

Bicycle / On Foot

Due to a well developed network of bike paths, riding a bicycle in Canton Basel-Stadt is very convenient. Many people ride a bicycle to work. There are special walking and hiking trails for pedestrians and hikers.

Getting about on Foot or by Bicycle (Velo)

Basel-Stadt is attractive and safe for cyclists and pedestrians. Few people use a car for short distances. Special bicycle paths or bike lanes are widespread. Pedestrians always have the right of way at pedestrian crossings (unless there is a traffic light). Canton Basel-Stadt has many beautiful walking and hiking trails to discover. Hiking trails are marked with yellow signs.

Rules for Cyclists

A special license or exam is not required to ride a bicycle in Switzerland. In general, the same traffic rules apply to cyclists as they do to motorists. If special bike paths or lanes are available these must be used. Bicycles must be fully functional (two working brakes, a bell, reflectors in front and back and on pedals, and lights in front and back). A helmet is not compulsory, but recommended. Private liability insurance is strongly advised for cyclists. They are responsible for damages to persons or objects.

Learning How to Ride a Bicycle

People wishing to learn how to ride a bicycle can take a class. These are offered by the Pro Velo Association (Pro Velo). Special classes are sometimes available for immigrants. Inexpensive used bicycles can be purchased at bicycle markets (Velobörsen).

Transporting a Bicycle

Persons wishing to board a train or bus with a bicycle must buy a special ticket. It is not possible to take a bicycle on all trains or buses. Sometimes a place must be reserved in advance.

Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

www.hallo-baselstadt.ch/en/mobility/bicycle--on-foot