

The bicycle infrastructure

The cycle routes that the City Traffic and Public Transport Authority is responsible for extend for almost 400 km.

There are many more in residential areas and parks and these are the responsibility of the Parks and Nature Administration.

Finding your way

Cycling maps for Göteborg are available for three areas – east, west and Hisingen.

A complete city map is included in all three

The maps can be downloaded from www.trafikkontoret.goteborg.se

Do you have any questions about traffic in Göteborg? Are there broken bottles on your cycle route? Is something not working? Are the hedges overgrown? Did you find a pothole? Is something broken?

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Accidents involving bicycles

600 cyclists are injured in Göteborg each year. However, this figure has decreased by 25% since the mid-nineties.

This improvement is attributed to an increased segregation of vehicles and cyclists and to speed reduction measures, such as speed bumps.

Cycle helmets

The use of helmets in Göteborg is steadily increasing

About 40% of all cyclists wear a helmet

The national average is 17-18%

As of 1st January, 2005, children up to the age of 15 must, by law, wear a helmet, whether they are cycling themselves or are passengers.



Food for thought

- More than half of all cycling accidents involve the cyclist falling off without any others being involved
- More than half of these accidents are caused either by the cyclist or by a defective bicycle
- Nine out of ten fatal accidents are caused by collisions with vehicles
- Two thirds of these deaths are caused by injuries to the head
- One out of three cyclists involved in traffic accidents received head injuries
- No cyclist wearing a helmet has ever been reported as having died of head injuries
- Almost half of all cycling fatalities could have been avoided if the cyclist had been wearing a helmet
- Each year, about 4000 injured cyclists are admitted to Swedish hospitals
- 20% of these become invalids
- The majority of fatalities and serious injuries involve cyclists over 65
- Cranial injuries are the cause of death in 3 out of 4 accidents involving elderly cyclists

Facts about cycling in Göteborg

The bicycle - a conveniently simple and economic way to get through city traffic!



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Cycle trips

It is difficult to ascertain what proportion of the city's traffic comprises cyclists or how far they cycle.

Statistics from the six traffic measurement points in Göteborg:

Redbergsvägen	5000 cyclists per day
Dag Hammarskjöldsleden	2600 cyclists per day
Delsjövägen	2100 cyclists per day
Vasagatan	5500 cyclists per day
Skeppsbron	2600 cyclists per day
Göta Älvbron	3000 cyclists per day

The average number of cycle trips undertaken each day in Göteborg is 120 000

- This represents 8-9% of the total number of people travelling each day
- The equivalent figure for Sweden as a whole is 12%
- Approximately 50% of these trips are commutes

Cycle routes and their maintenance

All cycle routes are checked regularly at varying intervals.

Activity	Frequency
Cleaning	Every, or every other, week
Sand collection	By the end of April
Snow clearance	Within 12 hours
Anti-skid measures	Always after snow clearance and sand spreading on ice within 12 hours
Checking of cycle tracks	Every, or every other, month
Repair of potholes (when reported)	Dangerous potholes repaired within 24 hours: otherwise within 10 days

Space for hedges etc.

Clearance, 3.2 m. over cycle route
Max. clearance at crossings, 80cm. up to 10m from crossing
This also applies to private residences

Bicycle parking

Cycles are not allowed on buses or trains but are allowed on ferries. There is no charge on the river ferries but on the ferries serving the southern archipelago, where cycles may be taken on board if there is sufficient space, the charge is SKr 10.

There are over 3000 cycle parking spaces in Göteborg. Cycles can be parked almost anywhere and at no charge.



Regulations

All bicycles must be equipped with reflectors, brakes and a bell. Lighting should be used at night

Cyclists do not enjoy any rights of way, even at signed crossings. You may use pedestrian crossings but not with the same rights as a pedestrian. You may only cycle across a street if it can be done safely and this also applies to signed cycle crossings.

Cycle Police

The cycle police in Göteborg experience their duties as positive and have observed that compliance at stop lights and the use of cycle lamps and reflectors have increased noticeably.

Fines for cyclists

In daylight	SKr
Running a stop light	600
Not stopping for pedestrians on pedestrian crossings	600
Ignoring a No Entry sign	400
Cycling on a footway or pavement	300
More than one person on bicycle*	300
No bell	200

* The cycle must be equipped with a wheel protector and a child seat

The cyclist must be older than 15 and the passenger under 10 years old. If the cyclist is older than 18, two children under 6 years old may be carried.

In darkness	
No lamps/ faulty lamps	400
No front lamp	400
No rear lamp	300
No reflectors/ inefficient reflectors	300
Cycling with lamps off	300