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**5 Awesome New Hitch Racks for Bikes**

Easy on, easy off: These great bike racks for your car are just one more reason to use those vacation days

The latest generation of hitch racks makes it easy to explore faraway places with your bike. With these models, loading and unloading bikes onto your car is a breeze—and your precious possession will stay safe and secure (which isn't always the case when traveling by plane—just try to watch this video of [EasyJet baggage handlers moving a bike bag](#) without panicking). Here's what our testers had to say.



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**Yakima Dr. Tray**

In two months of testing Yakima's new, sturdy-yet-light Dr. Tray, I hauled everything from ultralight [road bikes](#) to a superlong, 150mm-travel plus bike to a tight-wheelbase dirt jumper. It held bikes securely, with little slop and sway even on bumpy, switchback dirt roads. Features are well designed: The integrated locks aren't high security but add some peace of mind, and the lever that tilts the rack down to provide access to your trunk is at the back end of the rack for ease of use. It's not perfect: The wheel straps barely fit fat-bike tires, and the 80-pound total weight limit and minimum 26-inch wheel size make the Dr. Tray less than ideal for families. But at just 34 pounds, the Dr. Tray is almost a third lighter than similar racks from other brands—helpful when you're trying to wrestle it on and off your car. If you carry mostly adult-size bikes in various styles and remove your rack often, it's a great choice. —*Joe Lindsey*

**[Yakima Dr. Tray](#)****Price:** \$463.00**Weight:** 34 lb.