

Today's Lead: Bike Share Program Launched

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The Citi Bike bicycle-sharing program launched yesterday with about [6,000 trips taken](#) by late afternoon. The privately funded program offers 6,000 bikes from stations in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Only those signed up for the \$95 annual fee can [ride them this week](#), which so far is around 15,000 people. It's already the largest system in the country, and will [expand to 10,000 bikes](#) with stations farther uptown, deeper into Brooklyn, and in Queens. One of the bikes was [stolen](#) as workers were delivering it to a station. A Daily News reporter took one for a ride and [called the bike](#) heavy and sturdy, and smooth but not quite fast. There were [glitches](#) with the racks, with bikes easily taken out without a key or unable to be returned. And the smartphone app didn't work yet. A [protest](#) was also held at a station in SoHo which is reserved for art.

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