Public transportation in Falmouth/Woods Hole

Fixed route bus

The **CCRTA Sealine** runs between Hyannis and Woods Hole approximately once per hour. See the latest schedule here: Sealine - Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority

The bus is frequently late due to traffic, especially in the summer. You can track the location of the bus here (scroll down to see the map): Vehicle Locations - Cape Cod Regional Transit CCRTA - - TransSee

Note that the map does not update live; you have to refresh the webpage to see the current location. The bus does not run in late evenings (last bus leaving Woods Hole is 8:10 pm) and during non-summer months there is no bus on Sundays.

During summer months only, there is an additional bus, the **WHOOSH Trolley**, which runs between Falmouth Mall (leaves at the top of the hour) and Woods Hole (leaves at the half-hour). This bus is usually on time since it does not deal with as much traffic as the Sealine, but has been known to be as much as 25 mins late. It runs from 10 am – 7:30 pm. More info here: https://capecodrta.org/bus_routes/whoosh-trolley/ There is no website location tracking for this route.

How to get on the bus

You can catch the bus anywhere along its route. The bus will only stop if you signal it from the road or if someone on the bus signals to get off. To signal the bus from the road, stand with your arm outstretched pointing to the opposite side of the road, as if hailing a taxi. To get off the bus, pull the stop cord.

Paying for the bus

One ride costs $2, cash only (Sealine also accepts CharlieCard). If you don't have exact change and pay with a larger bill, you will get a card with the remaining balance that you can use on future rides (only the Sealine will do this, not the Trolley). The bus is free on Fridays!

Pro tip:

The bus map indicates that it takes Katherine Lee Bates road, behind the library. This is kind of a lie. It seems that some drivers make the executive decision to take Katherine Lee Bates if Main St has excessive traffic, but most often they go straight down Main St. So you're probably good on Main St, but to be extra sure, best to catch the bus somewhere outside the stretch of Main St between the library and where Main St intersects Locust St.

SmartDart Bus

This is an on-demand bus which you order through an app, similar to ordering an Uber. On your smartphone app center search for Cape Code RTA Smart Dart. Looks like this:

It will pick you up wherever you are and drop off wherever you want (within the range indicated in the app), so it is a good option if you live far from the fixed bus route or just want the convenience. One ride costs $3, payable with credit card through the app. You must load money before you can ride. Note that you will not be able to see the bus's ETA until you order it (could be 5 mins, could be 45 mins), but you can cancel for free if the wait is too long. Unfortunately, this bus no longer services Woods Hole and currently cannot accommodate bikes.

More info on SmartDart: SmartDART - Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority