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State To Expand Weekend CapeFlyer Train Service



The CapeFlyer train crossed the Cape Cod Canal Railroad Bridge in Bourne en route to Hyannis last summer. *Credit: (Debee Tlumacki for the Boston Globe)*

By Matt Rocheleau

The summertime weekend CapeFlyer train service between Boston and Cape Cod will feature an extra trip and will stop at an additional Cape station when it returns for a second straight season next month, state transportation officials announced today.

But riders may also pay a bit more this year depending where on the Cape they're headed.

The service is scheduled to start on May 23, the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, and will run through Labor Day.



Trains will stop at Wareham Village in addition to the stops in Buzzards Bay and Hyannis. And, the service will add another Cape-bound trip on Friday evenings.

Last year, all roundtrips between Boston and the Cape cost \$35 and one way travel was \$20.

This year, trains between South Station or Braintree and Hyannis will cost \$40 roundtrip or \$22 one way. And, trains between South Station or Braintree and Wareham or Buzzards Bay will cost \$35 roundtrip or \$20 one-way.

Meanwhile, more local trips between Middleboro, Wareham or Buzzards Bay and Hyannis will cost \$8 roundtrip or \$5 one way.

Officials said there will be new discounted fares for seniors and people with disabilities this year. Children 12 and under can ride any CapeFlyer train for free. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available as well.

The service, an alternative to traveling on roadways that vacationers often clog on summer weekends, was revived a year ago for the first time in 25 years.

More than 16,500 riders used the seasonal train service last year, generating about \$290,000 in fare revenue, officials said.

Friday night trips to the Cape took, on average, about two hours and 15 minutes last year, according to Thomas S. Cahir, administrator of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, which runs the service in partnership with the MBTA.

All trains this year will make the same station stops and train conductors will continue to coordinate with ferry operators to run shuttle service for

customers traveling to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

The trains will again include bike racks and tools. Concessions and free Wi-Fi Internet are also available onboard the trains.

"CapeFLYER is a proven success in giving customers from the Greater Boston area a quick, convenient and car-free option to enjoy the attractions, beaches and restaurants of the Cape and Islands," MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey said in a statement. "We also hope that local residents will use CapeFLYER to conveniently enjoy the Cape and Islands without having to drive."

For more details, including to see complete schedules and ticket information, visit www.capeflyer.com.

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