

How To Use Your Perth Bike Map

Background

The latest edition of the Perth Bike Map series provides people with all the information necessary to plan their cycling trips throughout the entire metropolitan area. The maps depict a range of options that riders can use in getting from one part of the city to another.

By reading the maps carefully, people can decide on a route that is both safe and convenient. The series also provides an excellent resource for the recreational rider who wishes to enjoy the many interesting and scenic places Perth has to offer.

Special Features

Shared Paths

These excellent facilities are now commonplace throughout much of the metropolitan area. They allow cyclists and pedestrians to travel great distances without having to use a road. All shared paths are signed with a bicycle/pedestrian symbol.

The City to Sea Greenway (C2C) is a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian link from central Perth, through the Western suburbs to City Beach. The Principal Shared Paths (PSP) are a high standard shared path system along major arterial routes such as freeways and railway lines.

Note: footpaths are not signed and also do not appear on the Perth Bike Map series.

Cycle with courtesy on shared paths

- Know the location of your local shared paths - leave footpaths for children under 12.
- When using a shared path, keep to the left at all times.
- Travel in single file on shared paths unless overtaking.
- Give way to pedestrians - remember they are slower and can be unpredictable.
- When approaching pedestrians from behind, always ring your bell about 30 metres before reaching them. If they are aware of your presence with plenty of time to spare, they are less likely to make sudden sideways movements.

Perth Bicycle Network (blue routes)

A number of special cycling environments have been established that are signed as Perth Bicycle Network (PBN) routes. These link major population or commercial centres throughout the metropolitan area. PBN routes are a mixture of shared paths and modified on-road sections that offer a low degree of stress for the rider.

On-Road Routes

When planning a trip, there may be sections that involve riding on a road. In such instances, try to avoid difficult traffic conditions for riders, such as roundabouts and main feeder roads. A safer route that uses shared paths, the PBN or quiet streets can sometimes take a little longer, but is often a more sensible option.

If you do choose to ride on a road, always ensure you are visible to motorists. Wear bright clothing and never ride directly into a setting or rising sun. Obey all traffic rules, signal your intentions early and don't ride more than two abreast.

The on-road sections marked on this map have been divided into three categories depending upon the type of overall environment they create for a rider:

Purple: high stress

Orange: moderate stress

Green: low stress

Note: inexperienced riders may even find some of the orange and green routes to be stressful and are therefore best avoided in favour of shared paths and quieter suburban streets.

Purple Routes (high stress)

These routes include many of the largest and busiest roads in Perth. All have traffic travelling at high speed at most times of the day and night. They should only be used by very experienced cyclists. Where no alternative exists, inexperienced riders should dismount and use a footpath.

Orange routes (moderate stress)

These routes include secondary thoroughfares that often feed traffic to the major roads mentioned above. Generally there is one lane of traffic in each direction.

Green Routes (low stress)

These routes generally incorporate quieter suburban through roads. They are generally suitable for most people. However, they could have narrow lane widths, frequent stop signs, parked cars or other potential difficulties.

We Value Your Feedback!

The Perth Bike Map series is updated and reprinted on a regular basis. If you have any suggestions for future editions please contact the Department for Planning and Infrastructure through one of the avenues detailed below.

In addition to the Perth Bike Map series, the Department for Planning and Infrastructure has produced a number of publications for cyclists that cover specific areas of the city. These include:

Ride Around the Rivers

Ride Along the Sunset Coast

Ride Through the Hills

Ride from Armadale to Perth

Perth and Kings Park by Bike

City to Sea Bike Ride

Perth to Fremantle Bike Route



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