



Freewheeling on the train



Cycling to the train just got less painful - now your bike can ride free, which means you can ride off at the other end too.

It's for a trial period and starts on 1 July 2008. Your bike rides free on all trains in the Wellington region, including the Wairarapa trains.



There are a few simple rules, but it's easy.

1. It has to go in the baggage compartment

If your bike is riding the train it needs to go in the baggage compartment and you need to see train staff before you load it or unload it. Baggage compartments are clearly marked on all trains, and depending on the service there will be at least one compartment, and up to four.

You'll need to be able to lift your bike up to train staff, they will secure it and they'll also pass it back to you at the other end.

Bikes are NOT permitted in the passenger compartments.

2. It's first in, first served

The trains have room for a maximum of two bikes in each baggage compartment. (The Wairarapa services have their own baggage van and can carry more bikes). Special fixings are being installed to make sure your bike is stored securely.

3. The baggage compartment is full

Just be aware that space is limited. Train staff will use their discretion when it comes to prioritising what can and can't go on the train for the journey. If the compartment you are waiting outside for is full, train staff will direct you to a compartment with space. If there is no space for your bike on the train, you could choose to wait for the next train.

4. Not on special services though

Bikes are not permitted on trains for special events - eg special trains put on for a Hurricanes game at the stadium.

Enjoy your ride.