

Around the City Centre and the ICC:

On foot: Most locations around the city centre are less than a 20-minute walk away. Moor Street Station and Digbeth Coach Station are around an 11-minute walk from New Street Station via the Bullring Shopping Centre. The ICC is around a 12-minute walk from New Street Station.

Tram: Alternatively, West Midlands Metro offers a tram service that gives access to Centenary Square (for the ICC), Harborne, Edgbaston Village, and the Jewellery Quarter from New Street Station. For the ICC, take the tram from Grand Central stop towards Edgbaston Village (~5 mins, 2 stops), then exit at Library.

To the University of Birmingham from the City Centre:

Train: West Midlands Railway (platforms 10B or 12, towards Hereford, Redditch or Bromsgrove) or CrossCountry (platform 11B towards Cardiff) from New Street (Red Zone) to University station. 10 minutes, 2-4 stops depending on service.

Bus: X20/X21/X22 to University station or North Gate stops, or the 61/63 buses to University South Gate, alighting at Bournbrook Road stop. Both routes take around 15 minutes, departing from St Martin's Queensway bus stop NS3.

Taxi: Taxis are plentiful in the city centre. Journey times are typically 15-20 minutes under normal traffic conditions.

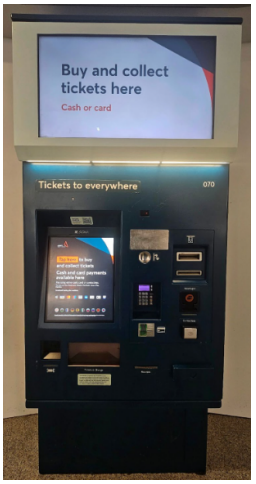
The Stephenson Street/Victoria Square “north” exit of New Street station provides access to tram links from Grand Central tram stop towards the ICC.

The Station Street/Southside “south” exit of New Street station provides access to Gas Street Basin, Mailbox Shopping Centre, and Birmingham and Worcester Canal (for walking to the University of Birmingham).

The Smallbrook Queensway/Bullring “east” exit of New Street station provides access to the Bullring Shopping Centre, and X20/X21/X22/61/63 bus services from St. Martin’s Queensway (bus stop NS3) towards the University of Birmingham.

Depending on the weather, you can take a peaceful walk from Gas Street Basin in the city centre to the University of Birmingham along the historic Worcester and Birmingham Canal towpath. This will take about 50 minutes. Exit the towpath at the University Railway Station, situated beside the campus. From here, it is an 8-minute walk to the Lapworth Museum.

National Rail tickets between the City Centre and University are most easily purchased using the West Midlands Railway or Trainline apps, but can alternatively be purchased at National Rail ticket machines situated at both New Street and University stations. Tickets are valid on both WMR and CrossCountry services.



There are no direct train services connecting New Street, Snow Hill and Moor Street stations. If trains are affected by service cancellations, delays/strikes, then buses are the recommended alternative. Train services around the city run until around 11:30 PM.

Tram tickets can be purchased from conductors on the trams themselves. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased from Metro Ticket Machines located on the platform at every tram stop, or on the MyMetro app.

Buses and taxis accept contactless card payments (including Apple Pay, Samsung Pay and Google Pay). Note that while buses and taxis do serve the city centre, they are more prone to traffic delays. Journey times may double during rush hour (4:30PM - 7 PM), so allow 30-40 minutes for travel. Buses run to around 1:00 AM. Taxis are recommended after this point.

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