Green Travel Guide Totnes



Foreword

This guide is aimed at supporting residents and visitors of Totnes to travel more sustainably in the local area. We have also included a few tips for travel further afield.

Green Travel refers to all travel that reduces private vehicle usage and improves air quality, such as walking, wheeling, public transport and car/bike sharing.

A printable version with full hyperlinks is being developed.

We hope you find this guide useful.



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Getting around on foot

Walking around Totnes

Totnes is an old town and has many walking routes and shortcuts that you can take to get around. We recommend taking some time to explore the area to discover any handy cut-throughs there may be.

OpenStreetMap contains an overview of many of the footpaths. You can even add any new ones that you discover! Click the 'i' on the right-hand side toolbar to see the map legend.

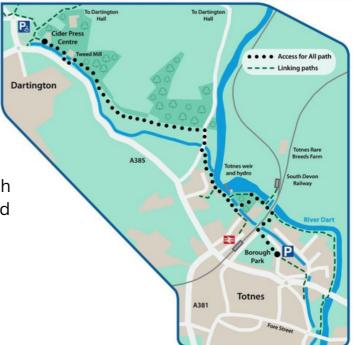
> OpenStreetMap Totnes



Access for All Path

This 2-mile footpath and cycle route is carefully designed to be suitable for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users and people with sight loss.

There are 10 benches along the path, with toilets and nearby car parks in Totnes and Dartington. An audio guide to the path is available also available.



Access For All Path

Getting around on foot

Leisure walking

Walk & Talk

Totnes Walk & Talk offers walks on Mondays (60-90 minutes) and Wednesdays (30-60 minutes) for anyone wishing to get more active.

More information can be found on the Wellbeing Walks webpage.

Leisure routes

Visit Totnes outlines 8 different walks in and around Totnes, including the Totnes Town Trail, the Franklin Trail and the Dart Valley Trail.

Totnes Wellbeing Walks

Walks around Totnes



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Ramblers Walks

Totnes Ramblers has an extensive programme of walks on Sundays and Wednesdays.

You can find more information on the Totnes Ramblers webpage:

ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblersgroups/totnes-group



Getting around by bike

Bike parking map

There are plenty of places to park your bike in town.

<u>Click here</u> for a map of locations, including images.



Cycle routes

Totnes is lucky to have the National Cycle Network 28 running through it, as well as being close to NCN 2. Sustrans sell a hard-copy map, or you can use <u>OSmaps/Travel Devon</u> to explore online.

Other routes can be found on the <u>Travel</u> <u>Devon</u> website as well as via apps such as Komoot, Strava and Ride with GPS.



Totnes Bike Hub

The Totnes Bike Hub is a Community Interest Company (CIC) that offers:

- bike repairs
- volunteering opportunities
- social rides
- second-hand bikes.

Email: totnesbikehub@gmail.com **Phone:** 07761 930035



Getting around by bike

Cycle to work scheme

The Cycle to Work scheme allows you to spread the cost of a new bike and accessories across (minimum) 12 months, as well as saving you money on tax. <u>Find a savings calculator here</u>.

Check whether your employer is signed up and if they are not, consider asking them to do so - **it's free!**

Find more information here



Bike Purchase and hire

We have a number of excellent independent bike shops in the area.

Second-hand bikes:

- Totnes Bike Hub
- Ride On, Exeter
- eBay/Facebook Marketplace

New bikes:

- Bigpeaks, Ashburton
- Hot Pursuit, Kingsteignton
- e-Xplore Devon, Churchstow
- Dialed in Bikes, Paington
- Partridge Cycles, Kennford
- Red Brick Cycles, Plymouth and many more

Bike hire:

- e-Vo bike hire
- e-Xplore Devon

Guide to buying a used bike

Tips, Tricks and Further Resources

Cycling UK and Sustrans have a wealth of resources on getting started, bike maintenance, safety, and much more.

Travel Devon also offer a variety of information, including details on free cycle confidence sessions.









Getting around by bike

E-bikes

E-bikes are particularly handy in a place like Devon which is full of hills! E-bikes make it easier to get about, enabling you to carry more with you and get up those hills without breaking a sweat.

E-bike Safety Guidance



E-bike conversions

You can convert a push bike to an ebike. We recommend using a local service, such as Totnes-based South Devon E-bikes.

South Devon E-bikes

£725 - £775 Motor, battery, LCD display 07375 623 266 South.Devon.ebikes@gmail.com

You can do it yourself, **HOWEVER**, ensure you are purchasing the kit from a reputable seller.

Please read the safety guidance below.

E-bike Safety Guidance

New & used e-bikes

E-bikes have become increasingly popular and there are many different ones to choose from.

It is worth doing some research to determine the best option for you, including speaking to your local bike shop.

Good used e-bikes are harder to come by as battery technology has changed significantly over the past few years. We have included some useful links below.

General e-bike advice Buying a used e-bike

Public transport

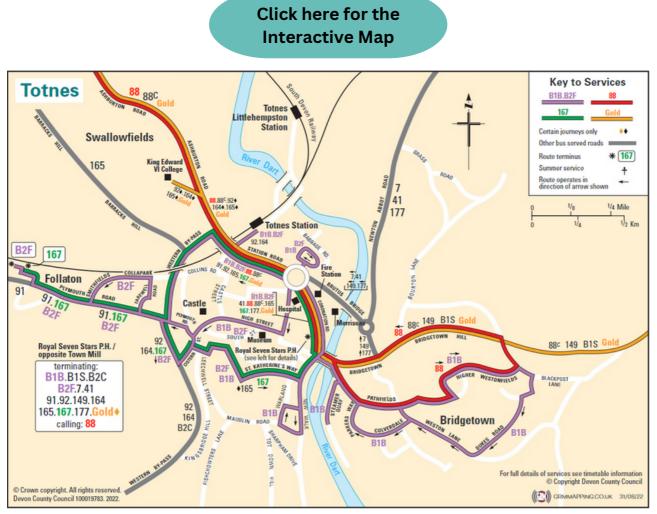
Buses



Totnes is served by a number of bus routes, which also connect the town to the surrounding towns and villages.

Use the Travel Devon interactive map of bus routes and timetables in Devon to find routes and bus stops in Totnes. Click the 'Services & Timetables' tab in the top right of the map for more details on individual timetables and routes.

We also advise that you check individual bus operators websites before you travel.



Bob the Bus



Bob the Bus is a community bus operating in Totnes and surrounding rural areas.

It is a 'hail a ride' service, meaning you can get on and off the bus at any point on its route.

See fares

Go to website

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Car & bike shares

Totnes car share: E-cocars

E-cocars is a car share club based in Totnes. Book a car online or with a smartphone and you'll have a car just when you need one – for an hour, a day, for as long as you like.









Informal car/bike shares

Fancy setting up your own informal car or bike share with friends or neighbours? CoMoUK have created useful resources for anyone looking to establish a car or bike club.

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Further afield

Trains

Totnes is well served by trains that go directly to places such as Plymouth, Penzance, Bristol, London and Edinburgh.

Money Saving Expert have an excellent overview of how to get the cheapest **train tickets**: <u>moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-train-</u> <u>tickets/</u>

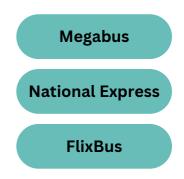
For a comprehensive overview of train travel in Europe and beyond, visit The Man in Seat 61.

For tickets, Eurostar and Rail Europe are best.



Coaches

Megabus, National Express and FlixBus offer good value bus journeys across the UK.



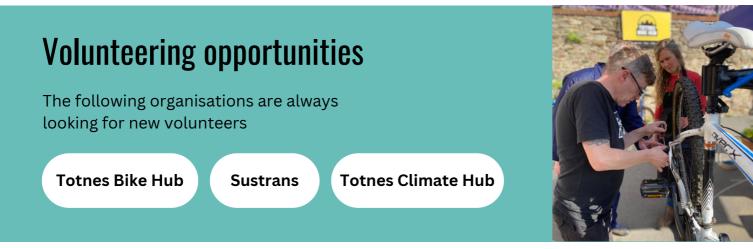
Sustainable Adventures

Totnes Climate Hub have created some excellent guides to sustainable adventures.

Sustainable Adventure Guides



Get involved



Join the Ramblers

Join the Ramblers to support their work to open up new areas for walking and to help them find local 'lost ways' to add to the network.

Report problems

Report any problems you find on existing rights of way to Devon County Council via <u>this link</u>.

Traffic and Transport Forum

The Totnes & District Traffic and Transport Forum acts as an advisory body to Totnes Town Council as an avenue to progress traffic-related issues. You can find more information on the Town Council's Traffic and Transport page <u>here</u>.



Get in touch

Do you have any questions about this guide? Get in touch! Email Totnes Town Council on: **reception@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk**

Find more information on TTC's Traffic & Transport page: www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/traffic-transport/

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