



Totnes is a Transition Town

Suggested cycling routes around Totnes

Totnes and River Dart Valley

Cycle Devon

Totnes is the UK's first Transition Town. This means it is a community in the process of imagining and creating a future that addresses the twin challenges of diminishing oil and gas supplies and climate change, and creates a new kind of community. Increasing cycle use is clearly an important part of this process.

To find out more about Totnes as a Transition Town please see www.totnes.transitionnetwork.org

Cycling around Totnes and the Dart Valley offers glorious views of the river Dart (Queen Victoria's 'English Rhine'), and enjoyment of a large network of ancient lanes and two excellent traffic-free cycle/walkways.

The town is Saxon in origin, the defences put in place by Alfred the Great's daughter Æthelfleda ca. 890AD, to protect Totnes from the Vikings. This accounts for Fore Street being a hill and narrow. So if you cycle up, don't be surprised if you need to get off and push whilst browsing the shops - that's what local people do!

Route 1. From Totnes the cycle path (almost all traffic-free) to Dartington is flat, attractive and varied. Look out for the Old Tweed Mill, refurbished with its water wheel now producing electricity. Further on is the Cider Press Centre and you then pass the new Dartington Community Primary School before heading along the new path around the copse and through the fields to Huxhams Cross. From there its either on-road towards South Brent, Ivybridge and Plymouth following NCN2 or a short ride down the traffic-free path to the Steiner School at Hood Manor.

Route 2. From Totnes to Ashprington along Sharpham Drive is more undulating - mostly gentle gradients - and is about 2¾ miles long. It offers fabulous views of the river Dart; the view looking back towards Totnes from Sharpham immortalised on canvas by Turner.

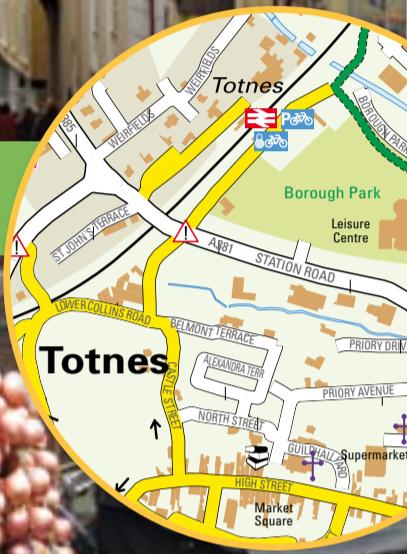
Access to these routes is best from The Plains at the bottom of Fore Street outside the Seven Stars Hotel. Stand facing the bridge, Fore Street behind you, and for Dartington go to your left, for Ashprington to your right.

Along the Plains is a great place to watch what's on the river.



Dart Valley

Cycle Map



Cycling organisations

Sustrans

the UK's leading sustainable transport charity
T: 0117 926 8893
www.sustrans.org.uk

CTC – Cyclists' Touring Club

the UK's national cyclists' organisation
T: 0844 736 8450
www.ctc.org.uk



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Totnes cycle map

The purpose of this map

This map is designed to be useful to all types of cycle user whether experienced or inexperienced. The roads and cycle tracks are colour coded to show what type of route to expect when you cycle through and around Totnes and Dartington for whatever reason: commuting, travel to school, shopping, social, leisure or simply exercise.

Useful contacts

Devon County Council

Cycling enquiries

T: 01392 382104

www.devon.gov.uk/cycling

www.cycledevon.info (for leisure and recreational cycling)

email: environment@devon.gov.uk

Roads and Transport - Area South (Newton Abbot)

T: 0845 155 1004

email: Southareahm@devon.gov.uk

General Enquiries

T: 0845 155 1015

Tourist Information Centre

The Town Mill, Coronation Road, Totnes, Devon TQ9 5DF

T: 01803 863168

www.totnesinformation.co.uk

email: enquiries@totnesinformation.co.uk

Discover Devon

T: 0870 608 5531

(visitor information) www.discoverdevon.co.uk

Cover pictures:

Top - Totnes High Street. Below - Totnes bicycle onion seller

Cycles & trains at Totnes station



Totnes rail station is on the main line between London Paddington and Penzance with good links to the whole of the UK and continental rail network.

All the train operating companies that serve Totnes carry cycles, though each have their own cycle policy. Please see: www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk/cycles
www.southwesttrains.co.uk/cycle-policy.aspx
www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/Travelling_with_us.aspx

First Great Western (FGW), the principal rail company in the area, provide space for the highest number of cycles on their HST (125) services; up to 6 cycles (or, 4 cycles and one tandem) are carried in the front of Coach A.


Other FGW services have more restricted carriage of cycles – usually two per service depending on the number of carriages.


The other train operators are:

South West Trains (normally up to 2 cycles per train)

Cross Country (normally up to 3 cycles per train).

All operators recommend advanced reservation of cycles and there is no charge for carrying cycles.

Access between platforms for cycle users is best via the road bridge overlooking the station as the passenger overbridge on the station platforms has no ramp for cycles. Cycle parking  on Platform 1 is available at Totnes station and secure individual cycle lockers are also available near the ticket office.

 A steam railway also operates from near to Totnes mainline station. The South Devon Railway runs 'tourist' line between Totnes, Staverton and Buckfastleigh. The Totnes riverside station is accessible by bicycle from Totnes station by crossing the foot/cycle bridge over the river Dart. (see Totnes town cycle map). www.southdevonrailway.org

Some signs useful for cyclists



No entry (for all vehicles including cycles)



Motor vehicles prohibited (cycles permitted)



No cycling



Segregated route



Route for use by pedal cycles only



Shared route for cyclists and pedestrians together



With flow cycle lane ahead



Cycle lane



Cycle route



Cycle route and route number forming part of the National Cycle Network

Advice, comments & observations

These maps of Totnes town centre and Dart Valley routes will be updated each edition. We welcome any comments and additional information that will improve future editions.

The information contained is as accurate as reasonably possible at the time of going to print.

If you have any comments or if you have a cycling enquiry please email environment@devon.gov.uk or write to Cycling, Devon County Council, Lucombe House, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QW.

For further advice and information please see Devon County Council website www.devon.gov.uk/cycling see also Useful contacts on the back cover of this leaflet.



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