

# TRY AN E-BIKE



## Participant Guide



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# Program Overview



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## Participation details

The **Try an E-bike program** is available to all current UBC staff and faculty and is open from June to November 2019.

The program gives you access to free e-bike rentals and deals on purchasing your own bike from the participating bike shops found on page 4.

The program aims to get more UBC staff and faculty riding to campus.

### **How do I get started?**

To access the e-bike rental(s), bring your staff ID card, helmet and confirmation email from the [online registration](#) to the participating location.

You're eligible for one free rental per shop, though you may be able to test different bikes before the rental. Be prepared that shops might ask for a security deposit. Call ahead or drop in to confirm e-bike availability. The free rentals are limited, so act quickly to try one out on your commute.

This guide contains info on route planning, secure bike parking options at UBC, and tips and tricks to keep cycling. Happy riding!

# E-Bike Travel Tips

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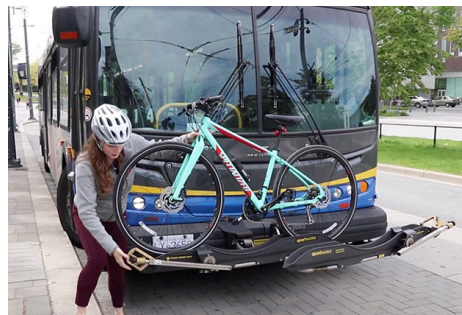
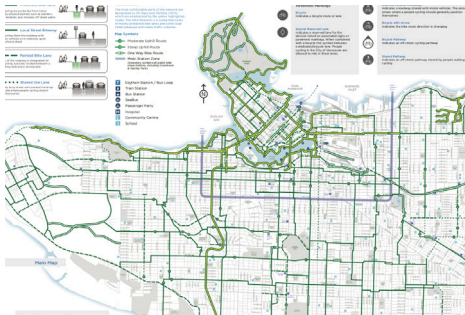
[This City of Vancouver map](#) shows all of the bike routes in the city and will help you plan your ride to campus. With four main roads that lead straight into UBC, you'll be able to find a route no matter where you start your journey.

[Google Maps](#) is a great resource for planning your cycling route. Want to minimize the hills? Plan your route using the [Vancouver Bike Route Planner](#).

Once you're on campus, look for the [bicycle wayfinding signs](#) to point you in the right direction. And UBC's [bike map](#) shows the priority routes to cycle on campus and where to bike slowly (pedestrian priority zones).

## 2 Putting your bike on the bus

If you want to bike to campus but only ride part-way, you can put your bike on the front of any TransLink bus. It's a simple process (even if it may seem intimidating). Check out the how-to [video](#).



## 3 Locking your bike at UBC

There are a few options for you to keep your bike safely locked while on campus. Shared bike cages are in 13 locations across campus and they are free to use. All you have to do is [fill out this form to register](#) and gain access through your UBC card. Most are equipped with security cameras.

[Bike lockers](#) are personal, enclosed storage providing the safest option for securing your bike. You apply for one at any time, but spots fill up quickly. There are 200 around campus and are available for rent at \$12/month plus a \$45 deposit.

Many buildings at UBC have secure indoor storage available for staff and faculty, so ask your building manager for more details.

There are also more than 9,500 bike racks placed around campus for you to lock your bike, but make sure you use a steel U-lock (no cable locks!). Some e-bikes have removable batteries, which you should take with you to your office.

## Tips, tricks and other cycling resources

HUB is Metro Vancouver's cycling advocacy group. Check out [HUB's website](#) for info on all sorts of resources and events from bike raves to information on insurance coverage.

[The Bike Kitchen](#) is UBC's on-campus bike co-op, with plenty of resources to get you cycling. They don't service e-bikes at this time - if you need an on-campus e-bike repair check out [More Bikes](#) in Wesbrook Village.

The [UBC Campus + Community Planning website](#) has even more information to get you started (think rules of the road, tips to get started, and how to properly lock your bike).

Want to register your bike or e-bike? Look out for [529 Garage](#) signups on campus - an international bike registry that helped [drop Whistler's bike theft](#) by 57%. The program registers your bike with local police and record the serial number - you can do it yourself too! One of the key objectives of the program is reuniting recovered bikes that were stolen with their rightful owners.

## Additional e-bike info

Most e-bikes are 'pedal-assist', meaning their electric engines kick in only when you pedal. It's just like riding a bike, only easier! [E-bikes are road legal](#) in BC as long as their engines are less than 500W and they don't propel you faster than 32km/h without pedalling.

Thinking about insurance for both you and your bike? HUB put together an [easy-to-follow insurance guide](#).

Check out UBC's e-bike purchasing guide, with exclusive deals for UBC staff and faculty. The guide provides you with information to start you thinking about what kind of bike to buy, for example, the benefits of buying an e-bike outright or converting an existing bike you own into an e-bike.

## Special thanks to our partners

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# Participating E-bike Shops

**1** **Ohm Cycles**

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**2** **Comor Sports**

1787 W 4th Ave, Vancouver  
[\(604\) 736-7547](tel:6047367547)  
[comorsports.com](http://comorsports.com)

**3** **JV Bike**

929 Expo Blvd, Vancouver  
[\(604\) 630-3798](tel:6046303798)  
[jvbike.com](http://jvbike.com)

**4** **EBike BC**

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[\(604\) 423-3381](tel:6044233381)  
[ebikebc.com](http://ebikebc.com)

**5** **Pedego Electric Bikes**

2774 W 4th Ave, Vancouver  
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[pedegoelectricbikes.ca](http://pedegoelectricbikes.ca)

**6** **Reckless Electric**

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