

## Research – what other countries do regarding cycles on trains:

- BART (California, USA) – Allows cycles on trains, except on those shown in highlighted areas of BART schedules. They also have restrictions about cycles in certain stations at specified times. Folding bikes are allowed at any time. <http://www.bart.gov/guide/bikes/>
- Switzerland – Allow cycles on trains at any time, if space permits, but From Mondays to Fridays, accompanied bikes are allowed only from 08:00 to 16:00 and from 19:00 to 06:00. A fee is paid for this service. No mention made of folding bikes. <http://mct.sbb.ch/mct/en/reisemarkt/services/fuer-alle/velo/veloselbstverlad-schweiz.htm>
- UK – Various rail operators but most allow folding bikes at all times. Carriage is free on most services but there are restrictions during peak times. [www.atob.org.uk/Bike\\_Rail.html](http://www.atob.org.uk/Bike_Rail.html)
- MBTA – (Massachusetts Bay) – Commuter Rail, allows cycles anytime, except during weekday rush hours (morning inbound and evening outbound), which are shaded on the Commuter Rail Schedules. On the subway two cycles are allowed on each car and not allowed on certain lines at all. [www.mbta.com/riding\\_the\\_t/bikes/](http://www.mbta.com/riding_the_t/bikes/)
- MTA (New York) – Allow cycles for passengers with a bicycle permit, which must be applied for before travel. Only two bikes per car with a maximum of 4 bicycles per train will be carried. Bicycles are excluded from 4pm – 8pm and 5.30am – 9am, as shown on timetables. [www.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/bikerule.html](http://www.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/bikerule.html)
- Perth – Cycles are not permitted between 7am – 9am and 4pm – 6.30pm and allowed in the ‘counterflow’ direction. No mention made of folding cycles or cost. [www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling.1978.asp](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling.1978.asp)
- Sydney – Cycles allowed free of charge unless you want to travel between 6am - 9am and 3.30pm – 7.30pm on weekdays. [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au)
- Melbourne – No mention of restricted hours. Cycles allowed on metropolitan services for free. No restrictions on folding cycles. <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/using-public-transport/bikes-and-public-transport/#3>
- Berlin: Allow bikes on trains at all hours but state in an article in PTI magazine, Aug 2010 that:

“For the operator, the carriage of bicycles on board BVG vehicles (Metro, tramway, bus) is the most problematical possible combination. As well as the space which has to be made available for a bicycle (roughly 1.90m, or four standing spaces), there is also a very real possibility of clashes with ordinary passengers (blocked gangways, dirtying of clothes), to the point where the latter may be deterred from travelling on public transport. .... Although the carriage of bicycles is not a problem for BVG in quantitative terms for now, none the less it is also uneconomic and carries great potential for conflict if and when the life-styles of pedestrians and cycles – which are not always compatible in any case – converge on the metro. For that reason BVG, instead of bringing cyclists onto its vehicles, is keen to bring the only as far as the vehicle stop.