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AMTRAK ADDS MORE *WOLVERINE SERVICE* TRAINS FOR THANKSGIVING TRAVEL TO AND FROM MICHIGAN Special Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor trains this holiday season; Book now for these services and additional capacity on other routes

CHICAGO – In anticipation of its busiest travel week of the year, Amtrak is adding more trains between Chicago and Michigan – and since posting its ninth year of record-breaking ridership – America’s Railroad® is encouraging passengers to plan ahead for Thanksgiving travel and book their tickets now for best availability and pricing.

The busiest travel days that are likely to sell out are the Tuesday and Wednesday before and the Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving. Passengers can also consider traveling on less-busy days such as the Monday before or the Friday and Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday, when more availability and price options could be available.

Amtrak will offer two additional eastbound and one additional westbound *Wolverine Service* trains between Chicago and Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor, Mich., on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 21. Amtrak will operate two additional *Wolverine Service* round-trips daily between Chicago and Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor on Friday, Nov. 23, on Saturday, Nov. 24, and on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Amtrak ordinarily offers three daily round-trips through Ann Arbor and four daily round-trips through Kalamazoo, with all these trains operating at top speeds of 110 mph through parts of Indiana and Western Michigan. Please see the schedules below for Trains 356-359 and the attached schedules for all Amtrak services in Michigan.

In preparation for the anticipated heavy holiday passenger volume, Amtrak will also operate every available passenger rail car in its fleet and is scheduling extra trains to accommodate additional passengers in the Northeast, Midwest, and on the West Coast.

More than 724,000 passengers traveled on Amtrak trains for the Thanksgiving holiday in 2011, the most ever for the holiday. Amtrak announced last week it carried more than 31.2 million passengers in the 12 months ending September 30, marking its highest-ever ridership.

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A year-to-year comparison of the 2012 and 2011 fiscal years (Oct.-Sept) shows nationwide ridership grew 3.5 percent to a new record of 31,240,565 passengers and ticket revenue jumped 6.8 percent to a best-ever \$2.02 billion. In addition, Amtrak system-wide on-time performance increased to 83 percent.

About Amtrak®:

Amtrak is America’s Railroad®, the nation’s intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. A record 31.2 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2012 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. Amtrak operates intercity trains in partnership with 15 states and contracts with 13 commuter rail agencies to provide a variety of services. Enjoy the journey® at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on facebook.com/Amtrak and follow us at twitter.com/Amtrak.

(special schedules below, regular schedules attached)

**Amtrak Thanksgiving Holiday 2012 Schedules
Effective Nov. 21-26 ONLY**

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 356		
All Times Local		Days of Operation WeFrSaSu
9:00 a.m.	Dp	Chicago
11:39 a.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
12:03 p.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
12:37 p.m.	Dp	Kalamazoo, Mich.
1:09 p.m.	Dp	Battle Creek, Mich.
2:00 p.m.	Dp	Jackson, Mich.
3:00 p.m.	Ar	Ann Arbor, Mich.

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 357		
All Times Local		Days of Operation ThFrSaSuMo
6:15 a.m.	Dp	Kalamazoo, Mich.
6:40 a.m.	Dp	Dowagiac, Mich.
6:52 a.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
7:12 a.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
6:22 a.m.	Dp	Michigan City, Ind.
7:45 a.m.	Ar	Chicago

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 358		
All Times Local		Days of Operation WeThFrSaSu
10:00 p.m.	Dp	Chicago
11:01 p.m.	Dp	Michigan City, Ind.
12:12 a.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
12:35 a.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
12:46 a.m.	Dp	Dowagiac, Mich.
1:30 a.m.	Ar	Kalamazoo, Mich.

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 359		
All Times Local		Days of Operation WeFrSaSu
4:05 p.m.	Dp	Ann Arbor, Mich.
4:45 p.m.	Dp	Jackson, Mich.
5:44 p.m.	Dp	Battle Creek, Mich.
6:15 p.m.	Dp	Kalamazoo, Mich.
6:51 p.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
7:12 p.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
7:45 p.m.	Ar	Chicago



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21 - 26, 2012

Amtrak® will operate 18 extra trains in Michigan in order to supplement regularly scheduled Wolverine Service® for the Thanksgiving 2012 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.

WOLVERINE SERVICE



Wolverine	Wolverine Extra	Wolverine	Blue Water	Wolverine	Wolverine Extra	Train Name	Wolverine Extra	Wolverine	Blue Water	Wolverine	Wolverine Extra	Wolverine	
350	356	352	364	354	358	Train Number	357	351	365	353	359	355	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Wednesday, November 21		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Thursday, November 22	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Friday, November 23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Saturday, November 24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sunday, November 25	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Monday, November 26	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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Read Down						Mile	Symbol	Read Up					
7 20A	9 20A	12 50P	4 00P	6 00P	10 00P	0	Chicago, IL—Union Station (CT)	7 45A	10 47A	11 45A	3 58P	7 45P	10 57P
7 47A		1 17P		7 00P	D11 01P	16	Hammond-Whiting, IN				L3 10P		L10 08P
		1 57P				52	Michigan City, IN (CT)	6 22A					9 34P
9 37A	11 39A	3 09P	6 10P	8 12P	D12 12A	62	New Buffalo, MI (ET)	7 12A		11 24A	3 28P	7 12P	10 24P
10 07A	12 03P	3 33P	6 33P	8 35P	D12 35A	89	Niles, MI (South Bend)	6 52A		11 03A	2 58P	6 51P	10 03P
10 17A			6 43P		D12 46A	102	Dowagiac, MI	6 40A		10 50A			9 51P
10 55A	12 37P	4 08P	7 12P	9 10P	1 30A	138	Kalamazoo, MI	6 15A		10 25A	2 25P	6 15P	9 26P
									9 35A			6 15P	8 30P
11 27A	1 09P	4 40P		9 47P		160	Battle Creek, MI		9 02A	9 54A	1 54P	5 44P	8 55P
☕☕☕12 30P			7 44P	☕☕☕10 30P		208	East Lansing, MI			8 28A	☕☕☕11 00P		☕☕☕5 50P
☕☕☕1 50P			8 56P	☕☕☕11 45P		238	Durand, MI			7 47A			
			9 42P			256	Flint, MI			7 11A	☕☕☕10 30A		☕☕☕4 00P
☕☕☕3 40P			10 07P	☕☕☕12 40A		274	Lapeer, MI			6 45A			
			10 36P			319	Port Huron, MI			6 00A			
		☕☕☕5 08P				184	Albion, MI				☕☕☕1 21P		
12 18P	2 00P	5 33P		10 37P		205	Jackson, MI		8 08A		12 58P	4 45P	8 01P
1 05P	3 00P	6 16P		11 20P		243	Ann Arbor, MI		7 26A		12 17P	4 05P	7 21P
						271	Greenfield Village, MI ☕						
L1 35P		L6 46P		L11 51P		273	Dearborn, MI		6 51A		11 43A		6 45P
L2 04P		L7 13P		L12 18A		281	Detroit, MI		6 28A		11 20A		6 23P
						292	Royal Oak, MI		6 25A		11 17A		6 20P
L2 28P		L7 37P		L12 42A		296	Birmingham, MI		6 05A		10 57A		6 00P
L2 36P		L7 44P		L12 49A		304	Pontiac, MI (ET)		5 58A		10 49A		5 53P
3 03P		8 12P		1 19A					5 45A		10 35A		5 40P

Service on Wolverine Service® and Blue WaterSM

- ☑ Coaches: Reservations required.
- ☑ Business class: Complimentary non-alcoholic beverage and newspaper.
- ☑ Cafe: Sandwiches, snacks and beverages.
- ☑ Indian Trails Thruway Connection available between Battle Creek, East Lansing and Flint.
- * Quik-Trak machine is located at the Blue Water Area convention & Visitors Bureau, 520 Thomas Edison Parkway, next to Thomas Edison Inn, approximately five miles from the station.

Golf Bags: A limited number of spaces are available to transport golf bags to/from all stations served by Wolverine Service and Blue Water trains. Reservations are required; nominal charges apply; passenger assists with loading, stowing and unloading.

Smoking is prohibited.

Shading Key
Reserved Corridor service
Thruway and connecting services

The Blue Water is financed primarily through funds made available by the Michigan State Department of Transportation.

SYMBOLS: D Stops only to discharge passengers; train may leave before time shown. L Stops to receive and discharge passengers; train may leave before time shown. ☕ Thruway Bus stop. ☑ Quik-Trak self-serve ticketing kiosk. ☕ Flag stop. O—Unstaffed station. ● Staffed Station with ticket office; may or may not be open for all train departures. ♿ Station wheelchair accessible; no barriers between station and train. ♿ Station wheelchair accessible; not all station facilities accessible.

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