

## QUICK TIPS

### Tips to consider when loading bikes on RFTA bicycle racks:

**Full Rack:** If the rack is full, please wait for the next bus.

**Loading:** You are responsible for loading, securing, and unloading your bicycle from the rack.

**Alert Bus Driver:** Direct the driver's attention before you load or unload your bike to make sure no one is harmed.

**Traffic:** Do not step into traffic while loading or unloading your bike. Load your bike from the curb. Also, do not cross the street in front of the bus – passing traffic cannot see you coming around the bus.

**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.

**Rack Ready Bike:** Before the bus arrives, prepare your bike for loading by removing water bottles, pumps, baskets, or any loose items that might fall off.

**Not Allowed:** Bicycles with child carriers or panniers are not allowed as they are too heavy and bulky for the racks.

**Do not lock your bike to the rack.**

**Exiting:** Use the front door when leaving the bus and notify the driver that you will be unloading your bicycle.

**Empty Rack:** Move the empty rack into the upright position.

**Problems:** If you notice any problems with a rack, alert the bus driver and wait for the next bus—it's best for everyone's safety and the safety of your bike.

## SNOWMASS PASSENGERS

**At the Brush Creek-Highway 82,** 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.

Because of limited bike rack space passengers and their bikes must transfer to the connecting bus going to Snowmass Village. 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 transferring from Snowmass will not be charged for the trip until they transfer to the valley 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. Riders catching the Downvalley Direct bus will pay for their bikes and the regular fares when boarding.

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## 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	Basalt Park & Ride
Silt - Highway 6	Pitkin Cty - Lazy Glen
New Castle - 6th Street	Pitkin Cty - Old Snowmass
Glenwood - Meadows	Pitkin Cty - Aspen Village
Glenwood - Court House	Brush Creek Intercept Lot
Glenwood - 27th Street	Snowmass - Rodeo/Park
Glenwood - CMC	Snowmass - Village Mall
Glenwood - Park & Ride	Snowmass - Base Village
Carbondale - Park & Ride	Aspen - Buttermilk
Catherine Store	Aspen - AABC
El Jebel - Park & Ride	Aspen - Maroon Creek
El Jebel - Willits	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. Stored Value Tickets may be used for payment. **Season Pass and Monthly Pass holders must also pay this \$2.00 fee.**

### 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:  
6:00am - 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: 7:00am- 4:30pm**

# BIKES ON BUSES



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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 this brochure. Even if you've been using the rack system for years, you'll probably find some new information.

**FOR INFORMATION CALL (970) 925-8484  
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**PREGUNTAS:** Para información de horarios o preguntas en Español favor de llamar al (970) 384-4871.

## TWO DIFFERENT SCENARIOS

All of RFTA's valley buses have front-load racks. There are two different kinds of bike racks on RFTA buses, racks that hold two bikes and racks that hold four bikes. They differ by the way the bikes rest on the arms. Bikes on the two capacity racks are lifted and placed into wheel slots. Bikes on the four capacity racks are hung from support arm of the rack that sticks out from the 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.

### 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 and bulky for the racks.**

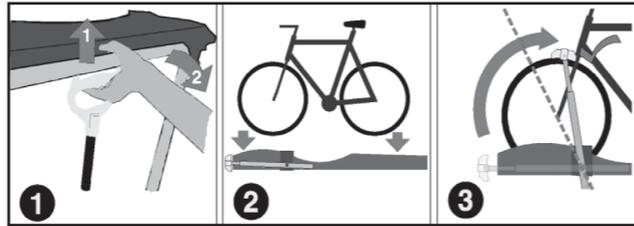
**PLEASE NOTE:  
RFTA is not responsible  
for bikes placed on racks.**

## TWO CAPACITY BIKE RACKS

**2 Bikes.** Several of RFTA's buses are equipped with bike racks on the front that can hold two bikes. You will notice it is a two capacity bike rack because there will be empty wheel wells where you lift and place your bicycle wheels.

**Loading Bikes.** Prepare your bike for loading. Remove water bottles, pumps and other loose items that could fall off while the bus is in motion.

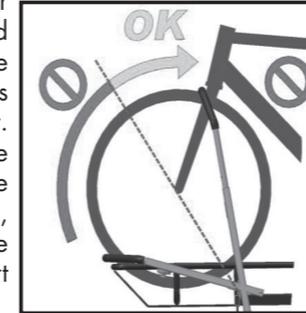
1. Squeeze handle up to release latch, then fold down the bike rack. You only need to use one hand



to unlatch and pull the bike rack down, so you can hold your bike with your other hand. It is not necessary to lean your bike against the bus.

2. Lift your bike onto the bike rack, fitting wheels into proper wheel slots. The front wheel slot is clearly labeled. The purpose of the directional placement is to make the bike nearest the bus easier to unload.

3. Raise the Support Arm over the front tire. The Support Arm's number one purpose is to add lateral support for the bicycle when the bus is in motion or at rest. Many bikes will sit in the wheel well without the use of the Support Arm, but the rack must not be used without the Support Arm.



Bikes with especially thin rims and tires will sway back and forth without its use. The Support Arm needs to be raised so that the hook rests beyond the highest point of the tire closest to the frame.

### Unloading Bikes

1. Inform the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike as you approach your stop. Use the front door to exit the bus. Unload your bike from in front of the bus or from the curb, not from the street.

2. Raise the Support Arm off the tire. The Support Arm automatically folds down to a secure position.

3. Lift your bike out of the bike rack.

4. Fold up the bike rack when it is empty. The bike rack locks in place.

## FOUR CAPACITY BIKE RACKS

**4 Bikes.** You will notice it is a four capacity bike rack because there will be two sets of bars in which to rest the four bikes on. 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.

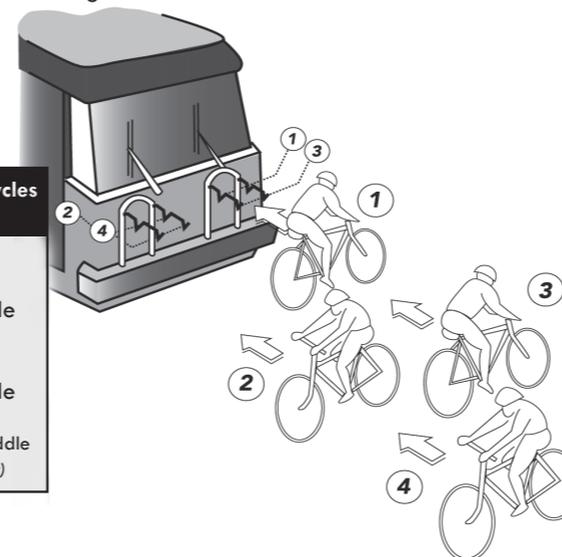
**HOWEVER,** if your bike is the exact same size as the first bike on the rack, your handlebars and seat will conflict

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 it's 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.**