

# Walking and Bicycling Resources



## Taking Bikes on Transit

Riding your bike to transit is a fun and healthy way to commute. In Marin County, cyclists are welcome to ride with their bikes on all local public transit services for no extra charge.

### LOCAL SERVICES

- [Golden Gate Transit Buses](#) - All buses that are 40-feet long or shorter are equipped with exterior bike racks at the front of the bus. Luggage bay bike racks are installed on all 45-foot long MCI buses.
- [West Marin Stagecoach](#) - All vehicles are equipped with racks that accommodate 2-3 bikes.
- [Shuttles](#) - Each shuttle is equipped with a front-mounted bike rack that can hold 2-3 bikes.

### LOADING YOUR BICYCLE

1. Remove any items, such as bags or pumps, that may fall off your bike. When the bus approaches, stay on the sidewalk with your bicycle back from the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.
2. Allow other cyclists to remove their bikes. Signal to the driver that you want to load your bike. Make sure the driver sees you before stepping in front of the bus. Load from the curb side of the bus – do not step into traffic.
3. If the rack is not already lowered, squeeze and pull up on the chrome handle located in the middle of the rack. Lower the rack until it clicks into place.
4. Lift your bike onto the rack using either the front or back positions. Wheel slots are clearly labeled on most racks for front and back wheels.
5. Raise the support arm over the front tire. The arm should rest firmly on the tire, as high up on the tire as possible. Do not lock your bike to the rack.
6. Board the bus, pay your fare, and sit near the front so you can keep an eye on your bike.



### UNLOADING YOUR BICYCLE

1. As the bus approaches your stop, inform the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike. Use the front door to leave the bus. Unload your bike from the curb side only.
2. Raise the support arm off the bicycle's front tire and lower it to its original position. Lift your bike out of the rack.
3. If the rack is empty, squeeze the chrome handle and fold the rack into its upright position. Make sure the rack locks in place.
4. Step away from the bus toward the curb with your bike. Wait until the bus pulls away. Do not step in front of the bus into traffic.

### GUIDELINES

- Customers use racks at their own risk. Bus operators assume no responsibility for bikes that are lost, stolen, damaged or left on racks.
- Racks are available during all hours of operation, on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- No additional fees or permits are needed.
- Bikes are not allowed inside buses with bike racks, even if the rack is full.
- Cyclists must load and unload bikes themselves.
- All loose items, such as accessories, water bottles, air pumps, luggage, flags, banners, etc., must be removed before loading.

### LIMITATIONS

- Single-rider, two-wheel bikes with a wheel size of 20" or larger, including road bikes, hybrid bikes, mountain bikes, and junior and pre-teen bikes, can fit into the bike racks.
- Bikes with front fenders or tires wider than 3" will not fit on the external bike racks.
- Recumbent, tandem, motorized, three-wheeled, muddy, dirty or greasy bikes are not permitted on racks.
- Bike handlebars cannot extend more than 42" from the front of the bus.
- Bike with rear-mounted baskets or child seats can fit on the bike racks. Bikes with front-mounted baskets or horizontal racks will not fit on the racks.

Sources: Triangle Transit Authority and Golden Gate Transit.