

Gazetteer of Closed Lines in Monmouthshire

Historical data on sections of railway lines in Monmouthshire that have been closed. Some sections of line on the fringes of the county boundary are also included. Official dates are included for closures where known.

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The Eastern Valley and Branches

Abersychan & Talywain - Brynmawr 8¼ miles

London & North Western Railway

Opened

01 November 1869	Goods	Bynmawr - Blaenavon
01 January 1870	Passenger	Bynmawr - Blaenavon
19 February 1905	Goods	Blaenavon - Abersychan & Talywain
13 July 1912	Passenger	Brynmawr - Abersychan & Talywain (GWR)

Closed

05 May 1941	Passenger	Brynmawr - Abersychan & Talywain
23 June 1954	Goods	Brynmawr - Blaenavon Furnace Siding
03 May 1980	Min	Waenavon - Abersychan & Talywain (re-laid by NCB 1972)

Trevethin Junction - Abersychan & Talywain 5 miles 60 ch

Monmouthshire Railway & London & North Western Railway

Opened

18 September 1879	Goods	
13 July 1912	Passenger	

Closed

05 May 1941	Passenger	
23 August 1965	Goods	
03 May 1980	Mineral	

Cwmfrwdoer & Cwmnantddu Branches

(Mineral only) Monmouthshire Railway

Opened

12 February 1905		
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Closed

01 March 1962		Both branches to Branches Fork Junction
07 April 1969		Pontnewydd Jcn - Branches Fork Jcn

Pontypool Crane Street - Blaenavon Low Level 5½ miles

Monmouthshire Railway

Opened

02 October 1854	Passenger & Goods	Pontypool Crane Street - Blaenavon Low Level
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Closed

30 April 1962	Passenger	Pontypool Crane Street - Blaenavon Low Level
07 March 1960	Goods	Snatchwood Sidings - Blaenavon Low Level
01 May 1962	Goods	Pontypool Crane Street - Snatchwood Sidings
03 October 1966	Goods	Pontypool Crane Street
03 May 1980	Mineral	Pontypool Crane Street - Trevethin Junction

Newport Mill Street - Pontypool Crane Street 8 miles

Monmouthshire Railway (Newport & Pontypool Railway)

Opened

01 July 1852	Passenger & Goods	Newport Marshes Turnpike Gate - Pontypool Crane Street
09 March 1853	Passenger & Goods	Newport Marshes Turnpike Gate - Newport Mill Street
01 August 1880	Passenger & Goods	Cwmbran Junction - Llantarnam Junction

Closed

01 August 1880	Passenger	Newport Mill Street - Cwmbran Junction
30 April 1962	Passenger	Pontypool Crane Street - Cwmbran Junction - Llantarnam Junction
27 October 1963	Goods	Oakfield Sidings - Crindau Sidings
28 November 1966	Goods	Crindau Sidings to Mill Street
07 March 1967	Goods	Cwmbran Junction - Oakfield Sidings
03 May 1980	Mineral	Cwmbran Junction - Llantarnam Junction

The Western Valley and Branches

Aberbeeg Junction - Nantyglo 6 miles 10 chains

Monmouthshire Railway

Opened

1824	Original Tramroad (from Nantyglo)	
May 1855	Passenger & Goods	Aberbeeg Junction - Nantyglo
12 July 1905	Goods	Nantyglo - Brynmawr
28 May 1906	Passenger	Nantyglo - Brynmawr

Closed

30 April 1962	Passenger	Aberbeeg Junction - Nantyglo
30 April 1962	Goods	Nantyglo
04 December 1963	Goods & Mineral	Nantyglo - Brynmawr
07 April 1969	Goods	Aberbeeg Junction - Abertillery
29 October 1973	Mineral	Coalbrookvale - Nantyglo
05 July 1976	Mineral	Rose Heyworth Colliery - Coalbrookvale
05 April 1986	Mineral	Aberbeeg Junction - Rose Heyworth Colliery

Cwmtillery Branch 75 chains

Monmouthshire Railway

Opened

November 1858	Mineral & Goods	Cwmtillery Branch Junction - Cwmtillery
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Closed

01 April 1963	Mineral	Cwmtillery Branch Junction - Cwmtillery Colliery
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Ebbw Vale (Duffryn Sidings) - Beaufort 2 miles 27 chains

Monmouthshire Railway

Opened

1798	Tramroad	
May 1855	Passenger & Goods	

Closed

30 April 1962	Passenger	
01 December 1969	Goods	Ebbw Vale (Low Level) - Duffryn Sidings
22 April 1905	Mineral	Beaufort Iron Works
01 March 1962	Mineral	Beaufort Iron Works - Beaufort Coal Yard
08 December 1969	Mineral	Beaufort Coal Yard - Ebbw Vale (L.L.)
15 June 1975		Ebbw Vale (L.L.) - Ebbw Vale Sidings
01 October 1977	Mineral	Ebbw Vale Sidings - Duffryn Sidings
31 July 1981	Mineral	Duffryn Sidings

Great Western Railway

Opened

01 April 1911	Mineral & Goods	Cwmcarn Branch Junction - Cwmcarn Colliery
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Closed

29 November 1978	Mineral	Cwmcarn Branch Junction - Cwmcarn Colliery
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Halls Road		
Circa 1805	Tramroad built	
Circa 1860s	Converted to standard gauge	
Closed		
06 November 1967*	Mineral	Penar Junction - Cwmcarn Colliery Junction
Re-opened		
02 May 1970**	Mineral	Penar Junction - Cwmcarn Colliery Junction
Closed		
03 December 1979	Mineral	Markham Colliery - Oakdale Colliery
26 August 1989	Mineral	Oakdale Colliery - Halls Road Junction
26 April 1991	Official closure and abandonment of line	
* Coal traffic from Halls Road upper section was diverted over Sirhowy Valley route via a re-opened Penar Junction to Tredegar Lower Junction section. ** Penar Junction/Tredegar Lower Junction and Sirhowy line closed and coal traffic diverted via re-opened Halls Road (lower section)		

Sirhowy Valley		
Risca Junction - Nantybwch <i>18 miles</i>		
<i>Monmouthshire Railway (Risca-Nine Mile Point); Sirhowy Railway (Nine Mile Point to Nantybwch)</i>		
Opened		
1805	Goods & Mineral - Tramway	
1822	Passenger - Horse Drawn	
Nov 1855	Goods	Risca Junction - Nine Mile Point
19 June 1865	Goods	Nine Mile Point - Sirhowy
19 June 1865	Passenger	Risca Junction - Sirhowy (extended to Newport 5 Jul 1865)
02 November 1868	Passenger & Goods	Sirhowy - Nantybwch
16 March 1908	Goods	Penllwyn Branch Jcn - Ynysddu Lower Goods
Closed		
1850 to 1855	Passenger - Horse Drawn	
13 June 1960	Passenger	Risca Junction - Nantybwch
04 November 1963	Goods & Mineral	Nantybwch - Sirhowy
15 June 1964	Goods	Bird-In-Hand (Pontllanfraith Low Level) - Tredegar Junction Lower
06 November 1967	Goods	Sirhowy Junction - Tredegar Junction Lower
01 December 1937	Goods	Penllwyn Branch Jcn - Ynysddu Lower Goods (beyond 0.63 chains)
11 March 1969	Mineral	Penllwyn Branch Jcn to 0.63 chains (serving Nine Mile Point colliery)
30 April 1969	Goods & Mineral	Sirhowy - Tredegar Junction Lower
Re-Opened		
06 November 1967	Mineral	Bird-In-Hand (Pontllanfraith Low Level) - Tredegar Junction Lower
Final Closure		
02 May 1970	Goods	Bird-In-Hand (Pontllanfraith Low Level) - Tredegar Junction Lower

Brecon & Merthyr Lines		
Bassaleg - Rhymney (B&M) <i>22 miles</i>		
Opened		
07 June 1865	Passenger & Goods	Bassaleg - Pengam
06 April 1866	Passenger & Goods	Pengam - Rhymney (B&M)
Closed		
14 April 1930	Passenger & Goods	New Tredegar - Rhymney (B&M)
31 December 1962	Passenger	Bedwas - New Tredegar
31 December 1962	Goods	Aberbargoed Junction - New Tredegar, Fleur-De-Lis Junction - Bedwas
06 November 1967	Goods	Pengam - Fleur-De-Lis Junction
23 May 1982		Aberbargoed Junction - Pengam
01 December 1986	Mineral	Machen Quarry - Trethomas (also Trethomas - Bedwas; NCB property from c1969)

Machen - Caerphilly (East Junction) <i>3¼ miles</i>		
<i>Brecon & Merthyr Tydfil Junction Railway ; Pontypridd, Caerphilly & Newport Railway (later Alexandra (Newport & South Wales) Dock & Railway)</i>		
Opened		
28 December 1887	Passenger	Machen Junction - Caerphilly East Junction
14 September 1891	Passenger & Goods	Machen Junction - Gwaunbara Junction (PC&N Line)
Closed		
17 September 1956	Passenger	
20 July 1964	Goods	Machen Junction - Gwaunbara Junction (B&M Line)
20 November 1967	Goods	Machen Junction - Caerphilly East Junction

Vale of Neath Line (Pontypool Road to Quakers Yard section)		
<i>Newport, Abergavenny & Hereford Railway (Taff Vale Extension)</i>		
Opened (through line)		
11 January 1858	Passenger	Pontypool Road - Quakers Yard (Low Level)
20 August 1855	Goods	Pontypool Road - Crumlin Junction
01 June 1857	Goods	Crumlin Junction - Tredegar Junction (Pontllanfraith)
11 January 1858	Goods	Tredegar Junction (Pontllanfraith) - Quakers Yard (Low Level)
Branches		
20 October 1855	Goods	Crumlin Junction - Llanhilleth Junction
8 December 1863	Goods	Maescywmmr Junction - Fleur-De-Lis Junction
13 November 1893	Goods	Hengoed (High Level) - Ystrad Mynach North Junction
30 December 1893	Goods	Bird In Hand West Junction - Tredegar Junction (Pontllanfraith (High Level)
Closed (through line)		
15 June 1964	Passenger	Pontypool Road - Neath
15 June 1964	Goods	Pontypool Road South Junction - Trosnant West Junction, Hafodyrynys West - Sirhowy Junction (excluding Penar Junction), Maescywmmr Junction - Penallta Junction, Quakers Yard (East) Junction - Quakers Yard (Low Level Junction)
06 November 1967	Goods	Sirhowy Junction - Maescywmmr Junction
01 April 1979	Mineral	Trosnant West Junction - Hafodyrynys
Branches		
13 June 1960	Goods	Bird-In-Hand West Junction - Tredegar Junction (Pontllanfraith (High Level)
05 June 1964	Goods	Hengoed (High Level) - Ystrad Mynach North
17 May 1964	Goods	Crumlin Junction - Llanhilleth Junction
06 November 1967	Goods	Maescywmmr Junction - Fleur-De-Lis Junction
Re-Opened		
06 November 1967	Mineral	Penar Junction - Bird-in-Hand (Pontllanfraith (Low Level)
Final Closure		
01 May 1970	Mineral	Penar Junction - Bird-In-Hand (Pontllanfraith (Low Level)

Merthyr, Tredegar and Abergavenny Line (Abergavenny to Dowlais)		
Abergavenny (Brecon Junction) to Merthyr (Rhydyar Junction) <i>24 miles</i>		
<i>Merthyr,Tredegar & Abergavenny Railway (Abergavenny - Brynmawr); London & North Western Railway; Brecon & Merthyr Railway (Brynmawr - Merthyr - Rhydyar Jcn)</i>		
Opened		
29 September 1862	Passenger & Goods	Abergavenny Junction - Brynmawr
05 September 1871	Passenger & Goods	Nantybwhc - Rhymney Bridge
01 January 1873	Passenger & Goods	Rhymney Bridge - Dowlais (Ivor Junction)
01 January 1879	Passenger & Goods	Penywern Junction - Morlais Junction
Closed		
04 May 1885	Passenger	Penywern Junction - Ivor Junction
22 November 1954	Goods	Abergavenny Junction - Morlais Junction, Penywern Junction - Ivor Junction
06 January 1958	Passenger	Abergavenny Junction - Morlais Junction
02 November 1959	Goods	Nantybwhc - Beaufort Brick Sidings

13 June 1960	Goods	Rhymney Bridge - Nantybwh
23 September 1963	Mineral	Rhymney Bridge - Nantybwh
13 June 1960	Passenger	Nantybwh (Sirhowy Valley Service)
30 April 1962	Passenger	Brynmawr (Newport Service)
04 April 1971	Goods	Abergavenny Junction - Brecon Road Goods
Brynmawr - Abersychan & Talywain <i>8¼ miles</i>		
<i>London & North Western Railway</i>		
Opened		
01 November 1869	Goods	
01 January 1870	Passenger	Brynmawr - Blaenavon
19 February 1905	Goods	Blaenavon - Abersychan & Talywain
Closed		
05 May 1941	Passenger	Brynmawr - Abersychan & Talywain
23 June 1954	Goods	Brynmawr - Blaenavon Furnace Siding
03 May 1980	Mineral	Waenavon - Abersychan & Talywain (This section re-laid March 1972 by and for the NCB)
Brynmawr - Nantyglo <i>1½ miles</i>		
<i>Brynmawr & Western Valley Railway (later London & North Western Railway and Great Western Railway Joint)</i>		
Opened		
12 July 1905	Goods	
28 May 1906	Passenger	
Closed:		
30 April 1962	Passenger	
Beaufort (Ebbw Vale Junction) - Ebbw Vale (High Level) <i>1¼ miles</i>		
<i>London & North Western Railway</i>		
Opened		
01 September 1867		
Closed:		
01 February 1951	Passenger	
02 November 1959	Goods & Mineral	
Rhymney Bridge - Rhymney <i>1½ miles</i>		
Opened		
5 September 1871	Passenger & Goods	
Closed		
23 September 1953	Passenger & Goods	
Monmouth and the Wye Valley		
Little Mill Junction - Monmouth (Troy) <i>15 miles 69 chains</i>		
<i>Coleford, Monmouth, Usk & Pontypool Railway</i>		
2 June 1856	Passenger & Goods	Little Mill - Usk
12 October 1857	Passenger & Goods	Usk - Monmouth (Troy)
Closed		
30 May 1955	Passenger	Little Mill Junction - Monmouth (Troy)
13 June 1955	Goods	Usk - Monmouth (Troy)
13 September 1965	Goods	Glascoed - Usk
Ross-on-Wye - Monmouth (Troy) <i>13 miles 11 chains</i>		
<i>Ross & Monmouth Railway</i>		
Opened		
1 August 1873	Passenger & Goods	Ross - Monmouth (May Hill)
1 May 1874	Passenger & Goods	Monmouth (May Hill) - Monmouth (Troy)
Closed		
05 January 1959	Passenger	Ross - Monmouth (Troy)
02 November 1964	Goods	Monmouth (Troy) - Lydbrook
01 November 1965	Goods	Lydbrook - Ross
Chepstow (Wye Valley Junction) - Monmouth (Troy) <i>13 miles 62 chains</i>		
<i>Coleford, Monmouth, Usk & Pontypool Railway (Monmouth (Troy) - Wyesham Junction; Wye Valley Railway (Wyesham Junction - Chepstow)</i>		
Opened		
1 July 1861	Passenger & Goods	Monmouth (Troy) - Wyesham Junction
1 November 1876	Passenger & Goods	Wyesham Junction - Chepstow (Wye Valley Junction)
Closed		
05 January 1959	Passenger	Monmouth (Troy) - Chepstow (Wye Valley Junction)
06 January 1964	Goods	Monmouth (Troy) - Tintern Quarry
December 1981	Mineral	Tintern Quarry
September 1992	Mineral	Dayhouse Quarry - Wye Valley Junction
Newport Street and Dock Branches		
<i>Monmouthshire Railway; Pontypridd, Caerphilly & Newport Railway (later Alexandra (Newport & South Wales) Dock & Railway)</i> <i>2¾ miles</i>		
Opened		
1805	Mineral - Tramway	Nine Mile Point - Newport Town Dock & Wharves
21 December 1850	Passenger - Tramway	Blaina - Courtybella
04 August 1852	Passenger - Tramway	Courtybella - Dock Street
May 1855	Passenger & Goods	Courtybella - Dock Street
May 1855	Goods	Courtybella Junction - Tredegar Wharf, Pillbank Junction - Dock Street, Dock Street - Mill Street, Llanarth Street Junction - Salutation Junction.
April 1886	Goods	Park Junction - Mendalgief East Junction
Closed		
01 August 1880	Passenger	Courtybella Junction - Dock Street
09 December 1907	Goods	Courtybella Junction - Dock Street, Salutation Junction - Llanarth Street Junction
03 September 1959	Goods	Park Junction - Mendalgief East Junction
28 November 1966	Goods	Mill Street - Dock Street
02 September 1979	Mineral	Maesglas Junction - Mendalgief East Junction
1981	Mineral	Park Junction - Waterloo Junction
12 September 1990	Mineral	Courtybella Crossing - Dock Street (Gwent Coal Concentration Depot). Officially closed 26 January 1991