Each passenger needs a farecard to enter and exit. Up to two children under age five may travel free with a paying customer.

Fares are based on when and how far you ride. Station-to-station fares are located on station manager kiosks and FARECARDS & PASSES machines. The machines accept credit and debit cards. If you use cash, bring small bills; the machines only provide up to $10 in change (in coins).

Save money by using a SmarTrip® card instead of a paper farecard. SmarTrip® is a plastic farecard that can be reloaded with value and reused to pay Metrorail and Metrobus fares and parking fees at Metro-operated lots.

SmarTrip® cards are sold from dispensing machines at Metrorail stations. You can also buy a SmarTrip® card at over 200 retail locations or online at wmata.com. You can add value to your SmarTrip® card at FARECARDS & PASSES machines in Metrorail stations, at select retail locations and on our website. You can also check your registered card’s value, see where and when you used it last or report it lost or stolen on our website.

If you plan to ride a lot in one day, get one day of unlimited Metrorail rides with a One Day Pass. Buy it from a FARECARDS & PASSES machine in Metro stations.

HOURS OF SERVICE
Open: 5 a.m. Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. Sat.-Sun.
Close: midnight Sun.-Thurs. 3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. nights
Last train times vary. To avoid missing the last train, please check the last train times posted in stations.

FARES FOR SENIOR/DISABLED CUSTOMERS
Senior citizens 65 and older and persons with disabilities may ride for half the regular fare. On Metrorail, use a senior or disabled SmarTrip® card or a SmarTrip-enabled WMATA-issued disability ID. On Metrobus, use a senior or disabled SmarTrip® card or a Metro Disability ID. Customers can also present a valid Medicare card and a photo ID and pay the reduced fare in cash. For details about qualifying for a Metro ID and buying senior or disabled SmarTrip® cards, visit wmata.com or call 202-637-7000 (TTY 202-638-3780).

Free orientations on how to use accessible Metrobus and Metrorail services are available to senior citizens and people with disabilities by calling 202-962-1100 (TTY 202-962-2033).

PARKING AT METRO STATIONS
There is a daily fee to park at Metro lots and garages Monday through 3 a.m. Saturday morning. There is no parking fee on weekends and federal holidays. Cash is not accepted, except at metered spaces. All Metro lots and garages accept payment with a SmarTrip® card and most accept major credit cards. Daily parking fees vary by station and are posted at the parking entrance/exit and on our website.

TRAVEL TIPS
To avoid long lines at farecard machines after a major event, make sure you have roundtrip fare on your SmarTrip® card (or buy a roundtrip farecard) at the start of your trip.

The weekday rush-hour periods — before 9:30 a.m. and between 3 and 7 p.m. — are the most crowded. If possible, plan your trip to avoid those times.

If you lose an item on a bus or train or in a station, please call Lost & Found at 202-962-1195 or visit our website.

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