Bike easy

Christchurch is the city of cycling, with more people biking here than any other city in New Zealand. There are now over 60km of cycleways linking to the city centre, available for you to enjoy.

There are heaps of cycle stands located around the central city. Lichfield Street parking building and the Bus Interchange both have indoor cycle stands which are free to use. It’s easy to take your bike on the bus. All Metro buses are equipped with a bike rack that can hold up to two bikes, they are free and easy to use.

Get riding – sign up to our seasonal newsletter for your guide to the best rides, events, tips and new stuff.

Get up and going at:

To find out more about mountain bike track status, visit ccc.govt.nz/trackstatus

New cycleways

Quarryman’s Trail Puari ki Obanatou

To Hapax Holowell Centre to City Centre

8.5km

Papanui Shag Rock Cycleway Puari ki Papanui

Charnsworth Reserve to City Centre

4.5km

Uni-Cycle Puari ki Pūrangi-motu

University of Canterbury to City Centre

6km

Little River Link Puari ki Wairewa

Spring Road to City Centre

11km

Papanui Parallel Puari ki Papanui

The Terrace to City Centre

5km

Heathcote Expressway Puari ki Kāraka

NorthEnd Hall to City Centre

4km

Central city cycle map

Major cycleways network – What’s been built so far

How to use the new cycleways

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Two-way cycleway

People cycling keep left.

Bus lanes

Bikes and buses share lanes in some areas around the city. Some courtesies between bus drivers and people on bikes is needed to make sure everyone gets where they need to go.

Neighbourhood greenways

Quiet streets with low volumes of traffic, travelling at low speeds. Double headed arrow and road markings (sharrows) indicate where to cycle to avoid door openings.

Railway crossings

Cross only at designated crossings. Cross when the red light stops flashing and the warning bells cease.

Bike bells

It’s useful to have a bike bell, especially if you ride in busy areas. Ring your bell well before passing others, to give them a handy heads-up in advance.

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How to use the new cycleways

Shared paths

Shared with others, everyone keeps to the left. People walking have priority, please pass comfortably. If you want to ride at high speeds, please use alternative routes.

Train tracks

Please take care around train tracks. These are marked on the central city map and you can stop or get a shoulder bump in them. If you need to cross the tracks try to ride straight across at right angles.

Trigger the lights

Bike and motorist can alert the other within 1m of a pedestrian crossing by pressing the lights to trigger the cycle signals. Even carbon fibre bikes usually have enough metal in them to trigger the magnetic field of the sensor.

Cycle signals

Follow the designated signals when cycling.

Driveway safety

Check in both directions when crossing driveways. People driving must give way to others.

Wanted to know more about the cycleway features? Watch the videos at ccc.govt.nz/how-to-use-a-cycleway

Cycle training

You also might like to know that Council runs cycle training in 9 Christchurch schools teaching year six kids to ride with confidence. Our new cycleways are great places to practice new riding skills.

To find out about the cycle skills education programme for schools, visit ccc.govt.nz/cyclesafe

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