

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 or go to www.politie.nl/aangifte and fill in the declarationform.

Facts and figures

- Total number of bicycles in Amsterdam: 550,000
- All cyclists cover 2 million kilometres per day
- Total number of cars in Amsterdam: 220,000
- Amsterdam has 225.000 bike racks
- 38% of all traffic movement in Amsterdam is by bike
- Amsterdam has 400 kilometres of separate bicycle paths
- Cyclists are involved in one third of all Amsterdam traffic accidents



Cycle

fietspad



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

Cycling safely in Amsterdam



Cycling is the fastest and most enjoyable way to get to know the city. Amsterdam is 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

Tips

- 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



- Be aware of trams and taxis (they often have right of way), lorries, mopeds and of course other cyclists
- 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 (blind spot)
- It is safest to cross at right angles to tram rails so your wheels don't get caught
- 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
- Beware of scooters: they often drive at high speed on the bike lane

