

Bikes on Buses

Getting around on Athens Transit has never been easier. Our Bus-N-Bike program allows you and your bicycle to travel on any Athens Transit bus. Since all of our buses are now equipped with special racks, almost any kind of bike can be secured to the front of the bus. So wherever the bus goes, you and your bike can go too!

Loading Your Bike

- Let the driver know you will be loading your bike. **DO NOT STEP IN FRONT OF THE BUS UNTIL THE DRIVER LETS YOU KNOW IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.**
- Bikes can only be loaded at the front end of the bus from the curbside and under no circumstances can you bring your bike inside the bus. Also, the driver can't get off the bus to help so ask and the driver will be happy to tell you how to use the rack.
- Remember, instructions are also posted on the rack itself. It is a three-step process and generally takes no more than 30 seconds.



1.
If the rack is folded up,
simply pull it down.



2.
Lift the bike up and fit it into the rack's wheel wells, which are labeled for the front and rear wheels. If no other bike is on the rack, use the space closest to the bus.



3.
After the bike is in the rack, simply lift the support arm up and over the front tire.



4.

This arm should be in contact with the tire, not the fender or any other part of the bike.

It is a good idea to make sure the support arm is in place before boarding the bus and don't forget to pay your fare.

Unloading Your Bike

1. When you want to get off the bus, exit by the front door and tell the driver that you must get your bike. Unloading should always be done from the curbside.
2. Raise the support arm off the front tire and lower it to its resting position.
3. Lift your bike out of the rack and place it on the ground. If there is not another bike in the rack, please fold the rack back up. Step away from the bus and back towards the curb, allowing the bus a clear path to merge into moving traffic.

What to Know

- Bicyclists pay the same fare as everyone else. There is no extra charge or permit required to bring your bike along for the ride.
- The easy-to-use folding rack is located at the front end of the bus and holds up to two (and some buses 3) bicycles at one time. Each bike can be loaded and unloaded independently, and you don't have to move one bike to reach the other. Instructions for loading and unloading are posted on each rack for quick referral. Bicycles rest solidly in place and do not touch each other or the bus.
- Space is available on a first come first served basis. Bikes are not allowed inside the bus.
- Please remove water bottles, pumps and other items that could become dislodged during the ride.

Safety Tips

- Always load/unload your bike from the curb side of the bus.
- Never cross the street in front of the bus.
- Be off your bike when waiting for the bus.
- Only single seat, two-wheeled bicycles will be permitted. No motor-powered or 3-wheeled vehicles.
- Be sure to remove any water bottles, bike pumps from your bicycle. Please be patient when other riders are removing their bikes, then quickly load/unload your bike.
- Loading and securement of bike on the rack is the responsibility of the bicyclist.
- Athens Transit is not responsible for theft or damage due to improper loading, unloading or securing.
- Bikes should not be locked to the bike rack.