

# Euston – Glasgow Route Guide

**Glasgow**, Scotland's largest city and seaport and home of a quarter of its population, Glasgow has an ecclesiastical history dating back to the 4th century. Its growth as an industrial centre began in the late 18th century based on cotton spinning and weaving.

The ascent to Beattock Summit is one of the most difficult on any railway in Britain.

**Lockerbie** One of the last Border clashes between rival feudal families took place here in 1593 when the Johnstones defeated the Maxwells.

The Border between England and Scotland is marked by the River Sark, which the train crosses North of Carlisle.

**Carlisle** The "Border City" was in Roman times a chief military establishment.

**Lancaster** This 'fort on the Lune' used to be a Roman settlement and the station was designed to blend with the castle, on a hill to the east.

**Carnforth** To the west is Steamtown railway museum, the largest main line steam locomotive depot in Britain.

**Warrington** on the River Mersey is an important industrial centre with tanneries, breweries, chemical plants and engineering works. South of the town the railway crosses the Manchester Ship Canal.

**Stafford** A County town and now an industrial centre, Stafford is also the birthplace of Izaak Walton, writer and angler.

**Tamworth** Here the train passes under the Bristol-Birmingham-Sheffield main line.

**Nuneaton** was named after a Benedictine nunnery, now in ruins, founded in the days of King Stephen.

**Wolverton** One of British Rail's principal carriage works is on the west side of the line. Britain's first trunk motorway, the M1, parallels the line for three miles.

**London Euston** The original station opened in 1837 and was completely rebuilt in 1968. Its Travel Centre provides comprehensive information and reservation services, while Travellers Fare dispenses full meals, light snacks and drinks.



**Motherwell's** growth as an industrial town followed the construction of the railways which linked it with Glasgow.

**Carstairs** The line to Edinburgh diverges to the east.

To reach Shap summit, 916 ft., the railway climbs at 1 in 75 for over four miles. The scenery in the upper Lune is the finest between Euston and the Border.

**Oxenholme** Windermere, England's largest lake, may be reached by the branch line, from here, as may Kendal, in the valley to the west.

**Preston** Here the railway crosses the River Ribble, which is tidal to this point. Connecting trains serve the towns of East Lancashire.

**Wigan** Food processing and engineering have largely superseded the cotton and mining industries from which this town grew.

**Crewe** Although this town developed around the famous railway works, other industries are now also well established.

**Lichfield** The three-spired cathedral may be seen to the west. Samuel Johnson, the writer, was born here.

**Rugby** Renowned for its association with Tom Brown's Schooldays, and for the ball game which bears its name, Rugby is now important for electrical engineering.

**Bletchley** The new city of Milton Keynes is developing in this area, and will have a population of about 200,000 by 1990. A new station has been built about 3 miles north of Bletchley.

**Leighton Buzzard** The tall spire of All Saints' Church can be seen to the east of the line.

**Berkhamsted** The ruins of a Norman castle can be seen on the east side.

**Watford** has been a market town since medieval days. It is now a dormitory town for London and an important centre for printing and paper-making.



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