Why Bicycles?

- In the United States, cars and trucks emit over 20% of the carbon dioxide that enters our atmosphere.
- The average passenger car emits about one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile traveled.
- According to a national survey, two thirds of all car trips are shorter than 5 miles. Most folks can bike this distance in 20-25 minutes.
- Bicycling is fueled by a renewable resource— food!
- Bicycles are the ultimate clean air, zero emissions vehicle.
- Bicycles are fun!

Bike Racks & Storage Locations

Sheltered Racks & Storage
All student residences have a bike rack in the basement for winter storage.

There is a Bike Barn located at Rand Hall.
Rzasa Hall has a bike storage room.

Outdoor Racks
Most student residences, academic buildings and campus gathering areas have outdoor bike racks.
What is the Bike Program?

Originally introduced in fall 2007, the Bates Bike program offers students a free sustainable transportation option.

Upon completion of an introductory workshop on bike maintenance and proper usage, students receive a key that gives them access to any of the 20 bikes on campus marked with yellow “Sustainable Bates; A Community in Action” decals. Use the bikes on campus, and in the surrounding Lewiston-Auburn community.

The program is part of the College’s commitment to provide a healthy and sustainable campus community. Take an active part in reducing your greenhouse gas emissions footprint while getting out and having fun!

How it Works

Sign up and complete a workshop to join.

- Workshops are held in early fall and spring. Upon completion of the workshop you will receive a key.
- Use your key to access any Sustainable Bates bike you come across on campus.
- Ride the bike wherever you need to go.
- Leave the bike secured to a rack so that someone else can come along and ride it.
- Unlock the next Sustainable Bates bike you come across and repeat.
- Return your key to Access Control (across from the bookstore in Chase Hall) when you leave campus at the end of the semester or year.

While this is a communal program, you are expected to care for the bicycles as if they are your own.

That means bikes should always be locked when left.

2010/11 Workshop Dates

Spring ‘10 — Thurs Apr 29, 4-7pm
Fall ’10 — Fri Sept 10, 1-4pm & Tues Sept 21, 4-7pm
Spring ‘11 — Thurs Apr 28, 4-7pm

Bike Safety and Rules

⇒ Bikes must be properly secured and locked to a bike rack when not in use.
⇒ Riders taking a bike off campus must return it to campus in a timely manner.
⇒ Riders must abide by all Maine State and Bates College rules for bicycles.
⇒ Riders are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet.