



GREATER MANCHESTER INDEPENDENT TRAVEL GUIDE

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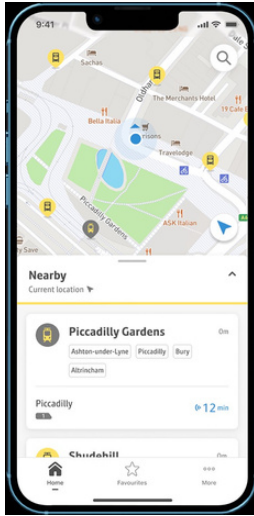
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Getting Ready to Travel



Plan your journey before you go.

Use the Bee Network App or check timetables online or at stops.



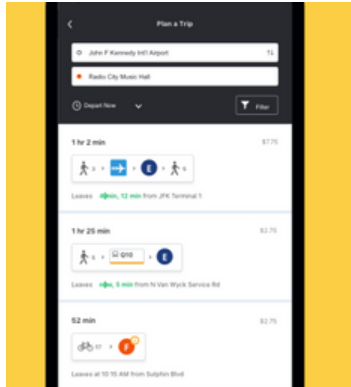
Practice your route if it's new —try quieter times like 9am–4pm.

Check the weather and wear the right clothes.



Write down your journey steps and landmarks to help you remember.

Using the Bee Network App



Helps you plan trips by bus, tram, train, walking, or cycling.



Shows live times and lets you track buses.

You can buy tickets and get travel alerts.



Use it to contact police in non-emergencies.

You can also rate your journey and find help if needed.



Travel Checklist



Keys



Money or bank card



Travel pass or ticket



Charged phone and charger

Travel Checklist



Medication (if needed)



Tissues, snack, and drink



**Weather-appropriate
clothes**

Packing My Bag



**Emergency contact saved
in your phone**



**Someone knows where
you're going**

Staying Safe



Tell someone you trust where you're going



Ask for help from staff in uniform or TravelSafe Officers.



Don't share personal details with strangers

Use emergency help points at tram stops if needed.



Call 999 in an emergency or use GMP Live Chat for non-urgent help

Road Safety



Cross at safe places like
pedestrian crossings



Don't use your phone or
headphones when walking



Wear bright colours to be
seen by drivers

Public Transport Safety



Wait in a safe place like a shelter or waiting room



Check the vehicle number and destination



Sit near the driver if you can

Public Transport Safety



Keep your bag zipped and close to you



If lost, ask staff or call your emergency contact.



Use handrails if you move while the vehicle is moving

Tickets and Passes



You can buy tickets on the bus or at tram / train stops



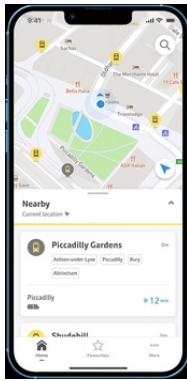
Use the Bee Network App or train company apps

You might get free or cheaper travel if you:

- Are under 16 (igo card)
 - Are 16-18 (Our Pass)
 - Have a disability
 - Are a care leaver (18-25)
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Bus Travel - Step by Step



1. Plan your journey



2. Wait at the stop and put your hand out



3. Get on and show or buy your ticket



4. Enjoy the ride

Bus Travel - Step by Step

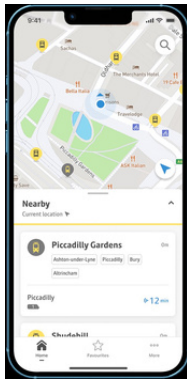


5. Press the button when you're near your stop



6. Get off safely

Tram Travel - Step by Step



1. Plan your journey



2. Buy a ticket or tap in



3. Board the tram



4. Enjoy your ride

Tram Travel - Step by Step

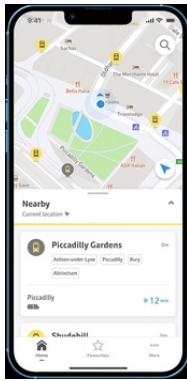


5. Press the button so the doors open and leave safely

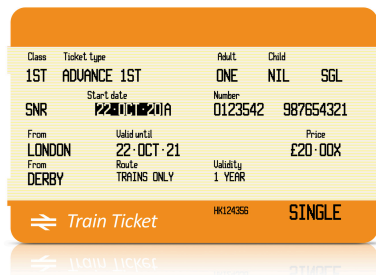


6. Tap out if you tapped in

Train Travel - Step by Step



1. Plan your journey



2. Buy your ticket



3. Find your platform



4. Board the train

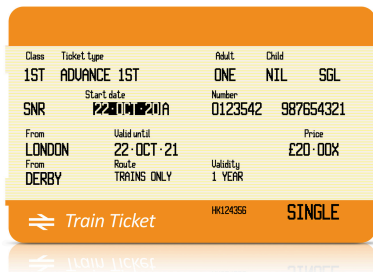
Train Travel - Step by Step



6. Enjoy the ride



7. Press the button so the doors open and leave safely



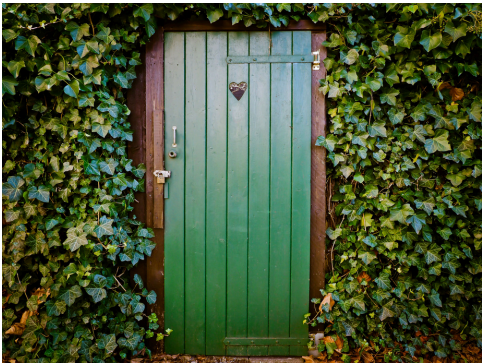
8. Keep your ticket to show at the end

Ring and Ride



A minibus for people who find buses, trams, or trains hard to use

You must register first (it's free)



Pick up from your door and drop off at your destination

Taxi Travel



Book by phone, app, or go to a taxi rank



Take a photo of the taxi's number plate and share it with someone you trust



Check the driver's ID badge before getting in



You don't have to tip the driver

Extra help for additional needs



"Please offer me a seat" badges are available



Sunflower lanyards show you may need extra help



Bus hailers and bright pass wallets help people with sight loss.



Some schools and councils offer travel training



Visit the TfGM website for more help and resources
