

Modes of Transport: Go-Train



Riding the Go-train is a favourite way for people in the GTA to commute to work – it is estimated that around 215, 500 people ride the train every single day. The main hub for Go Transit is at Toronto’s Union Station, but there are 66 Go-train stations in total. Like every mode of transportation, Go Transit has its good points and bad points.

1. Brainstorm some Pros and Cons below after looking around the following websites:

- Pros: <https://www.gotransit.com/en/about-us/benefits-of-taking>
- Cons: <https://www.gotransit.com/en/travelling-with-us/how-weather-affects-service>
- Yelp Reviews: <https://www.yelp.ca/biz/go-transit-toronto>

Pros	Cons

2. Next, head to the FAQ section of the Go-Transit website and answer the questions below.

- <https://www.gotransit.com/en/faq/faq>

a) Are animals allowed on the Go Train? Explain.

b) Can you bring your bicycle, in-line skates, or skateboards onto the train?

c) What is the Go-Train Service Guarantee?

d) Where is the “Quiet Zone”? What are the 3 rules to sit there?

3. When paying for your trip, there are many options. Pay at the ticket booth, buy a ticket at a machine, buy a ticket online, or use your PRESTO Card (tap to pay). Most people who commute daily use a PRESTO Card to save money. The more times you take the same trip in a month, the more you save. Here are the student savings posted on the website:

Number of Trips	Discount++
1 through 30	22.5% off**
31 to 40	95% off**
41 and more	100% off**

a) Let's calculate the cost of a Go-Train ride. Head to the following website:

- <https://www.gotransit.com/en/trip-planning/calculate-fare/your-fare>

Enter the following information:

CALCULATE YOUR FARE:

Oakville GO, Oakville X

Union Station GO, Toronto X

Update

b) Complete the missing info below:

Calculate a monthly PRESTO fare for this trip:

Type of passenger: Student ✓

Transfer station: No transfer ✓

One-way trip(s) PRESTO fare Cash

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Calculate

Here's your monthly PRESTO fare breakdown for this trip:

Trips **1** through **30** cost:

For trips **31** to **40** your fare goes down to:

After **40** trips, you ride for:



4. Check out the map of the Go Train routes. You can see a bigger version here:

<https://www.gostransit.com/en/trip-planning/system-and-route-map>

a) Name the different Go Train Lines in the GTA

b) Where do all Go Train Lines lead to?

c) How many Stations are on the Lakeshore WEST line?

d) You will notice a line called "UP" that runs from Union Station to the Airport. This trip runs every 15 minutes and takes 25 minutes to arrive. This line was built in 2015 in time for the Pan Am Games. Why do you think it was created?