



YOUR GUIDE TO
CYCLING
@ SNOWHILL



**TRAVEL
CHOICES**



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Together, we make your home



Charles Church

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TRAVEL SUPPORT, BIG SAVINGS, AND YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING AROUND

Welcome to your guide to cycling around Snowhill and West Yorkshire. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist, curious commuter, or just looking to get out and move more with your family, this guide is for you.

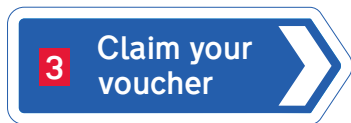
You'll find advice and support to help you get on your bike in the local area, but there's plenty more information available on the Snowhill Travel Choices website and the Travel Choices team are always on hand to help out!



snowhill-travelchoices.co.uk

As part of the planning permission for the development, Persimmon Homes and Charles Church are required to promote sustainable travel options to residents. That's where the Travel Choices programme comes in! Each home is also able to claim a free travel voucher, see the next page for more information.

Wherever your journey begins, let's make it easier, greener and more enjoyable using pedal power!

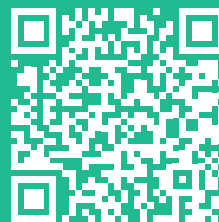


FREE £500 CYCLE VOUCHER



Embrace the joy of cycling with our exclusive **£500 cycle voucher**. Redeemable instore or online at Halfords, the voucher can be used on their extensive cycle range, including the latest e-bike technology, their full range of accessories and cycling essentials, as well as servicing.

You may need to provide proof of residence at Snowhill, full T&Cs can be found on the website.



Simply scan the QR code to claim your voucher, or visit:
snowhill-travelchoices.co.uk

Cycling not your thing? No problem!
Scan the QR code above to see the other options for free public transport passes!

THE OFFERS DON'T STOP THERE

As a resident of Snowhill, we have some additional exclusive cycling discounts you can take advantage of:



5% OFF



10% OFF



10% OFF



8% OFF



25% OFF

4 Getting Started

WHY CYCLE?

Cycling is one of the most accessible and rewarding ways to get around.

Getting around by bike is more than just a way to travel, it is a lifestyle choice that benefits your body, mind, and the environment. Unlike being stuck in traffic or waiting for a bus, cycling gives you independence and flexibility. You can start your day with fresh air, arrive energised, and even save money on fuel and fares.

Whether you're looking to commute to work, reduce your carbon footprint, or simply enjoy the outdoors, cycling offers a fantastic combination of practicality and pleasure. In West Yorkshire, with its growing network of cycle routes and scenic landscapes, it's easier than ever to get started.

CYCLING IN WAKEFIELD

Snowhill's prime location offers convenient access to a variety of cycling routes, catering to both daily commutes and leisurely explorations. Wakefield City Centre, including both train stations, can be reached in around 10 minutes on a bike. Outwood station is also a similar journey time by bike, making cycling as part of a longer journey by public transport a great option.

If you're looking for a more leisurely ride, there are some great routes in the local area, including off-road canal tow path sections which form part of the National Cycle Network. There's also the fantastic Wakefield Wheel and Wonders of Wakefield routes which are made up of both on and off-road sections. Head to page 6 for more details on cycling locally.

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT CYCLE FORUM

WDCF host a huge range of events in the area, including a range of easy rides aimed at beginners looking to build their confidence. They also run a range of free cycling maintenance events, fun holiday sessions for all the family and you can even get a loan bike if you're unsure about committing to a purchase!

Signing up to their lifetime membership is a great first step in your cycling journey!



cycling-wakefield.org.uk

OUR TOP TIPS

If you're new to cycling, you don't need to invest in fancy equipment or take on long rides from the beginning. A simple, comfortable bike is all you need to start enjoying the benefits of cycling. Begin with short rides around your local area to build up your confidence and stamina. Safety and visibility are important, so make sure you're equipped with some basic gear like a helmet and bike lights.

Here are a few helpful tips to get you started:

- 1. Choose the right bike:** Start with a basic hybrid or city bike that suits your needs and is comfortable to ride. You don't need anything high-tech or expensive to begin with.
- 2. Check your fit:** Make sure your saddle height and handlebar position are properly adjusted to avoid discomfort or injury.
- 3. Plan short, familiar routes:** Begin with quiet streets or cycling paths in your neighbourhood to get used to handling your bike.
- 4. Wear a helmet:** It's essential for safety, even on short rides.
- 5. Be seen:** Use front and rear bike lights and wear bright or reflective clothing, especially if riding in low-light conditions.
- 6. Learn the rules of the road:** Understand basic cycling road rules and hand signals to ride safely and predictably.

Cycling can be a fun, low-impact way to stay active and explore your surroundings, just take it at your own pace and enjoy the ride!

If you would like help and advice on cycling more often, **Cycle City Connect** offers free adult cycle training in Wakefield. Sessions range from beginner riding lessons held in traffic-free areas like parks and car parks, to on-road training for navigating quiet and busy streets safely. More advanced journey practice sessions offer one-to-one or small group guidance for commuting or regular travel routes.



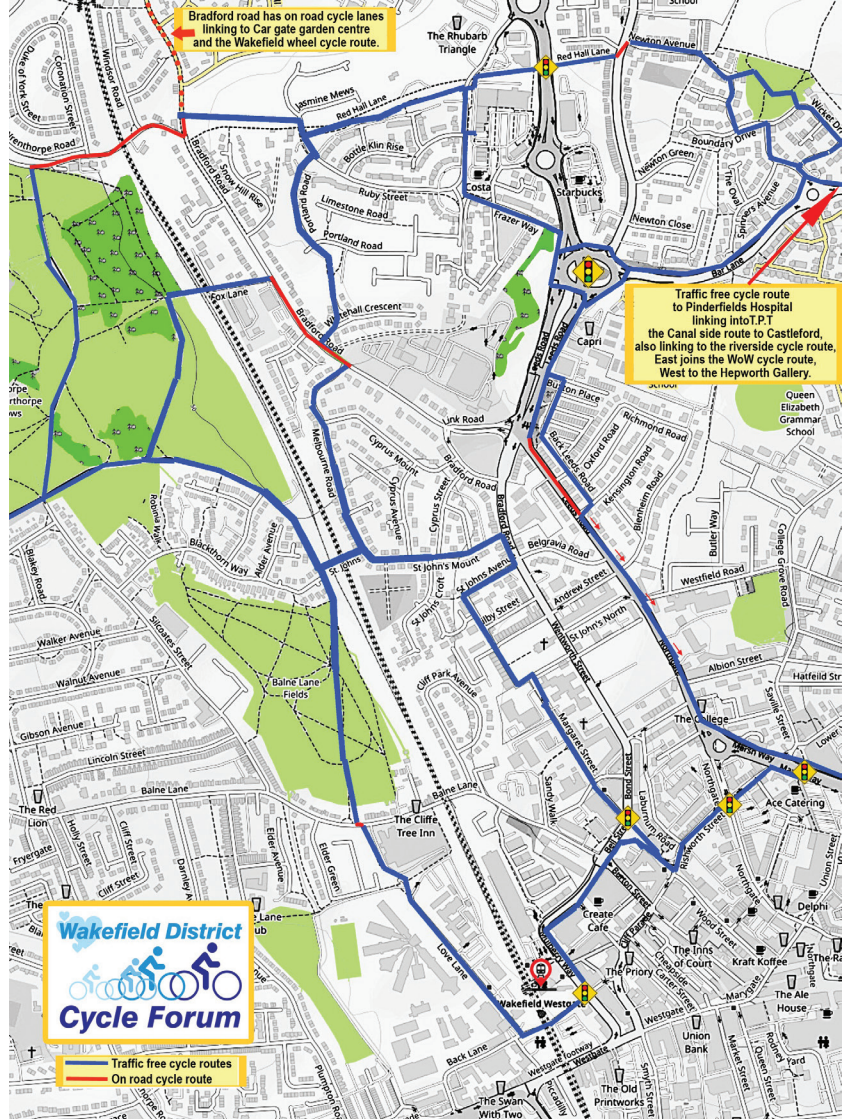
6 Your Location

As mentioned before, you'll find a number of great formal cycle routes around Wakefield, including National Cycle Routes, the Wakefield Wheel and the Wonders of Wakefield trail. However, you'll also find a number of the local roads have cycle lanes or are low traffic and low speed, so can be a great place to start with road cycling.

WDCF have put together the adjacent map of routes in the local area, including routes to Wakefield Westgate station.

Routes 67, 69 and 699 of the National Cycle Network all pass through Wakefield. All three have a mixture of on and off-road sections. Route 67 is the closest and forms part of the Wakefield Wheel, connecting with areas such as Stanley to the north and Walton to the south.

For full information on the National Cycle Network visit:





WAKEFIELD WHEEL

Across Wakefield there are a series of circular cycle routes, plus one larger 38 mile route! These routes are designed to suit a wide range of cyclists - from families seeking scenic outings to riders looking for a longer challenge. The Wheel primarily uses back roads and mixed surfaces. In wet weather, some sections can be muddy or uneven, ideal for hybrid or mountain bikes. Most importantly, you can find plenty of refreshment stops across the various routes including cafés, pubs, and bike shops, offering perfect break opportunities. Highlights include Pugneys Water Park café, Squire's Tea Rooms at Anglers Country Park, and several local pubs and bike-friendly cafés.

The **Wakefield Wheel** offers a fantastic combination of countryside, heritage, and flexibility, perfect for weekends, days out, or setting your own cycling challenge in the heart of West Yorkshire. For more information, visit: cyclewakefield.co.uk

SCAN THE QR CODES TO VISIT THE WAKEFIELD WHEEL MAP AND THE WONDERS OF WAKEFIELD MAP



WAKEFIELD
WHEEL MAP



WONDERS OF
WAKEFIELD
MAP

APPROX CYCLING TIMES

SNOWHILL	
WAKEFIELD CITY CENTRE	8 mins
WAKEFIELD WESTGATE TRAIN STATION	8 mins
TRINITY WALK SHOPPING CENTRE	10 mins
OUTWOOD TRAIN STATION	10 mins
WAKEFIELD KIRKGATE TRAIN STATION	11 mins
NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 67	12 mins
WESTGATE RETAIL & LEISURE PARK	12 mins
THE HEPWORTH	14 mins

8 M Check

Get road ready with an M Check! Simply follow the outline of the letter M across your bike to examine key components. Set the stage for a safe and enjoyable ride by making sure parts are secured and functioning properly.

2. HANDBRAKES AND BRAKES

- ☐ Handlebars - are they aligned with the front wheel?
- ☐ Brakes - including pads and cables.
- ☐ Front light.
- ☐ Bell.

1. FRONT WHEEL AND TYRE

- ☐ Wheel nut.
- ☐ Spokes.
- ☐ Tyre condition and pressure.

3. FRAME, PEDALS AND CHAIN

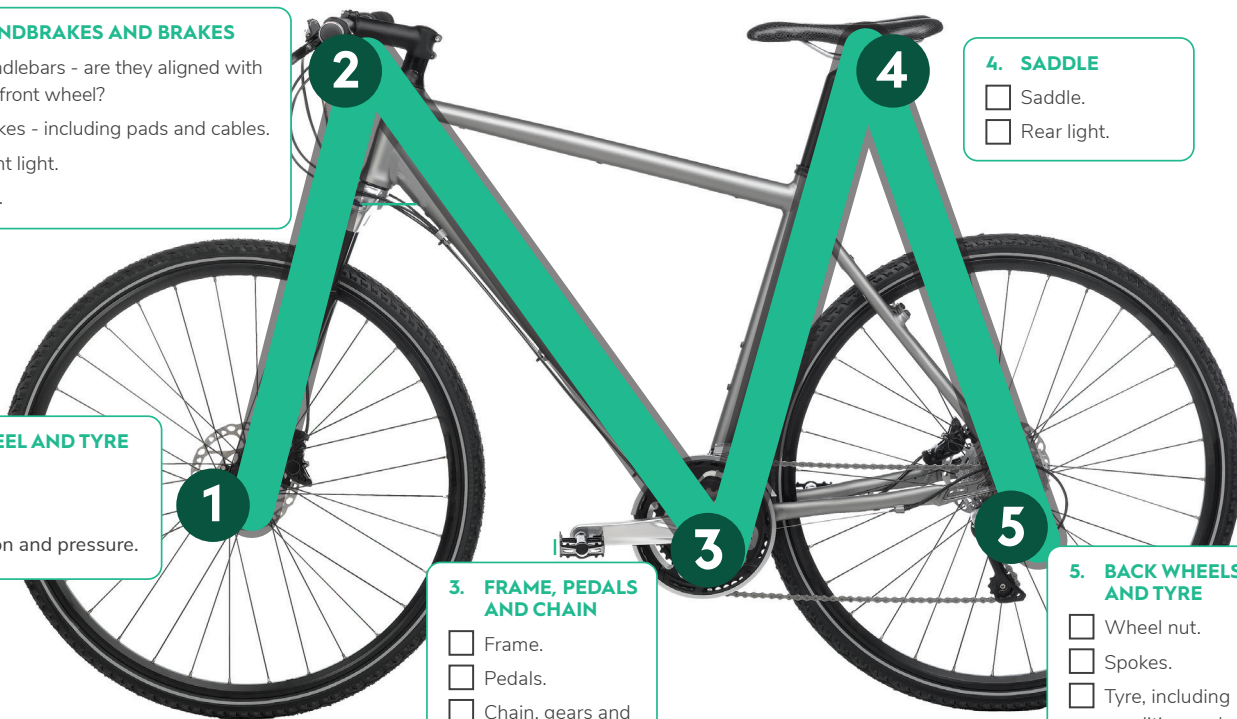
- ☐ Frame.
- ☐ Pedals.
- ☐ Chain, gears and chain-guide.

4. SADDLE

- ☐ Saddle.
- ☐ Rear light.

5. BACK WHEELS AND TYRE

- ☐ Wheel nut.
- ☐ Spokes.
- ☐ Tyre, including condition and pressure.



9 E-Bikes 101



Did you know that around 1 in 20 people in the UK now owns an e-bike? 10% of all bikes sold in 2023 were e-bikes too! It's no surprise when you hear that over half of e-bike owners say they ride more often than they would with a traditional bike.

E-bikes are becoming increasingly popular and over 180,000 were sold in the UK in 2023. The appeal is clear: e-bikes combine the feel of cycling with a built-in electric motor that gives you a boost just when you need it. The legal speed limit for an electric bike motor in the UK is 15.5mph. While e-bikes can be ridden at faster speeds, motor assistance stops at this limit.

Whether you're tackling hills, commuting longer distances, or just want a more comfortable ride, e-bikes make cycling more accessible and enjoyable. **The motor provides pedal assistance, meaning it supports your effort rather than replacing it** - so you still get the health benefits of cycling, but with less strain.

They're also a game-changer for people who may have avoided cycling due to distance, fitness, or mobility. With an e-bike, journeys feel shorter, and you **arrive fresher and less fatigued**.

WANT TO SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT?

Halfords offers a free 6-hour e-bike trial, so you can experience the difference for yourself. Just visit [halfords.com](https://www.halfords.com) to find out more. The Snowhill Travel Choices website is also a good place to start. There you'll find guides on e-bikes and information on how to get the most out of your e-bike.



[snowhill-travelchoices.co.uk](https://www.snowhill-travelchoices.co.uk)

PEDAL POWER TO THE PLAYGROUND!

Children who cycle to school benefit from daily physical activity, which supports healthy growth, boosts concentration in the classroom, and promotes better mental wellbeing. Riding a bike also encourages children to develop road awareness and confidence in navigating their local area - valuable life skills.

PARENTS: WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Start by riding the route together: This helps your child get familiar with the roads, crossings, and cycle paths they'll use each day. Look out for quieter streets or designated cycle routes where possible.

Make sure your child's bike is roadworthy: Check brakes, tyres, and lights regularly. Take a look at our M Check guide on page 8 to help guide you through this, alternatively, book in with a local cycle mechanic for peace of mind. A well-fitting helmet is also important, and bright or reflective clothing can help children stay visible, especially on darker mornings.

Establish a routine early on: Practice rides during the school holidays can help build confidence before term starts. If you're not ready for them to ride solo, you can ride together until they're more experienced.

RIDE SAFE, RIDE SMART:

Always ride in a straight line and avoid weaving between parked cars.

Use hand signals to show when you're turning and always look behind before moving out.

Stick to cycle paths or the left-hand side of the road and follow the Highway Code.

Never use phones, headphones, or any distractions while riding.

Lock your bike securely at school using a sturdy lock - schools often have designated bike racks.



READY SET RIDE

British Cycling have a great YouTube series designed to help you teach your children to ride a bike. Quick and easy games that are perfect for playtime, in short videos of around a minute each!

Check out the playlist by scanning the QR code:



The Cycle City Connect website has plenty of resources online, from learning to ride to key skills for cycling on road. Head over to find out more:



Also, head over to the Snowhill Travel Choices website for more information on cycling in the area and advice to get you started on your cycling journey:



OBSTACLE COURSE FUN

If your kids are learning how to ride a bike, consider setting up an obstacle course for them to take on. It can really help to build their confidence on a bike by practising manoeuvring and fine tuning their attention and reactions while cycling.

If physical obstacles are too advanced right now, then try marking out a course on the floor. Or if you're looking to make things harder, then have them carry rings or objects around with them to be dropped off at certain points in the course.

It's always a good idea to run or ride around the course first yourself to show the kids how it's done!





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