



**Welcome
Aboard!**

**CTA
Summer
Bike Access
Program**



Bring Your Bike On CTA Trains

An important ingredient in the recipe for Chicago summer fun is bicycling. Our city offers plenty of cycling routes – but sometimes, your chosen destination may be too far from your home to reach by bike. To make Chicago bicycling even more convenient for you, our riders, the CTA will allow bicycles on trains on weekends from **Memorial Day Weekend (beginning May 29) through Labor Day on September 6.**

Our trains can get you and your bike to the lakefront, parks or any place that's near our stations. Take your bike to and from your destination of choice. Or, opt for a one-way ride if you're in a hurry to get to where you're going or too tired to ride your bike home. Just follow the rules listed here, and you'll be on your way to fun and exercise the summer-in-Chicago way!

1 • Weekend Bike-on-Train Service

Bikes are welcome on CTA trains on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend (beginning May 29) to Labor Day, September 6, and holidays (Memorial Day, July 5 and Labor Day). **Bicycles are not allowed on weekdays or on July 3, due to heavy passenger traffic.**

Anyone over 18 may bring their bicycle on the train system. Riders between 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult, and those under 12 cannot bring bikes on the system.

2 • Entering/Exiting Stations

When entering a station, notify the Customer Assistant or Security Guard that you are there with your bicycle. Pay your fare and follow instructions. When available, use the accessible turnstile with the swing gate. If such a turnstile is not available, CTA staff

will open an access gate to allow you to enter with your bike. If no staff is available, please ride to the next CTA rail station.

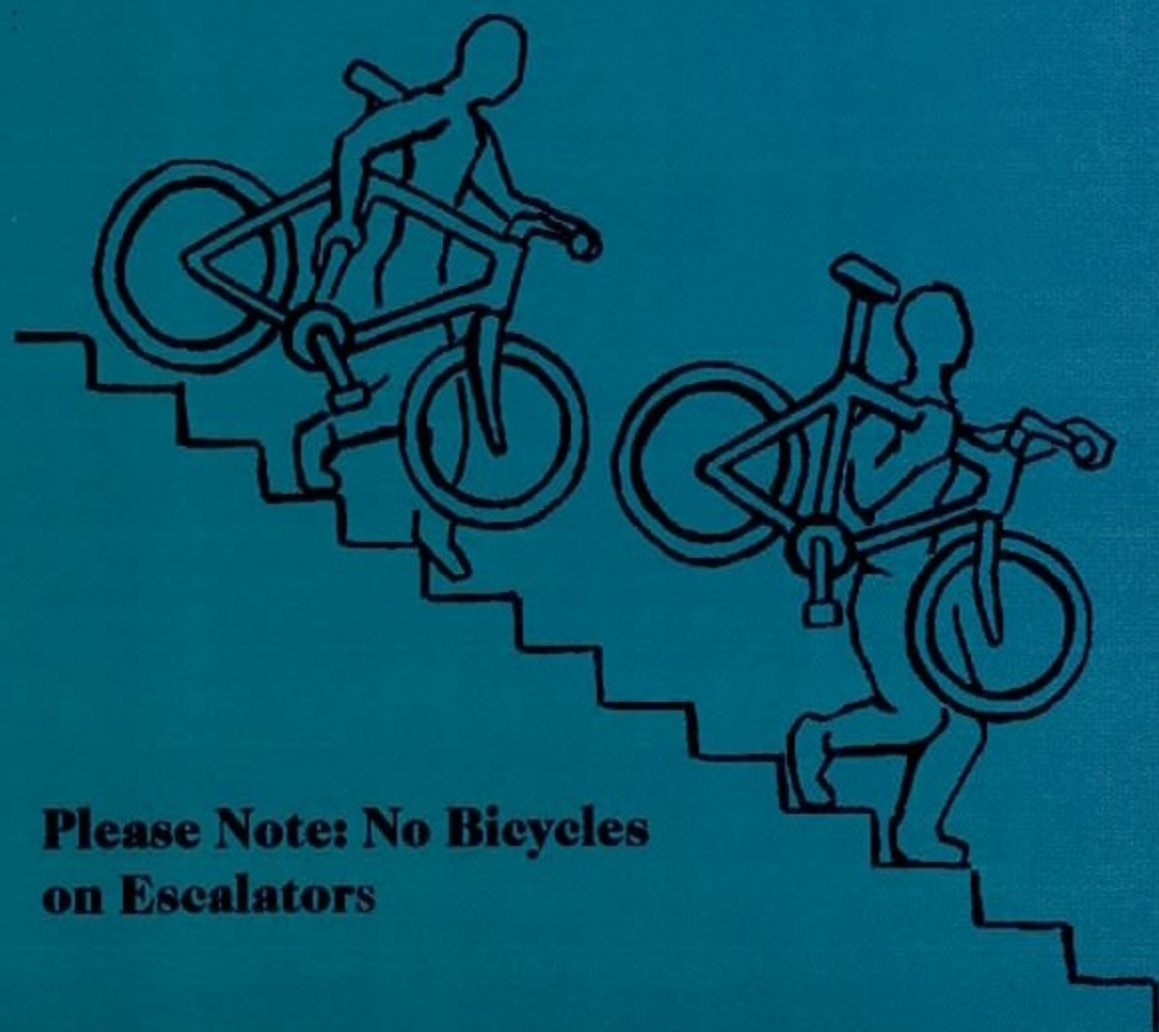


Do not attempt to carry your bicycle through one of the tall steel-bar gates. It will get caught

Bicycles may not exit King Drive Station on the Green Line as the only way to exit is through a steel-bar gate. If you planned to use this station, ride through to Cottage Grove.

When a train is approaching or leaving, stand clear of the platform edge.

3. Use Courtesy On Stairs And Ramps. Use elevators whenever they are available. When elevators are not available, carry, *don't ride*, your bike on ramps or stairways. Allow other customers to clear before you carry your bicycle up or down stairs.



Please Note: No Bicycles on Escalators

4 • Stand By Your Bike.

You must stand by your bicycle and hold on to it at all times. Do not deploy the kickstand inside stations or on trains.

If there is a train or station evacuation, you must leave your bicycle behind to ensure a swift and safe exit for you and all other customers. Store your bicycle on board the vehicle on top of or in between seats and out of the aisles.

5 • Board Train After Other Passengers.

Let other passengers board the train first. This reduces the chance of someone tripping over your bicycle. It also allows you to determine if a train is too crowded for a bike.



ALWAYS YIELD TO PASSENGERS WHO MUST USE THE ACCESSIBLE SEATING AREA.

6 • TWO (2) Bicycles Are Allowed Per Train Car.

However, do not board cars with folding doors on the Blue Line — these doors are too narrow and your bike will get caught. **Find a car on the Blue Line with sliding doors. Each Blue Line train has at least two cars with sliding doors.**

Once you're on a car, stand with your bike where room permits.

7 • Recommended Area For Bicycle Placement On Board:

Two bicycles are allowed on each rail car. Please refer to the diagram on the back of this brochure.

8 • Follow Instructions From Chicago Police, Customer Assistants, Security Guards, and Train Personnel.

To ensure safety, Chicago Police and CTA personnel may decide trains are too crowded, your bicycle is obstructing customer movement, or there are already two cyclists on one car. Follow their instructions.

Thank you for riding the CTA. We hope you enjoy this summer program. Remember, we provide bicycle parking at most CTA rail facilities. If trains are too crowded or you don't want to bring your bike on the system, park free and ride.

This pilot bike access program is only on the CTA rail system. This does not apply to Metra, Pace or CTA bus routes.

The cyclist assumes all responsibility for any damage and/or injury that occurs as a result of their bicycle being on CTA property. This includes injury to the cyclist or other customers. A sudden stop by the train does not remove responsibility from the bike owner for damages or injuries to other customers or themselves.

Recommended Location:



Bicycle Dimensions

Length: Not to exceed 72"

Handlebar width: Not to exceed 30"