

Bring Your Bike Podcast Transcription

Host 1: Let's learn about bringing your bike on Space Coast Area Transit buses. Yeah. This is perfect for anyone who wants to use their bike for part of their commute.

Host 2: Exactly. It's a fantastic way to combine biking and public transportation. Yeah. Which is great for both convenience and the environment.

Host 1: Okay, so first things first.

Are bikes

Host 2: even allowed on these buses? Absolutely. Oh, great. Space Coast Area Transit welcomes bikes on all their fixed route buses.

Host 1: Wow. So every bus.

Host 2: Every single bus is equipped with a bike rack at the front that can hold two full size bikes.

Host 1: Okay. That's awesome. Yeah. But I am picturing myself. Showing up with my bike.

Uh

Host 2: huh.

Host 1: And now I'm a bit confused about how this whole rack thing works.

Host 2: It's super easy. The bike racks themselves are actually designed to be pretty user friendly. They've got this simple four step process for loading and unloading.

Host 1: Four steps.

Host 2: Yep. But before you start,

Host 1: Okay. You

Host 2: need to let the bus driver know that you want to load your bike.

Host 1: Okay, I can handle that.

Host 2: Alright.

Host 1: Let's bring it down. What's step one?

Host 2: You'll need to pull the bike rack down. Okay. If it isn't already down.

Host 1: Got

Host 2: it. Then you'll place your bike's wheels into the slots marked front and rear. All right. Make sure you use the space closest to the front of the bus if you're the first one using the rack.

Host 1: Okay, got it. Pull down the rack.

Host 2: Right.

Host 1: Wheels in the slots.

Host 2: Uh huh.

Host 1: What's next?

Host 2: For step three, you'll raise the support arm as high as it goes. Okay. Making sure it rests on your front tire. Mm hmm. Not the fender. Got it. That arm has a spring in it that keeps your bike snug and secure during the entire bus ride.

Host 1: So far so good.

Host 2: Yeah.

Host 1: What about taking the bike off the rack when I reach my stop?

Host 2: Easy peasy.

Host 1: Okay.

Host 2: Step four is just reversing the process. Uh

Host 1: huh. Okay. Okay.

Host 2: And if you're the last one with a bike on board, just put the rack back up.

Host 1: That sounds pretty straightforward. It is. Even I could manage that.

Host 2: Uh huh.

Good.

Host 1: And since we're talking about convenience.

Host 2: Right.

Host 1: What about cost?

Host 2: Sure.

Host 1: Is there an extra charge for bringing a bike on board?

Host 2: Nope.

Host 1: Really?

Host 2: No extra charge at all. Wow. Space Coast Area Transit really encourages people to combine biking and bus travel.

Host 1: That's fantastic news.

Host 2: It's a win win.

Host 1: But what happens if I arrive at the bus stop and the bike rack is already full?

Host 2: You'll just have to wait for the next bus.

Host 1: That makes sense.

Host 2: Yeah.

Host 1: So we've got the how to down, but what's really interesting to me is what this whole system says about Space Coast Area Transit. You know, it shows they're committed to keeping things green and like making the community healthier.

Host 2: Oh, absolutely.

This isn't just about being convenient for cyclists. When they encourage people to combine biking with the bus, they're helping to like cut down on traffic, get people moving more and just create a better transportation system for everyone.

Host 1: That's exactly what I was thinking. Everyone wins with this. And the fact that they don't charge anything extra for bikes, that really shows they want everyone to have access to this option.

Host 2: The convenience and flexibility of bike and ride can be a game changer.

Host 1: Yeah.

Host 2: Just think about all the possibilities it opens up.

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Host 1: I'm already thinking about that trail I've been wanting to check out.

Host 2: Yeah,

Host 1: it's just a bit too far to bike to direct

Host 2: right

Host 1: with bike and ride. I could easily get there

Host 2: Exactly.

Host 1: So

Host 2: Space Coast Area Transit has opened up a world of options Yeah for getting around the county in a healthy and environmentally friendly way.

Host 1: This is all great information Yeah, and I'm sure our listeners Are eager to hear more about how to actually make bike and ride a part of their routine.

Host 2: Absolutely.

Host 1: Okay.

Host 2: And it doesn't have to be limited to just leisure activities. Right. Imagine being able to bike to work on those beautiful days. Yeah. Avoiding traffic and parking hassles. Uh huh. But having the bus as a backup option if the weather turns sour.

Host 1: Okay. Are there any specific rules or etiquette tips for using the bike racks that we should know about?

Host 2: There aren't any hard and fast rules beyond the four steps we already discussed.

Host 1: Okay.

Host 2: But common sense and courtesy go a long way. Like if you see someone struggling to load their bike, Offer a helping hand, [00:04:00] and always double check that your bike is securely fastened before the bus starts moving.

Host 1: Makes sense.

So to sum it all up, Space Coast Area Transit seems to be making a real effort to make bike and ride a viable transportation option.

Host 2: Right.

Host 1: I'm convinced

Host 2: good.

Host 1: So for our listeners who are thinking about giving bike and ride a try Yeah, what would you say is the most important thing to keep in mind?

Host 2: I think the key takeaway is that Space Coast Area Transit has made it incredibly easy and convenient to combine Biking and bus travel.

Host 1: That's great. It's

Host 2: a fantastic way to get some exercise.

Host 1: Yeah

Host 2: Reduce your carbon footprint.

Host 1: And explore our beautiful county.

Host 2: Right. You

Host 1: can extend your biking range.

Host 2: Okay.

Host 1: Avoid traffic and parking woes. Yeah. And even have a backup plan if the weather turns against you.

Host 2: Well said.

Host 1: Thank you.

Host 2: This has been a really insightful deep dive into the world of bike and ride with Space Coast Area Transit.

Host 1: I encourage you to give it a try.

Host 2: Absolutely.