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## NORTH CAROLINA'S AMTRAK EXPANDS WALK-UP BIKE SERVICE TO THE *CAROLINIAN* Reservations required; limited space available

WASHINGTON – Amtrak and the [North Carolina Department of Transportation](#) are expanding the availability of free walk-up bike service. The [Carolinian](#) has joined the [Piedmont](#) in offering passengers the convenience of traveling with their bikes at select stations between Raleigh and Charlotte.

This enhanced service provides passengers with a way to explore North Carolina with their bikes and without the hassles of driving and parking. Passengers will be able to hand their bikes to an Amtrak crew member, who will then hang the bike on a rack in the baggage cars. The service is being offered at stations in Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Kannapolis and Charlotte with advance reservation only.

Passengers [checking their bikes](#) must arrive at the station 30 minutes prior to the train departure to allow time to purchase a ticket and obtain a baggage tag, and transport the bike to the baggage car. Only standard bikes will be permitted. If equipped with a large seat/saddle bags, the items must be removed from the bike and checked or carried on the train.

Amtrak stations with ticketing and baggage service that currently provide boxed bike service will continue to offer this service. Standard bike policy and charges apply on trains where applicable. Passengers can [book travel online](#), by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL or by using a mobile device or [Amtrak eTicketing](#).

The *Piedmont* travels between Charlotte and Raleigh. The *Carolinian* covers the same route, with service extending up the East Coast to New York City.

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**State-sponsored North Carolina’s Amtrak**

The *Piedmont* and *Carolinian* trains are sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and operated by Amtrak. The service is paid for through state funding and passenger fares. North Carolina’s Amtrak fleet of two trains provides daily service to Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, nine other North Carolina cities, and to the Northeast. Complete schedule information is available at [ncbytrain.org](http://ncbytrain.org). Reservations are required. Travelers should book early for best fares. Tickets can be purchased at station ticket windows, automated ticket kiosks at all stations or online at [ncbytrain.org](http://ncbytrain.org).

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