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## **From the Rails to the Slopes: MBTA & MBCR Announce Winter "Ski Trains" to Wachusett Mountain**

**(Boston, MA)** – The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and its provider of Commuter Rail service, Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company (MBCR), have teamed up with Wachusett Mountain to provide a special service that will take skiers directly to the slopes throughout the winter.

Skiers and snowboarders will be able to hop on the commuter rail at North Station, or any intermediate stops on the Fitchburg line, and take a specially modified coach to Fitchburg station, where a shuttle bus will be waiting to take them directly to the slopes of Wachusett.

The Ski Trains will run every Saturday and Sunday during ski season on the following trains:

**Outbound from Boston to Fitchburg** – Train #1405/2405, 8:35am from North Station

**Inbound from Fitchburg to Boston** – Train #1412/2412, 5:35pm From Fitchburg

The modified coach is equipped with special space-saving racks for ski and snowboard equipment.

"Ski Trains" were originally introduced by the MBTA and MBCR in 2006, and are back in 2011-2012 by popular customer demand.

Skiers can access updated snow conditions at Wachusett Mountain by visiting <http://www.wachusett.com>. Skiers can also purchase lift tickets in advance through the website.

For more information please visit [www.mbcrrail.com](http://www.mbcrrail.com) or [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com).

### About MBCR

The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, LLC (MBCR) is a partnership of Veolia Transportation, the largest private sector operator of multiple modes of transit in North America and one of Europe's largest passenger transportation companies; Bombardier Transportation, the world's leader in the manufacture and maintenance of passenger rail vehicles; and Alternate Concepts, the leading transportation operations and maintenance organization in the United States. MBCR operates and maintains the fifth largest commuter rail network in the United States under a contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. MBCR provides service to 40 million passengers a year in nearly 80 cities and towns in Massachusetts, as well as Providence, RI.

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