

Snowmass Passengers

Because of limited bike rack space, high rider demand and a required transfer, getting to and from Snowmass village with your bike can sometimes be a problem. Although there is no fare for passengers taking the bus between Aspen and Snowmass there is a \$2.00 charge for transporting a bicycle.

At the Brush Creek-Highway 82 Intercept lot passengers and their bikes must transfer to the connecting bus going to Snowmass. The possibility exists that by the time your bus arrives at the Brush Creek Intercept Lot no bike rack spaces may remain. Be prepared by bringing a lock, being capable of riding your bike the rest of the way, or waiting for the next bus.

Passengers with bicycles going downvalley from Snowmass will not be charged for the trip until they transfer to the downvalley bus at the Brush Creek/Highway 82 Intercept Lot. At that time the \$2.00 bike fee and regular passenger fare will be assessed if there is a bike space available, and passengers will proceed to load the bike and board the bus in a first come, first served manner.



For Schedule Information call 925-8484
www.rfta.com

Guidelines

In order to insure the success of the Bikes on Buses Program please review the following guidelines. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by your fellow riders.

Bike Stops

Loading and unloading of bikes is limited to the following up- and downvalley stops:

Rifle - Metro Park

Silt - Highway 6

New Castle - 6th Street

Glenwood - Park & Ride

Glenwood - Court House

Glenwood - Walmart

Glenwood - CMC

Carbondale - Park & Ride

El Jebel - Park & Ride

Basalt - Park & Ride

Pitkin Cty - Lazy Glen

Pitkin Cty - Old Snowmass

Pitkin Cty - Aspen Village

Brush Creek Intercept Lot

Snowmass - Horse Ranch

Snowmass - Village Mall

Aspen - Airport Business Center

Aspen - Maroon Creek

Aspen - Rubey Park

Fees

There is a \$2.00 per bike user fee (exact fare only - no change can be given), regardless of distance traveled, in addition to the regular passenger fare. Punch Passes may be used for payment. **Season Pass and Monthly Pass holders must also pay this \$2.00 fee.**

Children

Only people capable of loading and unloading their own bikes will be allowed to use the bike racks, unless accompanied by an adult who is capable of assisting. The driver is not in a position to assist.

Hours

Bike tires and spokes block headlights. Therefore, bikes will be allowed to be loaded onto buses only during the following hours.

**From mid-April through Labor Day:
7:00am - 7:30pm**

**From the day after Labor Day through the last
Saturday in October: 7:00am - 6:00pm**

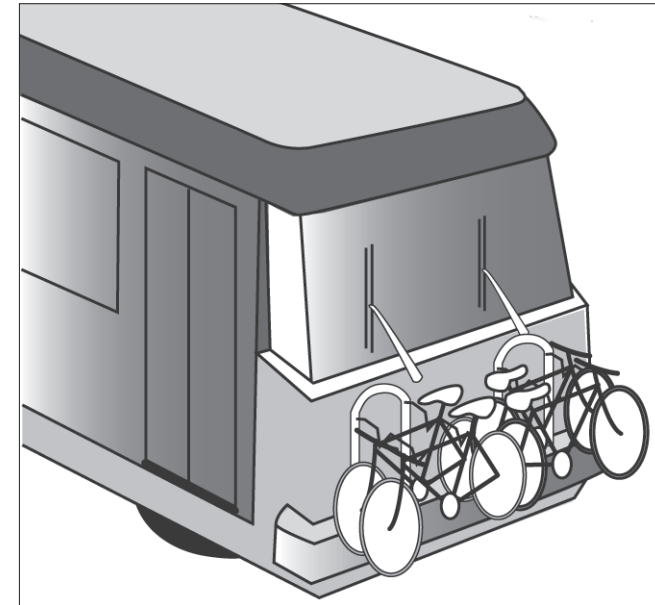
**From the last Sunday in October through
mid-November: 7:00pm- 4:30pm**

Bikes On Buses

It's A Loaded Question



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The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority provides bicycle racks on its valley fleet, allowing cyclists to ride the bus with their bikes between Aspen and Rifle, and points in between.

RFTA was among the first transit agencies in the United States to allow bikes on buses. We hope you will take advantage of this program. By following the simple guidelines outlined in this brochure you can make this experience a pleasant one for everyone involved.

If you're a cyclist, please take time to read throughout the brochure. Even if you've been using the rack system for years, you'll probably find some new information. Information that you need to know.

Four's Company...Five's a Crowd

There is only room for four bicycles on a RFTA bus. It is a first-come, first-served system, except at the Brush Creek Road and Highway 82 Intercept Lot where transferring passengers have priority. If the racks are full, you will need to lock up your bike at the stop, pedal to your destination, or wait for the next bus.

RFTA continues to work on rack alternatives which may increase capacity, but has not yet found an acceptable solution. Thanks for your patience with this limitation.

Bicycle Park and Ride

- ◆ Bicycle parking is available at many of RFTA's bus stops including: Brush Creek Intercept Lot, Aspen Village, Old Snowmass, Basalt Park & Ride, El Jebel Park & Ride, and Carbondale Park & Ride.
- ◆ It's a good idea to have a bike lock with you, in case the rack on the bus is full.

Loading Your Bike

There is an optimal way to load your bike on RFTA racks. Correct loading is key to your safety, the safety of your bicycle, and the safety of others using the road.

Bicycles with child carriers or panniers are not allowed as they are too heavy/bulky for the racks.

RFTA's valley buses have front-load racks. These racks are staggered, so loading order is important. If possible, bicycles should be loaded in this order:

- 1 driver's side
- 2 passenger's side
- 3 driver's side
- 4 passenger's side

This allows all bikes to fit comfortably on the rack.

PLEASE NOTE:
**RFTA is not responsible
for bikes placed on racks.**

The Secret of Wrap

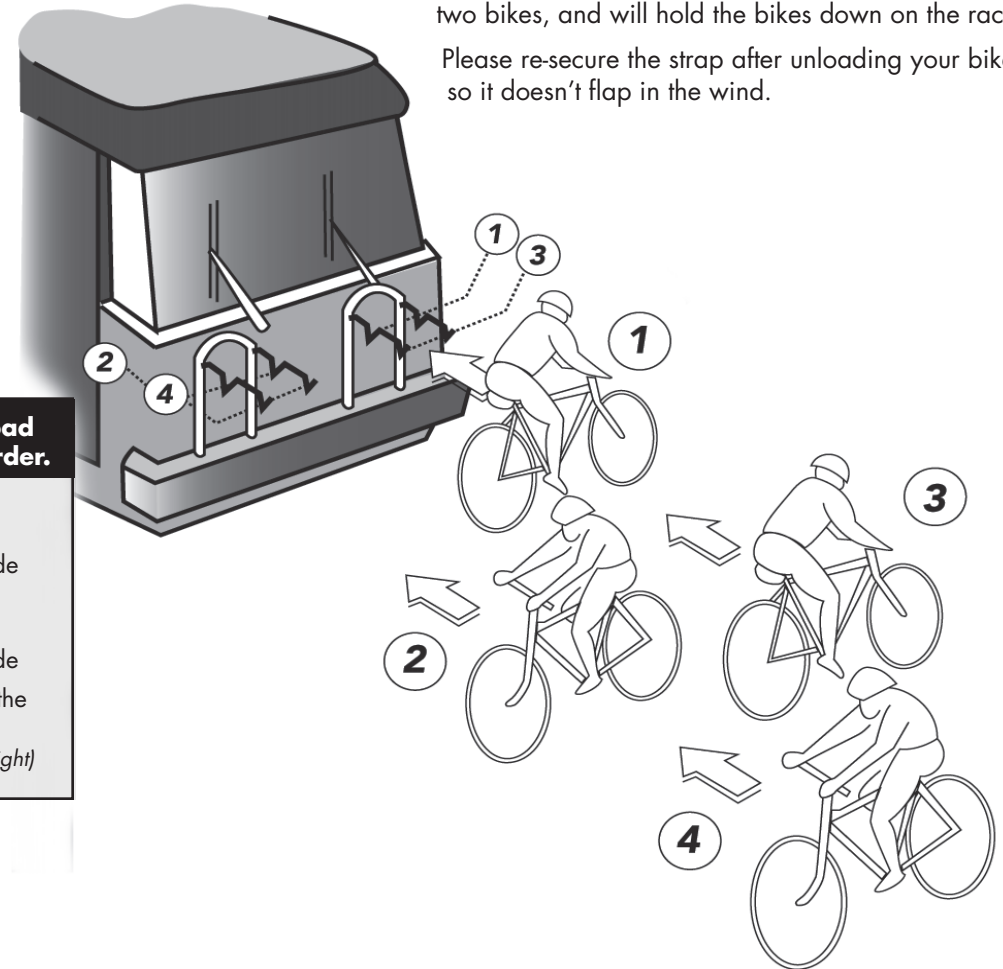
The first bicycle on each rack must be loaded with the rear tire toward the center of the bus, and the handlebars toward the outside of the bus. This keeps your handlebars from interfering with the windshield wipers, and allows the front tire to "wrap-around" the front of the bus, making the bus less wide. Be sure to slide your bike as far toward the center of the bus as possible to minimize width over-hang.

If possible, the second bicycle on each rack should also be loaded with your handlebars toward the outside of the bus. This is preferable, as it allows your front tire to wrap.

HOWEVER, if your bike is the exact same size as the first bike on the rack, your handlebars and seat will conflict with the other bicycle. In this event, you will need to place your bike with handlebars toward the middle of the bus. Be sure to slide your bike as far toward the center of the bus as possible to minimize width over-hang.

REMEMBER: Load Bicycles in this order.

- 1 driver's side
 - 2 passenger's side
 - 3 driver's side
 - 4 passenger's side
- all bike seats in the middle
(see illustration at right)



Who's On First?

If there are several riders loading at the same stop, find out who's getting off first, and load their bicycle on the outside. That way they won't have to remove your bike to unload their own.

Space Age Security

Once you have your bike on the rack, secure it with the attached Velcro closure. The Velcro strap is designed to go directly from its anchor to your bike. This will help stabilize your bike when the bus rolls over dips in the road.

NOTE: Bring the strap directly to your bike, not over the top of the rack. This ensures enough strap to secure two bikes, and will hold the bikes down on the rack.

Please re-secure the strap after unloading your bike so it doesn't flap in the wind.