

WALSALL 1975 SAT TIMETABLE

Timetable Description

This timetable is for a summer Saturday from an 0000 start, running to 0400 Sunday so including the additional summer Saturday trains via Bescot. There is some overnight freight early on, with minor changes to work with the reduced 2006 layout, but little by way of daytime trips ran anyway. After a fairly quiet afternoon the WCML is diverted through the Bescot area overnight Saturday-Sunday.

Timetable v1.1 chains to Wolverhampton 1975 SAT timetable v1.2 and above, allowing a 3 way chain to Telford&Oxley SAT 1975 v1.0.

The timetable has been written from the relevant WTT and trip notice (thanks Pascal), with as many of the conditional workings running as are self-consistent. Additionally although the Cannock line was normally shut over the weekend, to provide some extra activity the normally SX trips to Bloxwich and Rugeley PS are run.

Operating Notes

Mid Cannock

Pay attention to the sim manual for operating this frame, as you need to operate the block instruments.

Bescot Middle Jn

Pay attention to the sim manual for sending trains over to the down yard
WL slot – phone – DT slot - route.

Hints / Spoilers

Some of the EMU occupy platform 3 for a long time, and so block Brook siding, and more so if you set the route back too soon.

For afternoon and early evening you can run at 8x speed as there's not many trains about. The yard shunters and trip workings go off duty at 1345 and the WCML via Tamworth is shut from 2200.

Check where freights and light engines need to go, there are many different ways into the yards, and DLSN / VQ are not wired so electrics often go a long way round.

Alterations / Old locations

In 1975 there were more extensive connections into Bescot up side with what is the sim 'Virtual Quarry' being 5 reception sidings accessible from all lines. With the yards generally worked as up and down sides this means quite a few phone calls to Up sidings, and comparatively few using down yard in the up direction.

The now-closed lines to Wednesfield and Lichfield saw little traffic on Saturdays, with the boxes closed from 0600 shift change. Some of the overnight trains that were booked via Lichfield have been accommodated via Water Orton, entering at Park Lane Junction and the train timetable notes show 'WTT via Lichfield'.

Access to Walsall Goods / Brook Siding / Tasker St used to include lines direct from Pleck Jn (Walsall Goods SF) but has been worked around where needed (notably with 5R16, 5R18).

Train formations are fairly generic.

Reporting Numbers

Long distance trains are correct, but local trains have been renumbered to the more modern sequence. In 1975 local trains were simply 'by route' eg 2G51 was used for all the trains Birmingham <--> Walsall via Soho.

A	To London Euston
B	To Northampton / Rugby area
D	To Chester & North Wales
E	To ER (including now Anglia)
F	To Liverpool, or to Kettering
G	To Birmingham / Wolverhampton / Coventry
H	To Manchester
J	To Shrewsbury / Wales
K	To Stafford
M	To Midland (from anywhere else)
O	To Southern
P	To Derby or to Preston
R	(used for Walsall local)
S	To Scotland
T	Used for trips
V	To Western

Links & Images

<http://bescotplus.co.uk/> Wednesfield line of particular interest

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/tutenkhamunsleeping/5911209781> Walsall

<https://www.s-r-s.org.uk/ArchiveSignals/brmr.php> Walsall area resignalling, 3 documents
Walsall box images

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsjsknn3x> includes Bloxwich and Hednesford

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/22327619@N02/albums/72157634299336350/> Down Tower

Old Bescot Jn layout:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/90214143@N04/35984439704> 1979

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/95430950@N07/34864675233/> 1977

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/tutenkhamunsleeping/5329938578> 1984

Old Walsall / Ryecroft

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/auchlander/5868907661/>