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## Entire Amtrak Rail Network Bike Friendly in Michigan Pontiac-Detroit-Ann Arbor-Chicago corridor now welcomes bicycles

CHICAGO and LANSING, Mich. – Starting July 25, bicycles will be accepted aboard the Amtrak [Wolverine Service](#) (Trains 350-355), sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) with three daily round-trips between Pontiac and Chicago, via Detroit, Dearborn, Jackson and other stops.

There is a \$10 charge, in addition to the railfare, and bicyclists must make reservations to carry their bikes onto the trains and stow them at the direction of the Amtrak conductors.

With this additional service, some of the most popular destinations across Michigan and the [Amtrak Midwest](#)<sup>SM</sup> network are now connected with bike-friendly trains. Ride the rails and connect to the trails, such as the Rouge Gateway Trail in Dearborn, bicycle friendly streets in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak, the Falling Waters Trail in Jackson, the Battle Creek Linear Pathway in Battle Creek, and the Kalamazoo River Trailway in Kalamazoo. Transfer at the Detroit Amtrak station to the bicycle friendly [QLINE](#) streetcar and ride it along Woodward Avenue to the heart of the city where the Riverfront, the Dequindre Cut, and [Michigan's Iron Belle](#) trails are a short bike ride away. These are all just a small sampling of recreational trails Michigan has to offer. Visit the MDOT road and trail biking [website](#) for detailed regional maps to plan an adventure.

Now, all three of [MDOT's state-sponsored routes operated by Amtrak](#) welcome bikes by reservations and with a nominal charge. More information is available at [Amtrak.com](#).

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