



# Discover How We Fit into Your Bike Commute

Bringing your bike when you #RideDCTA is simple and fun! Biking allows you to connect to more places within your community and is a proactive way to reduce emissions and fit in time for exercise.

Our bike webpage has many resources available for those who want to learn more about biking safely around Denton County. You can also check out local clubs and organizations to add more fun to your bike adventure!

## Rules for Biking Safely

### BE PREPARED WITH BIKE CHECK TIPS

It's important that every cyclist ensures they're outfitting their bike appropriately for a safe ride. Below are key tips to keep in mind:

- Make sure your bike has reflectors
- Wear a head lamp
- Carry an emergency pump
- Dress in bright, reflective clothing, especially if you're cycling in the evening
- Utilize official hand signs during your ride
- Make sure your bags and items are securely attached to you or your bike

### LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE YOU CROSS

When riding your bike, always look both ways when crossing an intersection for buses, trains, cars and alongside rail trails and city streets. Dismounting before you cross any intersection during your bike trip is the way to go to stay safe.

### AVOID RIDING IN BLIND SPOTS

When riding your bike near large vehicles, stay alert and exercise caution. Buses frequently pull to the right when stopping to load and unload passengers. If you're passing a stopped vehicle on your bike, stay on the bike path which will dictate your way around parked and moving vehicles.



# Loading and Unloading Your Bike

DCTA accommodates bikes on transit vehicles whenever possible on a space available basis. Any passenger may use the bike racks on the front of many DCTA buses, take them on buses not equipped with exterior racks and use the bike hooks onboard the A-train located near the ADA-compliant seats.

If priority seating is needed for passengers, bike owners may be asked to move, wait for the next trip or use a bike rack at another DCTA A-train station.

## Bus

### LOADING YOUR BIKE

- Signal the driver before loading your bike
- Squeeze the handle on the top of the rack and lower it parallel to the ground
- Place your bike in the rack closest to the bus
- Lift the bar over your bike wheels to secure it

### UNLOADING YOUR BIKE

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop
- Exit through the front door and tell our bus operator that you will unload your bike
- Make sure our driver sees you before stepping in front of the bus
- Remove the bars from the wheels and lift your bike off the rack
- If the rack is empty, push it back up toward the bus until it's locked

## A-train

### LOADING YOUR BIKE

- Wheel your bike on board the A-train
- Pick up your bike and place one wheel on the hook
- If the rack is full, alert one of our rail operators and they will escort you to another rail car to load your bike on an open rack

### UNLOADING YOUR BIKE

- Wait for the train to come to a complete stop
- Be aware of those around you
- Carefully remove your bike from the rack by lifting it up and off the hook
- Wheel your bike to the nearest exit
- Do not ride your bike on board or on train station platforms

## Key DCTA Bike Facts to Know

DCTA only allows single seat, two-wheeled bikes, folding bikes (in a collapsed position) and standard bikes onboard vehicles. Electric bikes with a sealed battery compartment are also permitted.

Bike racks are available on the front of most buses.  
Bike hooks are available on the A-train, but not required.

There are two bike racks at each of DCTA's A-train stations and four at the Downtown Denton Transit Center (DDTC) with the ability to hold eight bikes each.

DCTA is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes.  
If you left your bike on a vehicle, call our customer service team at 940.243.0077.

