

Bikes and Golden Gate Transit

Riding your bike to Golden Gate Transit (GGT) is a fun and healthy way to commute. GGT buses that are 40-foot long or less are equipped with exterior bike racks at the front of the bus. Luggage bay bike racks are installed on all 45-foot long MCI buses.

Rack Rules

Bike access to GGT buses is a privilege, not a right. It is the cyclist's responsibility to read and comply with the following safety rules.

- ❖ Customers use GGT bike racks at their own risk. GGT assumes no responsibility for bikes that are lost, stolen, damaged or left on racks.
- ❖ Racks are available during all hours of operation, on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- ❖ No additional fees or permits are needed.
- ❖ Bikes are not allowed inside buses with bike racks, even if the rack is full, except on Routes 40/42 as described at the right.
- ❖ Cyclists must load and unload bikes themselves. For safety reasons, GGT drivers may not leave the bus to assist cyclists.
- ❖ **All loose items, such as accessories, water bottles, air pumps, luggage, flags, bags, etc., must be removed before loading.**

Rack Limitations

- ❖ **Single-rider**, two-wheel bikes with a wheel size of 20" or larger, including road bikes, hybrid bikes, mountain bikes, and junior and pre-teen bikes can fit into the bike racks.
- ❖ Bikes with front fenders or tires wider than 3" will not fit on the external bike racks.
- ❖ Recumbent, tandem, motorized, three-wheeled, muddy, dirty or greasy bikes are not permitted on racks or inside buses.
- ❖ Bike handlebars **cannot extend more than 42"** from the front of the bus.
- ❖ Bikes with rear-mounted baskets or child seats can fit on the external bike racks, but not on the luggage bay racks. Bikes with front-mounted baskets or horizontal racks will not fit on either bike rack.

Bike Racks at Bus Stops

Bike racks are available, free of charge, at over 40 Golden Gate Transit bus stops. The racks at the San Rafael Transit Center accommodate about 20 bikes. Racks at other locations typically hold four to six bikes.

For bike rack locations, visit www.goldengatetransit.org/services/bikes.php or see the [Golden Gate Transit Guide](#).

Bikes and Golden Gate Ferry

Bikes are welcome aboard all Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) vessels on a first-come, first-serve basis. All GGF high-speed catamarans can accommodate up to 15 bikes. For your convenience, bike racks are available at the Larkspur and San Francisco Ferry Terminals. Larkspur Ferry Terminal provides some covered bicycle storage within the paid waiting area.

Bikes and Golden Gate Bridge

This is one of the most breathtakingly beautiful commutes around. Cyclists have toll-free access to the Golden Gate Bridge's sidewalks 24-hours per day. There are more cyclists using the Bridge than ever before, which is good news for congestion relief, air quality and physical fitness. It also means that cyclists must be extra cautious and patient with tourists when riding on the Bridge's sidewalks.

For specific information about bikes on the Bridge, visit

www.goldenbridge.com/bikesbridge/bikes.php.

Golden Gate Bridge Sidewalk Advisories

- ❖ **Yield** to pedestrians and travel at safe speeds.
- ❖ Keep right, unless passing, and call out "on your left" or ring your bell before passing a pedestrian or another cyclist.
- ❖ If there is not ample room to pass, wait until oncoming traffic has passed before proceeding.
- ❖ Use extra caution around the towers as it can be very difficult to see around crowds and tight corners.
- ❖ Use caution when passing construction equipment or rounding corners, especially in variable wind conditions.
- ❖ Remember – the Golden Gate Bridge is for everyone – let's make sure the pathways remain friendly places to ride.

Ride Safe on the Golden Gate!



Cyclists Using Routes 40/42

Cyclists traveling across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on Routes 40/42 may store a limit of two bikes in the wheelchair securement area of GGT buses with rear doors only when the exterior bike rack is full and passenger loads can accommodate the bike(s). Wheelchair users have priority over cyclists at all times. Whenever possible, GGT will assign rear door coaches to Routes 40/42. **If you have to use the interior wheelchair area because the exterior rack is full, you MUST have your own straps to secure your bike.** Load your bike through the rear door, lift the flip-up seats to the up position, back the rear wheel into the wheelchair clamp and secure the wheel in the clamp. Then use straps to secure the front of the bike without blocking the aisle.

Bike Safety Tips

- ❖ Make eye contact with driver when using bike racks.
- ❖ Always wear a helmet when riding your bike.
- ❖ Cyclists share the same rights and are subject to the same responsibilities as other vehicle operators.
- ❖ Ride on designated bike routes where possible.
- ❖ Be visible! Wear highly visible clothing during the day and a reflective vest or clothing at night. Always ride with a light on your bike at night. Be careful to avoid blind spots of buses, trucks and other vehicles.
- ❖ Always stay out of the dangerous "door zone" by riding at least three feet from parked cars on the street.

**FOR MORE BIKE TIPS CONTACT:
Marin County Bicycle Coalition at
www.marinbike.org or call
(415) 456-3469**

Customer Relations

Toll-free  (say "Golden Gate Transit") or 711 (TDD) 

Lost and Found 415-257-4476
www.goldengate.org

Bike to Transit



**It's easy with
Golden Gate Transit
and Golden Gate Ferry**





Loading Instructions for Front-Mounted Bike Racks

- 1 Be off your bike when waiting at the bus stop so that the bus driver will recognize you as a passenger. **Remove all loose items, such as water bottles, air pumps, flags, bags, etc., before loading.**
- 2 After the bus has come to a complete stop and you are sure that the bus driver sees you, move to the bike rack located on the front of the bus. Load bikes from the curb side. REMEMBER, make eye contact with the driver!
- 3 Squeeze up on the chrome release handle which is located in the middle of the rack, and lower the rack from its upright position.



- 4 Lift the bike onto the rack, fitting the wheels into either the front or back positions. Wheel slots are clearly labeled for front and back tires.

- 5 Raise the support arm over the front tire, so that the hook rests next to the brakes.



Raise handle to the brakes.

- 6 **Do Not Lock Your Bike To The Rack.** Board the bus, pay your fare and leave the driving to GGT.



Unloading Instructions for Front-Mounted Bike Racks

- 1 As the bus approaches your stop, inform the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike. This will ensure that the driver waits until you are clear of the bus before leaving the stop. Use the front door to leave the bus. Unload your bike from the curb side only.
- 2 Raise the support arm off the front tire and fold it down to its original position. Lift your bike out of the rack.
- 3 If the rack is empty, fold the rack into the locked, folded position by squeezing the chrome release handle.
- 4 Step away from the bus to the curb with your bike. Wait until the bus pulls away. **Never proceed directly in front of the bus into traffic.**

Loading Instructions for Luggage Bay Bike Racks

All Golden Gate Transit MCI buses (600-series) are equipped with luggage bay bike racks. The luggage bay areas are for bikes only. Back packs, saddlebags, etc., are not allowed under the bus. Each bus can accommodate two bikes. Due to the length of the extended rack, bikes can only be loaded/unloaded at preferred boarding locations. Preferred boarding locations include major transfer points, freeway bus pads and park and ride locations. In San Francisco, the preferred location is Levi Plaza. For a list of additional boarding locations, visit www.goldengatetransit.org/services/bikes.php.

- 1 Be off your bike when waiting at the bus stop so that the bus driver will recognize you as a passenger. **Remove all loose items, such as water bottles, air pumps, flags, bags, etc., before loading.**
- 2 After the bus has come to a complete stop, signal the driver to unlock the luggage bay door and move to the curb side luggage bay door marked "bike rack."



- 3 Lift the lever and push the door up, making sure that the door is fully extended. Attach the safety chain by inserting pin in hinge area.



- 4 Follow instruction #1 on rack: "Pull Ring to Fold Leg" and lower upper skin.
- 5 Follow instruction #2 on rack: "Pull Handle to Extend Rack." Pull rack toward you until it stops. **Use caution when extending rack, checking for pedestrians or obstructions on sidewalks.**



- 6 Follow instruction #3 on rack: "Raise Bed with Handle, Push to Lock Leg."
- 7 Orient your bicycle so that it matches the silhouette imprinted on the bed skin.



If loading bike onto the upright position (upper skin), be sure to align tires in wheel tray and secure the three straps.



- 8 Follow instruction #4 on rack: "Pull Ring to Fold Leg" and lower upper skin.
- 9 Push the rack into the luggage bay until it locks automatically.



- 10 Close luggage bay door securely. **Keep your fingers clear of the door and latch.**

Unloading Instructions for Luggage Bay Bike Racks

- 1 As the bus approaches your stop, inform the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike. This will ensure that the driver unlocks the luggage bay door and waits until you are clear of the bus before leaving the stop.
- 2 Repeat steps 3 through 6 of the loading instructions. If removing your bike from the upright position (upper skin), be sure to remove straps from tires prior to removing bike.
- 3 Repeat steps 8 through 10 of the loading instructions.
- 4 Step away from the bus to the curb with your bike and all your belongings. Wait until the bus pulls away. **Never proceed directly in front of a bus into traffic.**

