

Caravan by DART Makes Commuting Easier

"... There is no comparison to the savings by using Caravan by DART. In the years I have used Caravan by DART I would have replaced two or three cars."
– David, Winterset resident and Nationwide Insurance employee

"It's fun riding in our van and the people in our vanpool are great."
– Teresa, Hartford resident and DotDash Meredith employee

"Before I joined a Caravan by DART vanpool I was worried about having no flexibility... It wasn't true at all. The van keeps me on time and if I have to drive to go to an activity for the kids, I do. Easy peasy."
– Rod, Pella resident and Principal Financial Group employee

How To Join A Caravan

To join a caravan today, simply contact Caravan by DART by phone at 515-288-7433 or email at rideshare@ridedart.com.



Contact

515-288-RIDE (7433)

Email: rideshare@ridedart.com

Web: ridedart.com/caravan
620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

Caravan by DART Customer Service Hours

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Caravan by DART
Vanpool Service in Central Iowa



What is a Caravan by DART Vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of five to 12 commuters who live near each other and share the ride to work in a clean, comfortable DART-owned van. One person volunteers to be the driver of the vanpool and rides for free. Passengers pay a monthly fare that covers gas, insurance and maintenance for the van.

Who Uses Caravan by DART?

- ▶ Hundreds of smart commuters who live and work in Central Iowa.
- ▶ Commuters with a relatively consistent work schedule.
- ▶ Commuters who want to save money, time, sanity and the air.

Good to Know:

In case of an emergency, DART will guarantee a ride home to Caravan vanpoolers up to three times per year.

Why Use Caravan by DART?



Save money. Vanpoolers save thousands of dollars a year in gas, insurance, maintenance and parking costs. Check with your employer to see if your company offers a subsidy to vanpool.



Gain more “me” time. Vanpoolers catch up on work, read, chat, sleep or otherwise relax during their commute.



Reduce stress. Vanpools who don’t navigate rush hour traffic, congestion, construction and delays by themselves are happier, healthier, more productive individuals.



Save your car. Riders use their car less, reducing wear and tear, and often extending its life. Vanpool drivers also receive 150-200 personal use miles of the van each month.



Enhance sustainability. One vanpool removes as many as 11 vehicles and their emissions from the road each day. That’s good for the environment – and you!

Caravan by DART Rate Calculator



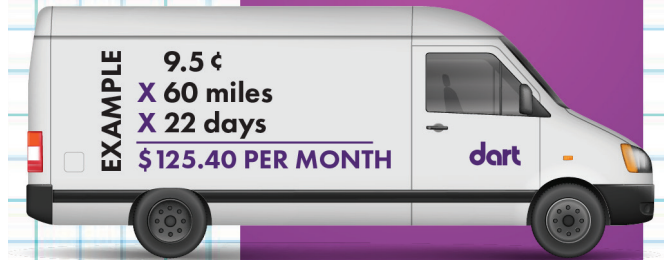
FULL TIME RIDER RATE

9.5 ¢

X # of miles/day

X 22 days/month

YOUR MONTHLY RATE



EXAMPLE 9.5 ¢
 X 60 miles
 X 22 days
 \$125.40 PER MONTH

- ▶ The full-time monthly rate is calculated averaging 22 days each month. If you ride 12 or more days, you are considered full time.
- ▶ Full-time monthly fares are \$100 minimum and will be capped at \$400.
- ▶ Part-time passengers ride less than 12 days per month. Their rate is 10 cents per mile X the number of miles per day X the number of days per month they use the service.
- ▶ Full-time drivers ride for free and backup drivers can receive a \$25 per month discount.
- ▶ DART collects a \$75 refundable deposit upon contract signing. Upon termination from the program, deposits are returned in full if the following criteria are met: 90-day commitment, 30-day written notice of termination and no outstanding fees on account.