



# All Aboard!

# Hawkeye Express



The Hawkeye Express is here for its 11th season of game-day use by University of Iowa football fans traveling to Kinnick Stadium. During the 2013 season, the Hawkeye Express transported nearly 5,000 Iowa football fans to each game.

“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 Hawkeye football fans, and fans of our opponents, to get to and from Kinnick Stadium while avoiding traffic and parking hassles. It’s a one of a kind train and the Hawkeyes have 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 operates 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 locomotives are former Amtrak passenger units with 3000 horsepower and 1,800 gallon fuel tanks.
- Each railcar can seat approximately 160 people and with standing room can accommodate over 200 people making a train total capacity of more than 1,200 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.
- During World War II, teams would sometimes stand for hours due to the large number of service men and women traveling by train.
- The trip between Coralville and Kinnick stadium is about eight minutes at speeds up to 35 mph.
- Passengers can listen to the pre-game radio broadcast on the way to the stadium.
- As the train is not wheelchair accessible, patrons with restricted mobility are invited to use reserved parking spaces near Kinnick Stadium.
- Remember Hawkeye Fans - Always play it safe around railroad tracks, grade-crossings, and trains!
- Like us on Facebook!



## 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:** Games that start at 11:00 a.m. – Trips start three hours before kickoff  
Games that start at 2:30 p.m. or later – Trips start four 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:** Round trip tickets are \$12 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 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena or on game-day at the Hawkeye Express depot.

