

Parking your bicycle

Lock your bicycle securely. Do not park on the road or in the path of pedestrians. Near train and tram stations, on the Dam and in certain public squares you must park your bicycle in the bicycle racks or it will be removed by the police. If your bicycle is missing, call the Fietsdepot the following day on 020-3344522. If your bicycle is not there, call the police on 0900-8844.

Facts and figures

- Total number of bicycles in Amsterdam: 550,000
- Total number of cars in Amsterdam: 215,600
- 50% of Amsterdam residents above the age of 12 cycle daily.
- Altogether they cover 2 million kilometres per day.
- Amsterdam has 400 kilometres of separate bicycle paths.
- Cyclists are involved in one third of all Amsterdam traffic accidents.

Cycle

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Don't cycle



No bicycle parking



More information

Call the local authority on 14020 (five-digit telephone number) or go to www.amsterdam.nl/fiets



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Cycling safely in Amsterdam



Cycling in Amsterdam is the fastest and most enjoyable way to get to know the city. Amsterdam is also very bicycle-friendly. And not just the city centre - the suburbs are also worth a closer look, and never more than 20 minutes away by bicycle! Do be alert, because the traffic can come from unexpected directions! Follow the tips in this leaflet, and you will be able to experience the city just like a native.

Follow the traffic regulations

Keep to the right and cycle in the same direction as the other traffic.

Stop at red traffic lights.

Use the cycle path and don't cycle on the pavement or the motorway.

Give way to traffic coming from the right.

Use a white headlight and a red taillight after dark.

Don't cycle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Stay alert when using the road

Look before you leap - don't turn or stop suddenly. Don't dart out from between parked vehicles. Let others know what you're planning to do: extend your hand and make eye contact. Don't stop suddenly to look at the sights. Be aware of trams, lorries, mopeds and of course other cyclists.



Tips

- Dutch bicycles often have a back-pedal brake. It may take a little practice to get the hang of using it!
- At traffic lights, stay well behind or well in front of lorries, never next to them, where you will not be easily visible to the driver.
- It is safest to cross at right angles to tram rails so your wheels don't get caught.
- Taxis often drive on the tramlines.
- When cycling in a group, be extra mindful of obstacles and leave room for other cyclists.
- Cycling while using headphones or a mobile phone means you are less aware of your surroundings.

