



Hawkeye Express - All Aboard!

The Hawkeye Express is here for its seventh season of game-day use by University of Iowa football fans traveling to Kinnick Stadium.

“The Hawkeye Express is an important part of our game-day atmosphere,” explained Associate Director of Athletics for Donor and Patron Services Mark Jennings. “The train is a unique way for fans of the Hawkeyes and visiting teams to get to and from the stadium while avoiding traffic and parking hassles. It’s a one of a kind train and Iowa has it!”

HAWKEYE EXPRESS QUICK FACTS

- The Hawkeye Express is owned by the Iowa Northern Railway Company.
- The train operates on tracks owned by the Iowa Interstate Railroad which runs between Council Bluffs and Chicago.
- The Hawkeye Express began service in 2004 using the former Colorado Ski Train and the current equipment began service in 2006.
- The special Hawkeye train is comprised of six Pullman Standard bi-level commuter cars originally used in Chicago’s Metra Rail service primarily between downtown Chicago and the northern suburbs on the former Chicago and North Western lines.
- The Hawkeye Express diesel locomotive is a former Amtrak passenger unit with 3000 horsepower and an 1,800 gallon fuel tank.
- Each railcar can seat approximately 160 people and with standing room can accommodate over 200 people.
- With a peak in the 1950’s and 1960’s, trains from all over Iowa, traveled to Kinnick for nearly every football game; for many years Hawkeye teams and fans alike traveled by train for away games.



The Hawkeye Express

Where to Board:

Before Game - Coralville Boarding Stop along Highway Six
After Game - Kinnick Stadium Boarding Stop below Melrose Avenue

When to Board:

Before Game - Trips start three hours before kickoff
After Game - Trips begin at the start of the fourth quarter and go for 90 minutes after the game

Where to Park: Free parking is located in lots near the Comfort Suites and Coral Ridge Mall

Cost: Tickets are \$10 each for adults. Children ages 12 and under ride free. Fans that present a game-day reserved parking pass will receive two free train tickets. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the University of Iowa Athletics Ticket Office at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and the Iowa City/Coralville Convention Visitors Bureau Information Desk at Coral Ridge Mall. Tickets can also be purchased on game-day upon arrival at the Hawkeye Express depot.

- Passengers can listen to the pre-game radio broadcast on the way to the stadium.
- The trip between Coralville and Kinnick stadium is about eight minutes at speeds up to 35 mph.
- During World War II, teams would sometimes stand for hours due to the large number of service men and women traveling by train.
- As the train is not wheelchair accessible, patrons with restricted mobility are invited to use the parking spaces reserved in Hospital Ramp #2 or limited space in the lot directly north of Kinnick Stadium.
- Remember Hawkeye Fans – Always play it safe around railroad tracks, grade-crossings, and trains!

During the 2009 season, the Hawkeye Express transported over 4,000 Iowa football fans to each game.