

Liability

Cyclists remain legally responsible for any damage to MBTA facilities or equipment and/or for any injury, loss or damage sustained by passengers or MBTA personnel that result from a cyclist's negligence. The MBTA is not responsible for damages incurred or caused by bicycles, or to bicycles on MBTA property.

Enforcement

Cyclists failing to abide by the rules and regulations or the specific directions of MBTA Police and/or personnel are subject to removal from the system.

For more information on the MBTA's bicycle program or about bicycling in Massachusetts, visit: www.mbta.com/traveling_t/usingthetbikes.asp or www.massbike.org.

Thank you for riding the T.

How to use our Bus Bike Racks:

Each bus bicycle rack holds up to two bicycles. Only conventional single-seat, two-wheeled bicycles and electric bicycles (the size of a standard bicycle) are allowed in a bus bike rack. Please follow these standard rules:

1

You are responsible for loading, securing, and removing your bicycle from a bus bicycle rack. **Always alert the driver that you are about to use the bus bicycle rack and approach the bus from the curbside.**



2

Remove all loose items from the bike. Avoid kneeling or squatting out of the driver's line of sight.

3

Squeeze the handle located in the center of the bike rack to release the latch and pull rack down.



4

Place bike on bus bike rack by inserting the front wheel in designated wheel slot. Always use inside front slot first.



5

Pull out support arm and raise it up over the front tire.



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Confirm that bike is safe and secure prior to boarding bus. Do not lock your bike in the rack.



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Inform bus driver of your destination upon boarding bus. Sit near the front of the bus and watch your bike. The MBTA is not responsible for stolen or damaged bikes.

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As you approach your stop, advise the driver that you will be unloading your bicycle.

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To unload your bike, raise the support arm off the tire and move it down and out of your way. Lift your bike out of the bus bike rack.



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Return the bike rack to the folded position if there isn't another bike in the rack. Make eye contact with the driver to indicate that you are finished using the bus bike rack.



Remember: Never attempt to cross a street in front of a stopped bus. Passing traffic cannot see around the bus. As a safety precaution, wait until the bus moves away before crossing a street, with or without your bicycle.

TAKE YOUR BIKE FOR A RIDE.



Facts, rules and guidelines to safely bring your bike aboard the T



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Our “Bikes on the T” Program is on the move.

The MBTA is equipping over 350 buses with new bus bike racks to transport bicycles. And while we’re proud to increase T access, the safety of our passengers is our first priority. So we ask that you please study this brochure in its entirety before bringing your bike aboard the T.



What you need to know before you go:

Entering a Station:

- Bikes ride free! There is no additional fare for bikes.
- Folding bikes are allowed on Subway, Commuter Rail and Buses any time — when folded in the most compact position and transported in a carrying case intended for that use.
- When entering an MBTA station, proceed to the nearest collector’s booth or enter through the extra-wide faregate.
- Bikes are not permitted on escalators.
- Riding a bike anywhere in an MBTA station area is strictly prohibited.

Entering a Vehicle:

- Stand far away from platform edge, behind the yellow line.
- Do not interfere with passengers.
- Seniors and persons with disabilities are afforded preference over bicycles.
- In the event of a crowded train, the cyclist must wait for a less crowded train pursuant to the discretion and instructions of MBTA personnel.
- In a train emergency, stow your bike as far away from the aisle as possible.

Bike rules, by MBTA transportation mode



Commuter Boats & Ferries

Bikes are allowed on MBTA boats at any time.



Commuter Rail

- Bikes are allowed any time except during weekday rush hours (morning inbound and evening outbound), which are shaded on the Commuter Rail schedules. Bikes are permitted all day on weekends.
- Please follow the conductor’s instructions when entering or exiting train.



Buses

- Bikes are always allowed on those buses fitted with bike racks mounted on the front. Visit mbta.com for listing of bike rack-equipped bus routes.
- At no time may a bike be placed in the interior of a bus. Folding bikes, however, are allowed.



Subway

- Bikes are allowed on the Red, Orange and Blue Lines. Maximum of two bikes per car on all Blue, Red and Orange line trains.
- Bikes are not allowed on the Green Line, the Mattapan Trolley, or the Silver Line Waterfront service, with the exception of folding bikes.
- On weekdays, bikes are allowed before 7 a.m., between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and after 7 p.m. They are allowed all day on weekends.
- Cyclists must board and ride on either end of the train car and shall not transport bicycles down the aisle between end doors.
- Cyclists must wait until all exiting and entering passengers have cleared the doorways before moving bicycles. Once aboard the train, cyclists must hold the bicycle firmly at all times, kickstand up, and not allow the bicycle to lean against patrons.
- A child with accompanying adult, both with bikes, should remain together at the same end of the car.
- If cyclist is unable to disembark from a train without interfering with other passengers, the cyclist must remain on the train until it becomes less crowded.

Remember:

Bicyclists will not be permitted on any shuttle buses that are substituting for Commuter Rail or Subway services.



Restrictions and Exceptions:

Holidays & Special Events

- Due to the high volume of visitors and tourists during special events, bikes are not allowed on Subway trains on St. Patrick’s Day, Patriots Day or July 4th. For Commuter Rail, bikes are not allowed on New Year’s Eve and July 4th between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. inbound or after 4 p.m. outbound
- During evenings of TD Banknorth Garden and Fenway Park events, bikes are not allowed on Subway trains between 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- When special events are held at/or near individual MBTA stations, bicycles may be prohibited due to overcrowding. Station personnel will notify cyclists of such restrictions.

Prohibited MBTA Stations:

Due to safety considerations and congestion, cyclists with bikes may not enter or exit the following stations:

- Park Street (Red and Green Lines)
- Downtown Crossing (Red and Orange Lines), except to transfer lines
- Government Center (Blue and Green Lines)

Bicycle Parking at Stations

- Bike racks are located at most MBTA stations and more are being added. Please park and **lock your bike** leaving plenty of room so other cyclists may also share the rack.
- Bicycles not parked at racks can create a safety hazard and are subject to removal by the MBTA.
- Bicycles that are left for more than two weeks at a station rack are subject to removal and disposal by the MBTA.

Other Rules:

1. All passengers under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to be allowed to bring a bike aboard a Subway train or use a bus bike rack.
2. Cyclists are accommodated on first-come, first-serve basis. MBTA reserves the right to prohibit bicycles if trains are crowded or access is impeded, and we cannot promise that space will be available for bicycles. Cyclists must yield priority seating to seniors and persons with disabilities and may be required to leave the train at any time if the priority seating space is needed for seniors and/or customers with disabilities.
3. MBTA personnel are not permitted to assist with boarding bicycles, nor will the wheelchair lift be used to load or unload bicycles.
4. If there is an emergency evacuation of a train, cyclists must leave their bicycles on the train, in a manner that does not block aisles or doors.