



Go on - try the tram

A smooth and easy journey from Ashton to the city centre and beyond...

The brighter way to travel

Ashton line

For full details of all services across the Metrolink network:

Go online www.metrolink.co.uk @MCRMetroLink

Call Metrolink Customer Services
0161 205 2000

6am – 11pm Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm Saturday and Sunday
10am – 6pm public holidays

Visit your local Transport for Greater Manchester Travelshop
Ashton Bus Station, Ashton
Shudehill Interchange, Manchester
Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester

For all information on public transport or to request this leaflet in other formats:

Call Traveline
0871 200 22 33
7am – 8pm Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm Saturday,
Sunday & public holidays (Calls cost 10p a minute plus network extras)

All information in this leaflet is correct at time of going to press. If you have any comments about your new Metrolink service and how we can encourage you to use it, please send us your thoughts to customerservices@metrolink.co.uk

Choosing your ticket

Metrolink offers a range of ticket types to suit a wide variety of travel needs.

To make a journey between two specific stops on the network for one day only, choose **Single** or **Return Tickets**. Remember that you must complete your outward journey within 90 minutes of buying your ticket.

Regular benefits

If you use the tram regularly you can choose from a **Weekly, 4-weekly** or **Annual Season Ticket** which allows you unlimited travel on your specified route for the period covered by your ticket.

If your Season Ticket or Return Ticket covers a journey into the City Zone, you get the added benefit of being able to use it for **unlimited travel within the City Zone** for the same period.

To purchase a 4-weekly or Annual Season Ticket you first need to get a free Metrolink Travel Club ID Card, which are available from any Transport for Greater Manchester Travelshop or you can download an application form at www.metrolink.co.uk. Weekly Season Tickets are available on stop at our ticket vending machines.

Greater freedom

If you want the freedom to travel anywhere on the network then a **Day Travelcard** offers great value for money.

Choose between a peak Day Travelcard, which is valid anytime, or an off-peak Day Travelcard which is valid after 9.30am Mondays to Fridays, and all day Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. You can make as many journeys as you like to different places on the network up to the last tram of the day.

Better value for money

For those using the tram at weekends or as a family, you can get even better value.

As an individual, you can travel anywhere on the network from 6pm Friday to the last tram on Sunday for **just £5.80** with a **Weekend Travelcard**.

If you're travelling with the family, up to three children accompanied by one or two adults can travel anywhere on the network for a day with a **Family Day Travelcard (off-peak)** for **just £6.20**, or you can get the most out of a weekend with unlimited travel for **just £8.00** with a **Family Weekend Travelcard**.

Eligible for concessionary travel?

Children and concessionary pass holders can get great value travel options on Metrolink.

- Accompanied children under 5 travel free
- Children aged 5–15 inclusive can travel at child fares but proof of age (igo pass recommended) is required from age 11
- People with an over 60s NCTP* can travel for free in off-peak hours
- People with a disabled NCTP* can travel at concessionary rates in peak hours and for free in off-peak hours
- Greater Manchester Concession Plus pass holders can travel for free at all times.

* NCTP – National Concessionary Travel Pass (issued by Transport for Greater Manchester)

Buying your ticket

Metrolink ticket machines are located on the stop platforms and are easy to use. Simply touch the screen and follow the on-screen instructions. If you aren't sure what you are looking for, just press the button marked **i** at any time to get more information.

You can buy any type of Metrolink ticket from our machines, including a Weekly Season Ticket, but remember that you will need a valid **Metrolink Travel Club ID Card** to buy a 4-weekly or Annual Season Ticket.

You can also use the ticket machines to buy **Combined Day Travelcard** tickets that allow you to travel on Metrolink and on rail and bus services too.

You can pay for your tickets by **credit** or **debit card**, or by **cash**. Metrolink ticket machines accept all bank notes and coins except for £50 notes, 2p and 1p coins.

You can also buy Season Tickets at PayPoint agents where you see the PayPoint symbol, or at www.metrolink.co.uk

You can't purchase tickets on board, so please make sure that you buy a ticket before you travel because **travelling without a ticket can cost you £100**.



Travel Club ID and igo pass

A **Metrolink Travel Club ID Card** is required as proof of identity to purchase a 4-weekly or Annual Season Ticket. You can get one from any of Transport for Greater Manchester's Travelshops or apply online at www.metrolink.co.uk

You will need to produce your Season Ticket and Travel Club ID Cards together when asked to do so by a Metrolink Passenger Services Representative.

Young people aged 11–16 who live or attend school in Greater Manchester are eligible for an **igo pass** from Transport for Greater Manchester. It provides a readily accepted proof of eligibility on all public transport across Greater Manchester and is valid up to the 31 August following your 16th birthday.

Ride your bike to the tram

To make it easier for you to get to your nearest Metrolink stop we have improved the facilities for bike storage. Look for the symbols on the line map overleaf to show you what type of **bike storage** is available at your nearest stop: Bike stands Bike lockers

In addition, a new Cycle Hub at Ashton-under-Lyne offers secure under-cover bike parking. Visit www.tfgm.com/cycling for Cycle Hub and Bike Locker Users' Club membership information.

For the safety and comfort of all our passengers, it is not permitted to take bikes on the tram, except for fully-covered, folding bikes.



Welcome to your Metrolink service to Ashton

Your Metrolink service provides quick and easy access to Manchester city centre and a range of other Greater Manchester destinations.



Our trams are running every **12 minutes*** during the day, stopping at **Ashton-under-Lyne, Ashton West, Ashton Moss, Audenshaw, Droylsden, Cemetery Road, Edge Lane, Clayton Hall, Velopark, Etihad Campus, Holt Town and New Islington** and on to the city centre.



So here are a few good reasons to try the Metrolink service:

Save time

It takes much less time than the equivalent peak-time journey by road.

Save money

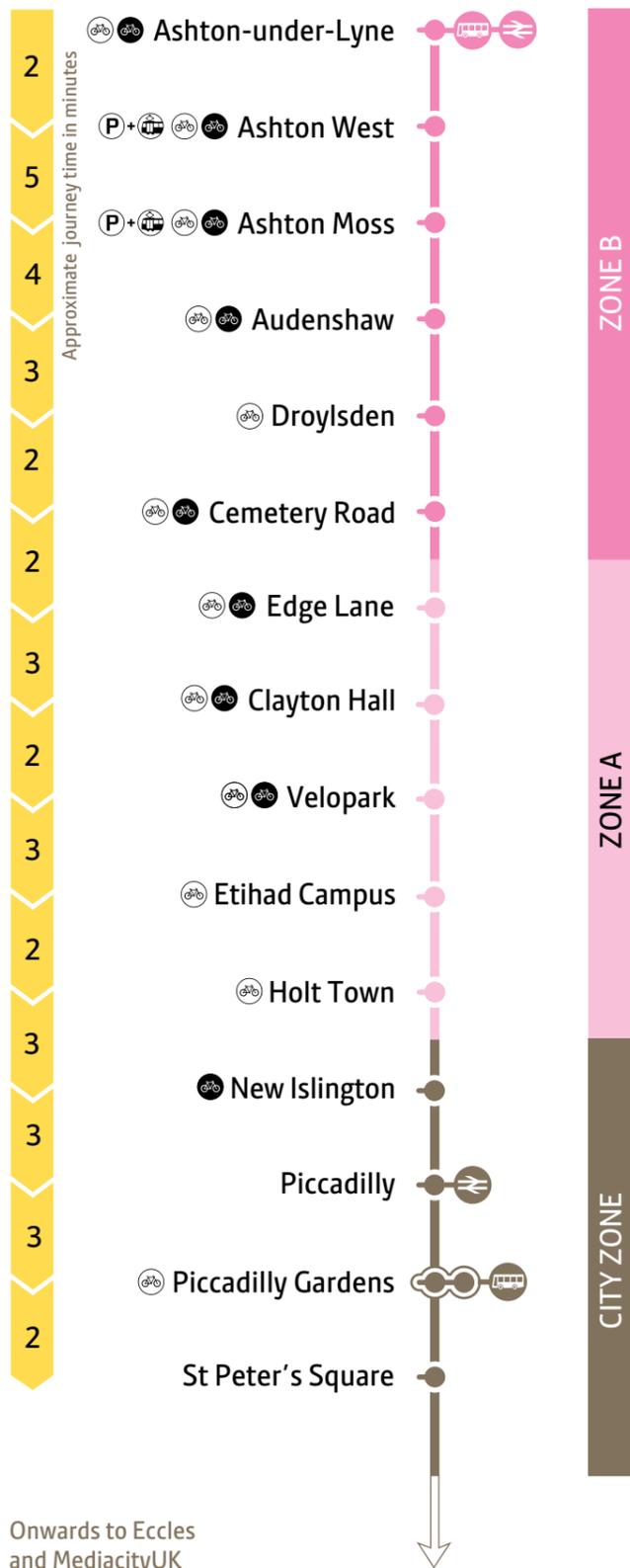
If you currently drive into the city centre you'll find that, compared to the cost of fuel and parking, travelling by Metrolink represents great value.

Save hassle

With services running every 12 minutes* to and from the city centre, your next tram is never far away.



*Every 15 minutes outside the hours of 9am–6pm on Sundays and public holidays



- Metrolink stop
- Line interchange
- Rail/Bus interchange
- Park & Ride
- Bike stands
- Bike lockers

Ashton-under-Lyne to City Zone

Ticket prices and service information

Example fares travelling to the City Zone

Peak hours are up to 0930 in the morning, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

ADULT	FROM ZONE A	FROM ZONE B
Single (peak)	£2.50	£3.60
Return (peak)	£3.80	£5.40
Return (off-peak)	£3.00	£3.80
Day Travelcard (peak)*	£7.00	£7.00
Day Travelcard (off-peak)*	£5.00	£5.00
Weekend Travelcard*	£5.80	£5.80
Weekly Season Ticket	£15.00	£22.00
4-weekly Season Ticket**	£52.00	£73.00
Annual Season Ticket**	£580.00	£830.00

CHILD (proof of age required)	FROM ZONE A	FROM ZONE B
Single (peak)	£1.10	£1.50
Return (peak)	£1.70	£2.40
Return (off-peak)	£1.40	£1.70
Day Travelcard (peak)*	£2.90	£2.90
Day Travelcard (off-peak)*	£2.00	£2.00
Weekend Travelcard*	£2.70	£2.70
Weekly Season Ticket	£6.70	£9.50
4-weekly Season Ticket**	£25.00	£35.00

FAMILIES & GROUPS***	FROM ZONE A	FROM ZONE B
Family Return (off-peak)	£4.30	£6.10
Family Day Travelcard*	£6.20	£6.20
Family Weekend Travelcard*	£8.00	£8.00

- * Unlimited travel anywhere on Metrolink.
- ** Metrolink Travel Club ID Card required.
- *** Families are up to three children travelling with one or two adults.



TRAM FREQUENCIES

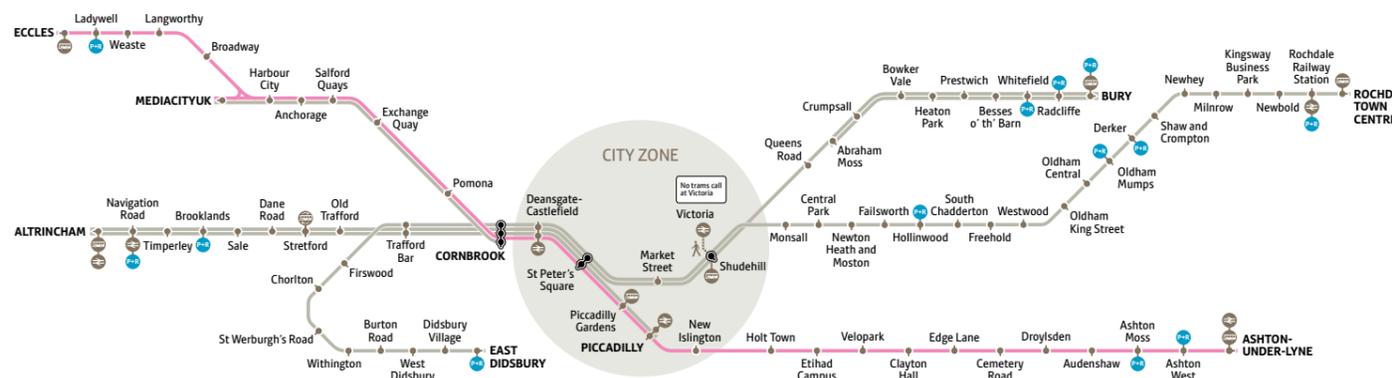
Mon–Thu	Fri–Sat	Sun & Public Hols
Every 12 minutes	Every 12 minutes	Every 12 minutes from 0900–1600 Every 15 minutes at all other times

TRAM TIMES

Mon–Thu		Friday		Saturday		Sun & Public Hols	
FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST
Ashton-under-Lyne to Piccadilly							
0548	2300	0548	0000	0548	0000	0645	2151
Ashton West to Piccadilly							
0551	2303	0551	0003	0551	0003	0648	2154
Ashton West to Ashton-under-Lyne							
0538	0014	0538	0114	0535	0114	0641	2302
Ashton Moss to Piccadilly							
0554	2306	0554	0006	0554	0006	0651	2157
Ashton Moss to Ashton-under-Lyne							
0535	0011	0535	0111	0535	0111	0638	2259
Audenshaw to Piccadilly							
0557	2309	0557	0009	0557	0009	0654	2200
Audenshaw to Ashton-under-Lyne							
0532	0008	0532	0108	0532	0108	0635	2256
Piccadilly to Ashton-under-Lyne							
0512	2348	0512	0048	0512	0048	0615	2236

For information about the rest of the stops on this line, please visit our website: www.metrolink.co.uk

Metrolink Network Map



Getting the most out of your Metrolink service

In the chart to the left you will find example fares for journeys into Manchester city centre and details of the first and last tram times and the time it takes to travel. Remember that you can buy Single, Return and Season Tickets to any destination on the Metrolink network. To find out the cost of your required journey, simply use our online ticket selector at www.metrolink.co.uk



Ashton on the line...

The Metrolink service to Ashton-under-Lyne is the continuation of the East Manchester line from Droylsden.

From Droylsden, the line continues to run on-street to Audenshaw serving the local residents and businesses along Ashton Road and Droylsden Road. From Audenshaw to Ashton-under-Lyne, Metrolink operates along the side and central reservations of Lord Sheldon Way providing easy access for visitors to The Snipe Retail Park and Ashton Leisure Park in Ashton Moss and businesses in Ashton-under-Lyne town centre. The final stop on the line forms an interchange with Ashton bus station and is in close proximity to Ashton rail station.

The completion of the line also brings Ashton closer to the vast array of places in Greater Manchester already served by the Metrolink network: so why not take in the vibrant and evolving city centre, pick up something special at Bury's celebrated market or for football fans, Metrolink provides easy access to Manchester City's Etihad stadium with Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United and Lancashire County Cricket Club just a short journey away. The arrival of the tram also means the delights of Didsbury and Chorlton, with their great selection of restaurants and independent retailers, are now within easy reach. And Salford's flagship development, MediaCityUK – the home of BBC North – has a dedicated Metrolink stop at its very heart, which is just a short walk away from the Imperial War Museum and Lowry Theatre.

So whether you're travelling for work or leisure, Metrolink is the brighter way to travel.

FREE Park & Ride

To assist travellers from further afield to use Metrolink services in Tameside there are two FREE Park & Ride facilities. At Ashton Moss stop, located on Lord Sheldon Way, there are 192 spaces and at Ashton West stop there are 200 spaces.

The Metrolink Park & Ride facilities mean you no longer need to drive into Manchester city centre, simply park up and jump on the tram.

The Park & Ride facilities are for the use of Metrolink customers only and your tram tickets must be shown when requested.

For more details on Park & Ride facilities please visit www.metrolink.co.uk/parkandride