

# Bikes on Buses

You don't have to leave your bike at home – the entire Bow Valley Regional Transit Services Commission bus fleet is equipped with bike racks. Combining cycling and taking the bus is a great way to get around while making sustainability a part of your lifestyle.

## Cost

There is no additional cost to take your bike on a bus. It's free!

## Capacity

- Maximum of two or three bikes on the bike rack depending on which bus.
- Bike rack space is based on first come first serve basis.
- If the outside rack is full, 2 or 3 bikes may be permitted inside the bus at the driver's discretion based on space availability. Passengers without bicycles will take priority for inside loading.
- **IMPORTANT** – As space becomes available on exterior bike racks, any bikes inside the bus **MUST** be moved onto available bike rack space(s) as soon as possible as requested by the bus operator. This is to ensure the enjoyment and safety of other passengers.

## Restrictions

- Motor-assisted bikes of any kind are not permitted
- Trailers or other obtrusive attachments are not allowed inside of the bus.

- Bikes inside the bus cannot be left unattended. Passengers who bring bikes inside must always stand by their bike, and hold the bikes at all times to ensure it does not inconvenience other passengers.
- Passengers who bring bicycles inside the bus are responsible for any damage or liabilities caused to other passengers.
- Bikes to be brought inside the bus must be a clean no mud, not wet, excess grease etc.
- Drivers always reserved the right to decline bicycle placement inside the bus.

### **Loading and Unloading Your Bike on the Exterior Bike Rack**

Here's how to load and unload your bike:

- **Before the bus arrives**, remove loose items such as water bottles, pumps, and panniers.
- **Tell the driver** you want to load your bike.
- **Lift your bike** onto the rack. If no other bike is on the rack, place your bike in the slot closest to the bus.
- **Lift the support arm** up and over the front tire.
- **Sit at the front** of the bus and keep an eye on your bike.
- **When leaving** the bus, please tell the driver that you need to remove your bike. Exit from the front door.
- **Drivers are not expected to load or unload the bikes.** Passengers who use this aspect of our service must be physically capable of load and unload the bikes themselves.

**Play it Safe**

- **Always load and unload** on the curb side of the street. Don't step into oncoming traffic.
- **Never use a personal lock** and/or chain to secure your bike to the bus rack. For increased security, you may want to lock together your bike frame and one of the bike's wheels. (Please put the lock on before the bus arrives.)
  
- **You're responsible** for properly loading and unloading your bike. Neither Bow Valley Regional Transit Services Commission nor its operating subsidiaries are liable for any property damage or bodily harm caused by loading and unloading of bikes.

Any questions, please call us at 403-762-0606.