Bikes on Buses

How does it work?

1. Pull up on the handle to release and carefully lower the rack with one hand while holding your bike with the other hand. (Photo 1)
   After lowering the rack, follow the instructions on the rack where it says to “Place the front wheel here” and lift your bike to one of the bike wheel wells. Even with one or two bikes already on the rack, it is easy to load or unload a second or third bicycle.

2. Pull the support arm up, out and over the tire as high on the tire as it will go. This secures your bike in place. (Photo 2)

3. Before you get off the bus, be sure to TELL THE DRIVER YOU ARE UNLOADING YOUR BIKE! (Photo 3)

4. To unload the bike, pull the support arm up and off the tire. Simply pull your bike off the side of the rack, toward the sidewalk. If your bike is in back, you do not need to remove the bikes in front. Pull the bike rack back into standing position if no other bikes are on the rack. (Photo 4)

Safety Tip

When you get off the bus, notify the driver that you’ll be removing your bike from the rack. Once your bike is removed, move to the curb on the right side of the bus. Never ride out to the left in front of the bus.
Please note that WTA's policy regarding bikes inside buses has changed. Though more restrictive regarding the circumstances under which bikes can be brought inside, and regarding the maximum number of bikes that can be brought inside (2), the policy is designed to emphasize safety and minimize potential for conflicts over scarcity of seating.

What Kind of Bikes are Allowed on Bike Racks?
Single seat, two wheeled bikes are allowed. Tandem, three wheeled, or motor-driven bikes are not allowed. Both wheels must safely fit into the bike rack wheel slots and the support arm/hook must fit over the top of the bike wheel. No part of the bike can block the driver's view.

What about Collapsible Bikes?
WTA recommends the use of collapsible bikes. Collapsible bikes are always allowed inside the bus, provided they fit in the space underneath the seat or in between the seat rows.

What if the Bike Rack is Full?
Unfortunately, WTA cannot guarantee space to rack your bike at any time. Bike racks are first come, first served. For trips where a bike and bus are both needed, a collapsible bike is recommended.

Can Bikes be Transported Inside the Bus?
Bikes cannot be transported on small buses (29 feet or shorter). On large buses, if space allows and safety permits (as determined by the driver), a maximum of two bikes may be allowed on board.
When Bikes are Allowed Inside the Bus, the Following Rules Apply:
1. Seating for passengers will always take priority over space for bikes.
2. Bikes must be properly secured in the designated wheelchair securement station.
3. The driver can assist with bike securement, and can determine whether or not the bike is secured properly.
4. If a rider in a wheelchair is occupying the designated wheelchair securement station, the bike will not be allowed on board.
5. If either the wheelchair securement station or seating in the securement area is needed by a rider mid-journey, the bike will need to be removed. If there is no room to move the bike onto the bike rack, the rider must get off the bus (with his / her bike).
6. Bikes will not be allowed to protrude into the aisle way.
7. Bikes already secured inside the bus may remain inside even if space becomes available on the exterior bike rack.
8. Muddy or greasy bikes are not permitted inside the bus.

WTA assumes no liability for injuries to persons, or damage to bikes or personal property while using bike racks or securement stations.
WTA’S BIKE RACKS ARE GREAT FOR PEOPLE WHO...

- live too far to walk to the nearest bus stop
- need their bike for quick trips during the day
- don’t want to hassle with commuting by car
- want to ride the bus one way and bike home to get some exercise
- want to save money on driving and parking costs
- best of all, it’s easy! See inside for details

Bikes left on buses will be removed at Bellingham Station.

Bikes can be claimed at WTA administrative offices, 4111 Bakerview Spur, Bellingham 98226.

After one week bikes are taken to Bellingham police station.

Suggestions? Comments?

We would like to hear from you!

Give us a call at 676-RIDE (teletype machine: 676-6844)
or check out our website at http://www.ridewta.com

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