

Amtrak Downeaster Announces MORE Trains and MORE Options to Connect to the People and Places You've Missed

PORTLAND, MAINE – The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) announced today that the Amtrak Downeaster will increase service and implement a new schedule on May 3, 2021. This will restore the Downeaster to its pre-COVID service level of five daily round trips between Brunswick and Boston. The Downeaster has been offering four daily round-trips since July 2020.

The expanded schedule includes a new southbound train which will depart Brunswick mid-morning each day, as well a new northbound train which will depart Boston mid-afternoon each day. In addition, seasonal service will resume to Old Orchard Beach, and the last northbound train out of Boston each night will operate on a flexible schedule to better serve evening sports and events. The new travel times combined with added frequency will provide more options for the traveling public and is expected to be popular with both business and leisure travelers.

“Passengers have requested more mid-day trains for years. Given the recent changes in travel patterns, the timing is now right for us to introduce a new 10:20am southbound train from Brunswick and a 3:00pm northbound from Boston.” said Natalie Bogart, Marketing Director at NNEPRA.

The Downeaster fare structure has been recently modified to expand discounts on tickets purchased more than three days in advance of travel. Standard everyday discounts for seniors, children, military personnel, and disabled riders remain in effect. Multi-ride passes, including the Discover Maine Pass and College Six-Tix are available for sale and can be used on all trains.

In recent months, the Amtrak Downeaster has also expanded bike service to all stations and has introduced at seat Café service on some trains. Amtrak has also recently added technology features which include a capacity indicator so passengers can see in advance how many people are booked on their train and BidUP which offers upgrades to business class at a reduced rate. Small pets in carriers are accepted on board Downeaster trains with advance reservations.

Visit [AmtrakDowneaster.com](https://www.amtrakdowneaster.com) for schedule, fares and complete information about the steps being taken to protect the health and safety of their passengers and crews.

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