YORK REGION TRANSIT

bike 'n' bus
information guide

Bring your bicycle with you on YRT routes.
You pay your regular fare but your bike rides for free.

Experience the ease and convenience of travelling with a bicycle on York Region Transit (YRT). Each rack holds up to two bikes and is designed for easy loading and unloading.

The bike racks are part of YRT's Bike 'n' Bus program. Bike 'n' Bus is part of the Metrolinx BikeLinx program for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), in partnership with Smart Commute.

Why should I bike 'n' bus?

> Make a positive impact on your environment and reduce your carbon footprint.

> Biking is a completely clean form of transportation. The only fuel it burns is your own calories!

> A leisurely bike ride can elevate levels of feel-good endorphins, boosting your mood.

See inside for our step-by-step guide and more information >>

Disclaimer: YRT is not responsible for bicycles left behind or not claimed, lost or stolen bicycles, improper securement of bicycles and/or bicycle damage incurred as a result of using the bike rack.

Bike racks can be found on all YRT and Viva buses and at bus stop locations throughout York Region, including terminals.

Easy On: Loading Your Bike

GET READY Prepare your bicycle for the bike rack by removing any water bottles or loose items that may fall off while the bus is in motion. As the bus approaches, let the driver know that you intend to use the bike rack. You can do this by making eye contact with the driver and pointing to your bike and the rack.

LOWER THE RACK Hold on to your bike with one hand and use your free hand to squeeze the handle at the top of the rack. Squeezing the handle will unlock the rack and it can then be lowered for use. If the rack is already lowered, move onto the next step.

LOAD YOUR BIKE Load your bike from the front or curb/platform side of the bus. Lift your bike into one of the rack's two wheel trays. A label tells you where the front wheel goes. The trays are far apart from each other to make loading/unloading easy if there is another bike there.

Easy Off: Unloading Your Bike

SECURE THE FRONT WHEEL

Secure your bike by pulling the spring-loaded support arm out and over the front tire.

Your bike is now ready for the ride!

Safety Tips: The loading/unloading of children's bikes should be performed by the accompanying adult.

Please be cognizant of the right side view mirror next to the front door when boarding/alighting the bus.

GET READY Exit from the front door and be sure to tell the bus operator you will be unloading your bike from the rack. Approach the bike rack from the front or curb/platform side of the bus.

UNLOAD YOUR BIKE Pull the spring-loaded support arm from the tire and lower. Lift your bike up from the wheel slots towards the front or curb/platform side of the bus. Squeeze the handle at the front of the rack to lift and lock it in place.

DEPART SAFELY Carry your bike away from the bus to the sidewalk/platform. Signal to the driver that you have finished unloading and stand clear of the bus.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if the rack is full?
Bike racks are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is no space left on the rack, the bus operator may let you bring your bike on board the bus unless:
> You are travelling during rush hour periods [1, 2]
> The bus is full and there is not enough space [2]
> There is an emergency [2]
> Your bike is motorized [3]

Will all buses have bike racks?
Yes, the entire YRT fleet has bike racks installed.

You may also choose to lock your bike at one of more than 200 on-street YRT bicycle racks at over 72 locations across York Region.

1 Rush hour periods are weekdays, 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
2 According to Bylaw R-1415-2005-028 (as amended), sec. 3.24
3 According to Bylaw R-1415-2005-028 (as amended), sec. 3.3

Will my bike fit on the rack?
The on-bus bike racks are designed to hold conventional two-wheel bicycles with wheels that are 20-29 inches in diameter. The rack can also hold bicycles with a maximum 44 inch wheel base.

What isn't allowed on the bike rack?
> Any bicycle with more than two wheels
> Any bicycle with wheels that do not meet the guidelines (see above)
> Any motorized bicycle or vehicle
> Any bicycle with extra equipment that impedes the bike from being mounted securely on the rack
> Conventional style electric bikes (e-bikes) meeting the following criteria are permitted: Electric/pedal power only; wheels are 20 to 29 inches in diameter; weighs less than 55 pounds; and abides by current bicycle policy and procedures.

What if I forget to unload my bicycle?
Contact the YRT Contact Centre at
1-866-MOVE YRT (668-3978).

Where can I find more information on safe cycling and cycling activities?

Cycle Canada
www.cyclecanada.com

Ontario Ministry of Transportation
www.mto.gov.on.ca

Ontario Cycling Association
www.ontariocycling.org

Where can I find more information on Metrolinx and Smart Commute?

Metrolinx
www.metrolinx.com

Smart Commute
www.smartcommute.ca

Cycling Safety Tips

Riding a bicycle is fun but there are also rules to be followed. Here are some cycling tips to keep you safe:
> It is the law for those ages 18 and under to always wear a helmet while riding. Look for CSA, ANSI or SNELL-approved helmets to keep your head safe.
> Follow the rules of the road and all traffic signs. They apply to cyclists.
> Use proper hand signals. Here's what they should look like:

left turn   right turn   alternate right turn   stopping

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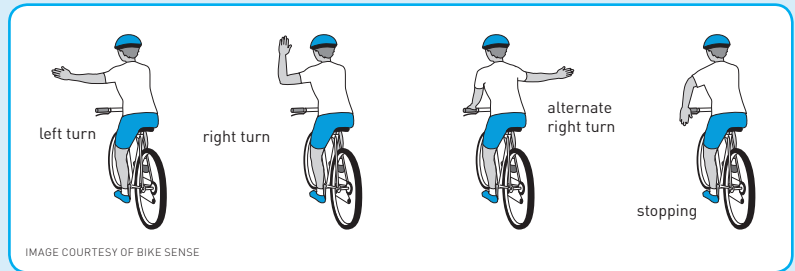
> Only pass vehicles on the left. Drivers may not shoulder-check before making a right turn as they do not expect anything to be there.
> Stay out of blind spots at the sides and rear of vehicles.
> Be visible to drivers at night by wearing bright, coloured clothing and using headlights, tail lights or reflectors.

Check before you connect!

For an updated list of routes and schedules, visit yrt.ca or call 1-800-MOVE-YRT (668-3978).

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