

Cycling in Squamish

Getting around by bike has environmental, health and social benefits. The District of Squamish supports cycle commuting through the Active Transportation Plan and initiatives such as Safe Routes to School and Go By Bike Week.

i For more information: squamish.ca/active-transportation

There are many places in Squamish that rent bikes, service bikes and sell supplies. You can find out more by visiting: exploresquamish.com

Bicycles and Transit

? Did you know:

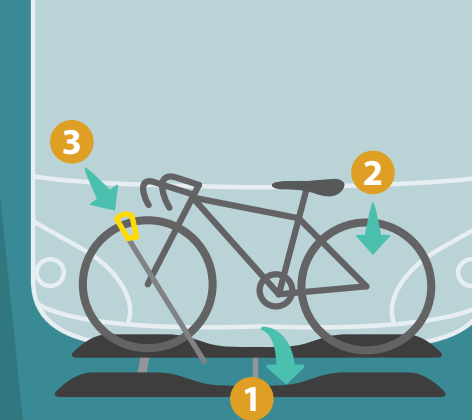
All Squamish Transit buses are loaded with bike racks. Commuting by bike and by bus has never been easier!

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How to load your bike on a bus rack

Each bus rack allows for two full-sized bikes. Let the driver know you wish to load your bike and then follow these steps:



1. **Lower the bike rack by pulling the yellow handle up, then out, and down.** Now the rack is in place and you can load your bike on it.
2. **Load your bike with the front of the bike towards the yellow arm.** Load the rack closest to the bus first by lifting the bike up and onto the rack.



Please be careful when loading and unloading your bike as you are the one responsible for your bike and your own safety.

3. **Pull yellow arm out and up over front tire to secure bike.**

To remove, perform all actions in reverse and lift rack to upright position. Click in place, move away, and signal to driver.

Riding Tips

Commuting by bike is fun and safe when you follow the rules of the road and cycle safely. Be sure to bring your bike to a bike shop if you are unsure of its riding condition.



Safety



Always wear a helmet. It's the law!



Always ride on the right, whether on the road or a multi-use path.



Obey all traffic rules and ride with traffic.



Check that your tires are inflated with air and that your brakes are working properly.



Be seen! Use lights at the front and rear of your bike as well as reflectors. Wear light coloured and reflective clothing. For more information visit: squamish.ca/bright-at-night



Dismount and walk your bike across crosswalks.



We strongly discourage riding on the highway.

Etiquette



Use a bell when passing, except when passing horses. Say hello and pass wide and slow.



Stay aware of other road users and avoid listening to music while you ride.

Use hand signals to indicate your intentions

Left turn



Right turn



Stop



Planning your route

An often overlooked aspect of safe cycling is route planning. Here are some tips to help you find safe and efficient routes:

- Don't just ride where you would normally drive.
- Consider your level of comfort (e.g. prioritize multi-use path routes with bicycle infrastructure).
- Feel free to be multi-modal (integrate transit, walking, etc.)
- Use a bike map (like this one!)
- Time your route first if you are worried about a late arrival.
- Adjust your route to the conditions (e.g. darkness, rain, snow, traffic etc.)
- Lock up your bike at a designated bike rack when you get to your destination.



Is a trail blocked?

If you come across a trail that is blocked by an obstacle such as a fallen tree, please call the following:

During regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m: **604.815.6868**

Outside regular business hours, 24 hours: **604.815.4040**



This map displays commuter cycling routes.

For information on recreational trails, please visit the following:

Trailforks
trailforks.com

District of Squamish Web Map
squamish.ca/mobile-web-maps

Trail connections are included on the map only where they provide an important link and are easily rideable.

Contact Information

Squamish Municipal Hall
604.892.5217

After Hours Operations & Public Works Emergencies
604.815.4040 (24 hrs)

Squamish Transit Operator
604.892.5559

Other resources

District of Squamish Active Transportation
squamish.ca/active-transportation

District of Squamish Best Routes to School
squamish.ca/safe-routes

Digital Copy of the Map
squamish.ca/bikemap

Squamish Off-Road Cycling Association
sorca.ca

Squamish Trails Society
squamishtrails.ca

GoByBike Week
gobybikebc.ca

Bike Sense Cycling Safety Manual
bikesense.bc.ca

BC Transit
bctransit.com/squamish



Legend

Current Routes

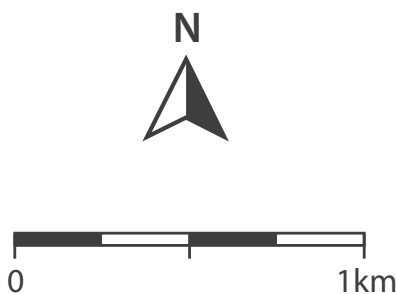
- Multi-use Path
- Trail Connection
- Neighbourhood Way
- Bike Lane Two-sided
- Bike Lane One-sided
- Shared Road

Future Routes

Future Routes are currently rideable but will be upgraded. Cyclists should use caution.

- Future Multi-use Path
- Future Neighbourhood Way
- Future Bike Lane

- Highway 99
- School
- Hospital
- Parking
- Bike wash & tools
- Bike shop
- Highway overpass
- Highway underpass
- Train tracks
- Route narrows
- Steep grade
- Incomplete connection



Road Signs and Markings

There are many ways that cycle routes will be marked. Here are a few to look for in Squamish:

Most Comfortable

Multi-use Path

Cyclists are protected from motor vehicles by physical barriers.



Trail Connection

An unpaved connection that is separated from vehicle traffic.



Neighbourhood Way

Cyclists share the roadway with motor vehicles on a quiet street.



Bike Lane Two-sided

A portion of the roadway is designated for cyclists. Bike lanes are in both directions.



Bike Lane One-sided

A road with a bike lane on one side. Riding on the other side is permitted.



Least Comfortable

Shared Road

A relatively busy street with painted markings that indicate where cyclists should position themselves.

