rd., West Windsor

NJ TRANSIT provides train shuttle service called the **Princeton Shuttle (Dinky) between Princeton Station (Alexander Rd.) and Princeton Junction.**

Additionally, the NJ TRANSIT light rail service on the **River LINE from Trenton to Camden** has three stops located in Mercer County, all within Trenton: Cass Street, Hamilton Avenue, and Trenton Transit Center.

SEPTA provides regional train service between Mercer County and Philadelphia. There are stops in Trenton and West Trenton.

Amtrak stops at two train stations in Mercer County, one in Trenton and the other at Princeton Junction.

NJ TRANSIT



NJ TRANSIT provides train service along the **Northeast Corridor (NEC) train line** between New York City and Trenton. Check the **NJ TRANSIT website** or the **NJ TRANSIT Mobile App** for timetables or call **973-275-5555** for more information. Printed timetables can be found at most rail stations. You can see which stations are origins and destinations for each train on that particular route. Remember, not all trains stop at each station on a given run.

To learn how to read a timetable, follow the instructions below and practice with the table on the next page.

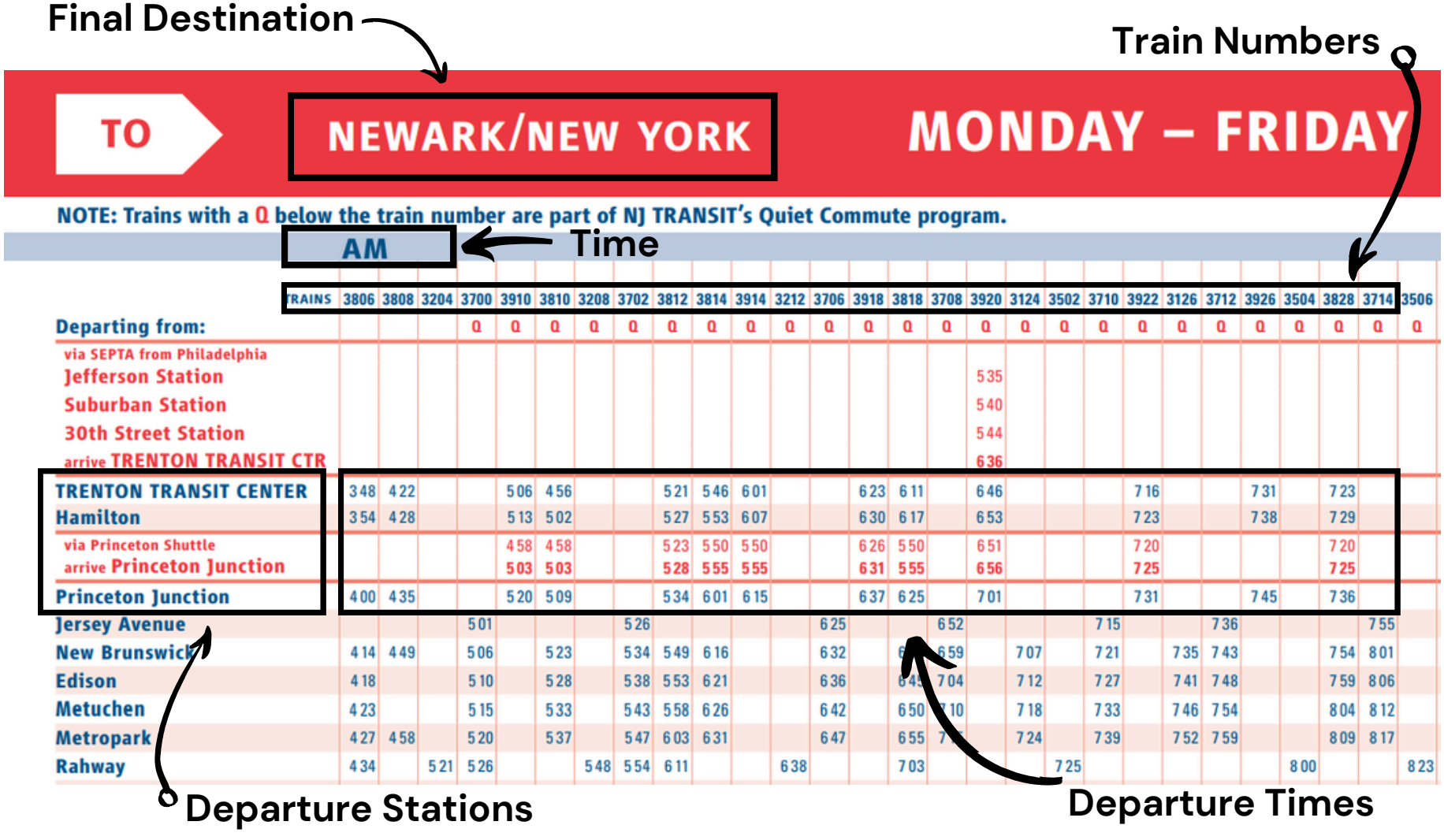
01 Once you know which two rail stations you will be traveling between, using train timetables is a snap. **First,** identify the section for the direction in which you would like to travel (AM or PM, weekday or weekend.)

02 **Next**, find your desired station by reading down on the list and follow the line to the right until you get to your desired departure time. It's that easy!

03 To find out **when you will arrive**, start at the departure time you just found and follow the column down until you reach the time across from your arrival location.

If you are unsure of which stations you need, the NJ TRANSIT website can assist you by allowing you to use a landmark or street to find the appropriate station. As always, call Greater Mercer TMA at **609-452-1491** for assistance.

TIMETABLES


Final Destination
Train Numbers
TO
NEWARK/NEW YORK
MONDAY – FRIDAY
NOTE: Trains with a Q below the train number are part of NJ TRANSIT's Quiet Commute program.
AM
Time
TRAINS 3806 3808 3204 3700 3910 3810 3208 3702 3812 3814 3914 3212 3706 3918 3818 3708 3920 3124 3502 3710 3922 3126 3712 3926 3504 3828 3714 3506
Departing from: Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q
via SEPTA from Philadelphia
Jefferson Station 535
Suburban Station 540
30th Street Station 544
arrive TRENTON TRANSIT CTR 636
TRENTON TRANSIT CENTER 348 422 506 456 521 546 601 623 611 646 716 731 723
Hamilton 354 428 513 502 527 553 607 630 617 653 723 738 729
via Princeton Shuttle 458 458 523 550 550 626 550 651 720 720
arrive Princeton Junction 503 503 528 555 555 631 555 656 725 725
Princeton Junction 400 435 520 509 534 601 615 637 625 701 731 745 736
Jersey Avenue 501 526 625 652 715 736 755
New Brunswick 414 449 506 523 534 549 616 632 659 707 721 735 743 754 801
Edison 418 510 528 538 553 621 636 704 712 727 741 748 759 806
Metuchen 423 515 533 543 558 626 642 650 718 733 746 754 804 812
Metropark 427 458 520 537 547 603 631 647 655 724 739 752 759 809 817
Rahway 434 521 526 548 554 611 638 703 725 800 823
Departure Stations
Departure Times

BUYING THE TRAIN TICKET

Fares are based on the locations between which the trip occurs. Individuals with disabilities and riders 62 years and older with valid I.D. will receive **reduced fares** on all train trips.



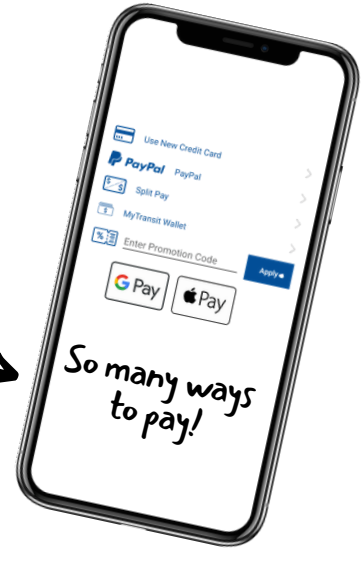
Ticket Offices or Ticket Vending Machines (TVM)

Most rail stations have Ticket Offices or Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs). TVMs are easy to use. Simply follow the on-screen instructions. TVMs accept cash, debit cards and credit cards.

The NJ TRANSIT Station and Parking Guide, which is available at the NJ TRANSIT website, provides additional details about Ticket Office hours and TVM locations.

NJ TRANSIT Mobile App

Train tickets and passes can now be purchased with your mobile phone using a credit or debit card, a prepaid credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, and the MyTransit Wallet.



NJ TRANSIT RIVER LINE



The River LINE is a light rail train that operates from Trenton to Camden with stations at three Trenton locations: Trenton Transit Center, Hamilton Avenue, and Cass Street. You can find the schedules **online**, https://www.njtransit.com/light-rail-to or on the NJ TRANSIT app.



Validator boxes are usually bright orange.

Buying tickets

Tickets must be purchased from the **station or Ticket Vending Machine** before boarding. When you ride the light rail, your one-way ticket must be validated prior to boarding, or you will be subject to a fine. You may choose to validate your ticket at the time of purchase through the ticket vending machine or by using a validator machine located near the ticket vending machine at each station. You can also purchase daily light rail tickets using the **NJ TRANSIT Mobile App.** Monthly passes, transfers, and trip ticket receipts do not need to be time stamped.

Riding the River LINE

Once on board, sit and enjoy the ride to your destination. When the train comes to a complete stop upon your arrival, push the green button to open the doors.

Real-time Updates

Now you can find out when the next train is arriving through **MYLIGHTRAIL** or simply call **973-275-5555** or text the **light rail Station ID to 69287** and you will get the next scheduled train to arrive at your station.

Reduced Fares

Riders 62 years and older and passengers with disabilities can travel at a reduced fare of one-half the regular one-way fare or less at all times. You will need a valid ID to obtain the reduced fare. To learn more, visit the **Reduced Fare Program** website.

AMTRAK

Amtrak stops at two train stations in Mercer County, one in **Trenton** and the other at **Princeton Junction**. Amtrak also runs a high speed train, the **Acela Express**, from Boston to Washington D.C. To start planning your trip, visit the **Trip Planner** and view the available schedules and routes. Travelers 65 years of age and over are eligible to receive a **10% discount** on most rail fares on most Amtrak trains. Visit their **website** to find out more.



WWW.AMTRAK.COM

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SEPTA)



SEPTA https://www.septa.org/ has two regional train lines that serve Mercer County. The **Trenton Line** terminates at the Trenton Transit Center. The **West Trenton Line** terminates in West Trenton, Ewing Township. Both lines provide service to Center City Philadelphia with local stops in Bucks County.

To ride the regional train lines, tickets must be purchased at the train station or a penalty is applied to the fare. For stations that do not have a building with a ticket vendor, a penalty is not applied for tickets purchased on board.