



# Cycling in Reading

Route map and facilities guide



## Cycling Safely

Whether you are an experienced or inexperienced cyclist you must obey the Highway Code – it applies to cyclists as much as to motorists. Below you will find an outline of some of the points illustrated in the code.

### On-Road

You MUST obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.

Bus lanes may be used by cyclists only if the signs include a cycle symbol. Be very careful when overtaking or leaving a bus lane as you will be entering a busier traffic flow.

The law requires that you must have lights and reflectors when on the road between sunset and sunrise.

Advanced Stop Lines enable cyclists to position themselves ahead of other traffic at traffic signal junctions.

### Off-Road

Look out for footpaths designated as shared-use for pedestrians and cyclists. These may be segregated by a white line or unsegregated.

Take care when passing pedestrians, especially children, elderly or disabled people and allow them plenty of room. Always be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary.



## Top Safety Tips

- Aim to be seen by other road users – wear bright or reflective clothing
- Wear a helmet that conforms to current regulations
- The law requires that you must have lights and reflectors when on the road between sunset and sunrise



## Considerate Cycling

- Follow the Highway Code
- Cycle only on pavements designated as share-use
- Use your bell to make other road users aware of your presence as not all pedestrians can see you.
- Make eye contact with other road users
- Signal when carrying out turning manoeuvres and check your blind spots
- Cycle at an appropriate speed dependent upon the facilities being used
- Be prepared to stop or slow down particularly where other road users are present

More information on the Highway Code can be found at [www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG\\_069837](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG_069837)

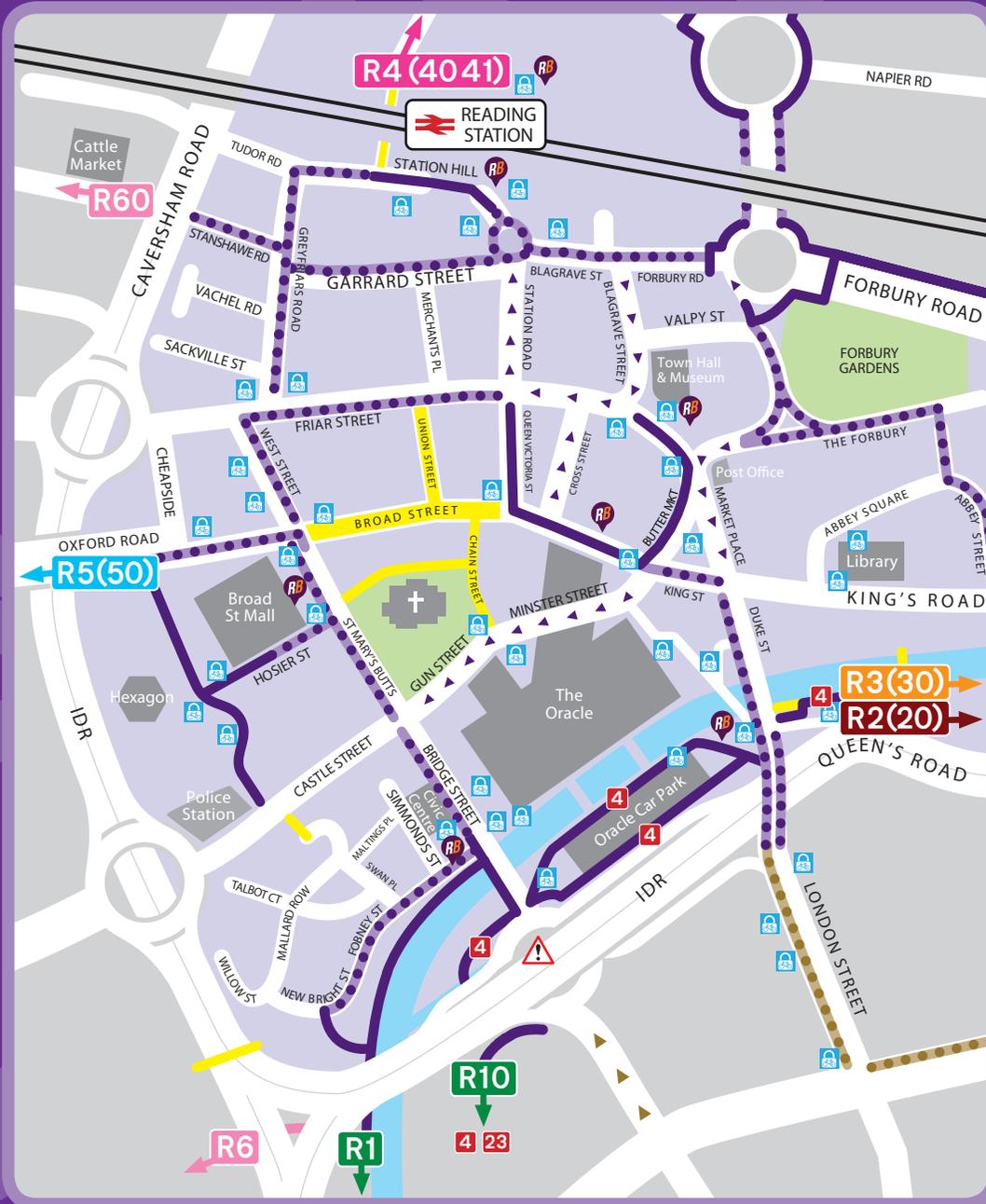
# Cycle Routes in Central Reading



# Cycling in Reading



Reading  
Cycle Routes



## Legend

### Cycle Facilities Key (for all route colours)

Traffic-free cycle route

On-road cycle route/facilities

On-road cycle route – one-way street

Pedestrian zone

Reading Cycle Route

Town Centre Route

Linking Route

Ready Bike Cycle Hire

National Cycle Path

Busy junction, no cycling facilities, caution advised

Cycle parking facilities

Railway Station

Bikes are the most energy-efficient form of transport and can be faster and more predictable than car or bus for short journeys.

For example, at a relatively comfortable 10mph, you can cycle from Green Park to The Oracle in 15 minutes – burning around 100 calories in the process.

Cycling regularly can keep you fit, save you money (no tax, no fuel, no fares) and it's one of the most environmentally-friendly ways to travel.

Whether you are an experienced or inexperienced cyclist, planning a journey to work, school or for leisure, Reading Borough Council is happy to provide copies of this cycle map. Please call 0118 937 3787 for hard copies. Alternatively it is online at [www.reading-travelinfo.co.uk/cycling](http://www.reading-travelinfo.co.uk/cycling)





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Reading  
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**R1 R10**

South Reading  
Green Park & Whitley

**R2 R20**

Reading & Wokingham  
RBH, Uni & Winnersh

**R3 R30**

East Reading & Woodley  
Newtown, & Bulmershe

**R4 R40/41**

North Reading  
Caversham & Emmer Green

**R5**

West Reading  
Oxford Road & Tilehurst

**R50**

West Reading  
Tilehurst & Prospect Park

**R6 R60**

South-West Reading  
Coley Park & Southcote

## Contacts

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Potholes, highway  
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01635 42400 or  
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Wokingham Borough Council  
0118 974 6000 or  
[www.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk)

For information on  
local cycle campaigns, visit:  
[www.readingcyclecampaign.org.uk](http://www.readingcyclecampaign.org.uk) or  
[www.readingctc.co.uk](http://www.readingctc.co.uk)



## Lock it or Lose It

To Protect Your Bike From Theft with four simple practical steps:

- Do lock your bike to something solid
- Do use the many bike parks around the town 
- Do invest in a good quality lock
- Do have your frame postcoded

### BUT

- Don't leave your bike obstructing a way used by pedestrians
- Don't leave it unlocked, EVER, not even for a few seconds

## Bike and Train

Bicycles are carried on most trains operating on the National Rail Network. However, each train operating company has its own rules. For full details go to [www.nationalrail.co.uk/passenger\\_services/cyclists.html](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/passenger_services/cyclists.html) or call **0845 7484 950**. Compact folding cycles are carried free of charge without restrictions.

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For information on all prices, including annual membership/occasional use options, please see the website. Please check the website for bike availability before planning your journey. Information is correct at the time of going to press May 2014, and could be subject to change.

REGISTER ONLINE AT **WWW.READYBIKE.CO.UK**

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