



Frequently Asked Questions - FAQ

What is Bison Bikes?

Bison Bikes is a community bike-share program offered by Bucknell Student Government (BSG) intended to promote environmental responsibility by offering free* access to bicycles to undergraduate students for on-campus transportation and exercise.

*excluding \$10.00 registration fee

Who is eligible to participate in Bison Bikes?

All undergraduate students are eligible to participate in Bison Bikes. Currently, graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible for participation.

How does Bison Bikes work?

Registered students are issued a universal key for the Bison Bikes security bike locks. When a student wishes to borrow a bicycle, they may use their key to unlock a Bison Bike and then re-lock the bike at a designated rack.

How do I register for Bison Bikes?

Registration is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. Undergraduate Students seeking to participate will sign up for the program and then attend an informational session. The informational session is mandatory and must be attended in order to attain a key for the program. Undergraduate students who sign up for Bison Bikes but fail to attend the informational session will not be eligible to participate. Undergraduate students seeking registration for Bison Bikes must pay a registration fee of \$10.00 per academic year. Students must also comply to and sign a waiver and consent form in order to participate in Bison Bikes.

Where do I pick-up or park Bison Bikes?

There are eight bike racks on-campus that may be used for Bison Bikes, all identifiable by Bison Bikes decals. Additional bike racks on campus may not be used to park the bikes. The eight bike racks can be found at:

1. Bucknell West
2. Elaine Langone Center (Uphill & Downhill)
3. Ellen Bertrand Library
4. Gateway Apartment Buildings
5. Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center (KLARC)
6. McDonnell Amphitheater
7. Roberts, Trax, Kress Quadrangle
8. Vedder Hall

How do I know which bikes are Bison Bikes?

Bison Bikes are recognizable by the Bison Bikes decals placed on the frame of every Bison Bike. Every Bison Bike also has a number ranging from 1-30 labeled on its frame. Each of the eight bike racks has parking spots marked by Bison Bikes decals that are designated for Bison Bikes only.

Where can I ride a Bison Bike?

Bison Bikes are to be used exclusively on-campus, with the exception of traveling to Bucknell West. Please refer to the Campus Cycling Map for exact bike paths and routes permitted on campus. Bison Bikes may not be taken off-campus.

When can I ride a Bison Bike?

Bison Bikes are available during the academic year, excluding the winter months. Bison Bikes may only be operated between dawn and dusk. Students are not permitted to operate a Bison Bike after dark.

What bikes are available?

Bikes available through the Bison Bikes program include 24-speed Cannondale F9 hardtail bicycles and 3-speed Trek Lime bicycles. Some bicycles are equipped with basket storage.

Are helmets required?

Under Pennsylvania law, persons over the age of 12 are not required to wear a safety helmet. However, BSG **strongly** recommends that all

bicyclists on campus wear a safety helmet. Helmets are freely available upon request at the CAP Center in the Elaine Langone Center and may be borrowed for the duration of a semester before renewal is required. There is a \$35 penalty if helmets are lost or not returned in proper condition.

If I notice that a bike needs repairs or maintenance, am I responsible?

No, you are not responsible for repairs or maintenance on any Bison Bikes. If there is a malfunction while you are riding a bike, please be sure to deliver the bike to the nearest Bison Bike rack. If you notice a bike that is in need of repair, please contact BisonBikes@bucknell.edu and be sure to include the bike number found on the frame, location of the bike, as well as the problem noticed (i.e. flat tire).

How are Bison Bikes secured when not in use?

Bison Bikes are secured with OnGuard bicycle locks. Additionally, each of the bicycles in the Bison Bikes program is registered under the [National Bicycle Registry](#). Under penalty of law, non-registered persons operating a bicycle will be prosecuted.

What do I do if I lose my key for the Bison Bike locks?

Contact BisonBikes@bucknell.edu. There is a \$50 replacement fee for lost keys.

Where can I find more information about bike laws in PA?

Please refer to the Rules & Regulations document or visit <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/bike/web/bikelaws.htm>