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Wheels Across M®NTANA MonTECH

Thank you to our many community partners!

WAM depends upon community partners to store, maintain, and lend our trikes. Thank you to:

- New Directions Wellness Center and Missoula Parks and Recreation in Missoula
- Southwestern Montana Family YMCA and Barrett Hospital and Healthcare in Dillon
- Billings Family YMCA and St. Vincent Healthcare Headway Program in Billings
- Helena Family YMCA in Helena
- Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Wellness Program in Fort Peck
- Thank you to the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. This grant will provide Montanans with opportunities to enjoy biking under the Big Sky for many years to come.



MonTECH is Montana's state assistive technology program, housed in the Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities at the University of Montana.





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What is WAM?

Wheels Across Montana (WAM) loans adaptive trikes, helmets, stationary stands, and bike locks to Montanans living with disabilities. Any Montanan with any disability, including difficulties associated with aging, is welcome to borrow a trike for free from MonTECH. We have WAM trikes in Missoula, Billings, Dillon, Fort Peck, and Helena. Discover (or rediscover) the pleasure of cycling and the added health benefits of increased physical activity!





"We just borrowed the trike again and it's been a savior! Dad's Parkinson's has gotten worse... I'm sure you can imagine how nice it is to take a ride now. It's been such a ray of sunshine when things have been so rough with his disease."

Missoula Resident

Are You Eligible?

Anyone in Montana living with a disability is eligible to borrow a trike! If you have any condition that makes riding a standard bicycle difficult, including changes related to aging, try one of our trikes. Inventory varies from site to site; depending on the WAM site you access, you may find trikes that offer special trunk support, handcycles, or a tandem trike.

How Long Can I Keep a Trike?

WAM trikes can be borrowed for up to 30 days. You can borrow a trike for a shorter period, or simply use a trike for an afternoon of pedaling parks and trails near the WAM pick-up site.

A Word about Waitlist:

MonTECH will extend a loan upon request if no one is waiting for a trike. To ensure you won't have to wait longer than 30 days for your trike of choice, get on the wait list if your trike is currently checked out!

Does WAM Sell Trikes?

WAM does not sell trikes; it is a lending program only. If you decide you want to purchase a trike of your own, we can put you in touch with vendors. We can also provide some information about potential funding sources.

How Do I Check Out a Trike?

- 1. http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/
- 2. Click on 'Equipment Loans & Reuse.'
- 3. Click on 'Search for Trikes in Wheels Across Montana (WAM).'
- 4. In the search window in upper-right, type the WAM-site location (i.e., Billings).
- 5. Click on the trike that fits your needs.
- 6. Log in or create an account.
- 7. Go back to Trike page and Proceed to Checkout.
- 8. Once you've successfully requested your trike, you will be contacted about how and when to pick it up. If you need help with this process, please call or write: (406) 243-5751, montech@mso.umt.edu