

LEICESTER SUMMER IN *Cycling* 2026

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Led Rides

Ride Leicester runs **free, friendly guided bike rides** all year round. They're a great way for people of all ages and abilities to explore the city by bike. All rides start from the Bike Park Cycle Hub at Town Hall Square, so it's easy to join in and set off.

Each ride is led by trained British Cycling ride leaders who make sure everyone feels safe, supported and welcome. The rides follow different themes - from Roman and medieval history tours to architecture trails to nature routes and relaxed family outings.

You'll travel along traffic free paths, canal towpaths and quiet streets, with rides taking place on evenings, weekends and during school holidays. Whether you're new to cycling or rediscovering your wheels, there's a ride that suits you.

You can see the full list of rides and book your place on the **Let's Ride** website.



letsride.co.uk/groups/ride-leicester

Women's Confidence Boosting Rides

Our **Women's Confidence Boosting Rides** are created to help women feel more comfortable and confident on a bike. These relaxed, welcoming rides start from the Bike Park Cycle Hub at Town Hall Square and are open to women of all ages and experience levels.

Led by supportive, trained ride leaders, the sessions move at an easy pace and follow quiet roads, cycle tracks and traffic free paths. There are plenty of chances to stop, chat and ask questions, making the rides a gentle way to build skills without any pressure. You can use one of the Brompton bikes provided or bring your own – whatever feels best for you.

These rides are a great way to meet other women, explore the city and enjoy cycling in a friendly, encouraging atmosphere. And as always, no one is ever left behind.



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Learn to Ride & Joy Rides

Build your cycling confidence with our **mixed Learn to Ride and Joy Rides sessions** at Leicester Cycle Circuit. Open to everyone, these free sessions are led by experienced ride leaders who offer friendly guidance for complete beginners or anyone looking to improve their skills. Bikes are available for those who need them, so you can simply turn up and give it a try.

Sessions run every **Monday between 6-8pm from 11 May until 24 August** (excluding Bank Holidays) at the fully lit, traffic free Leicester Cycle Circuit – a safe, spacious place to learn at your own pace.



There's **no need to register**, just come along and join in. For more information, email cyclecity@leicester.gov.uk.

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Open Streets 2026

Open Streets is back for 2026, bringing three vibrant days of free, family friendly fun to Leicester city centre. These pop up mini festivals celebrate people friendly streets and invite everyone to explore the city by walking, wheeling or cycling.

A highlight returning this year is the **Graffwerk Street Art Jam**, where artists create live street art alongside spray paint workshops and hands on upcycling activities. It's a colourful, creative event that fills the streets with energy, music and community spirit.

Alongside the art activities, the Art Jam also includes bike fixit workshops, accessible cycling sessions from Wheels 4 All, and high energy live music

Open Streets 2026 will take place across three dates – in **May, August and September** – each with its own theme and a full programme of free activities to enjoy.



Find out more about the upcoming activities and themes at the **CHYM website**.



Bike Fest 2026

Bike Fest is back this year at Leicester Cycle Circuit – a free, monthly pop up cycling event for all ages and abilities. Run by Ride Leicester and British Cycling, Bike Fest gives everyone the chance to enjoy riding on a smooth, fully traffic free circuit at their own pace. Whether you're a child on a balance bike, a family looking for a fun day out, or an adult rediscovering cycling, everyone is welcome.

Bike Fest runs from **1pm to 4pm**, with events taking place on the last Saturday of each month. You can ride as many laps as you like, take breaks whenever you need to, and simply enjoy being active in a relaxed, supportive environment.



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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 11 May	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 16 May	10:00	Women's Confidence Boosting Ride	Town Hall Square
Sunday 17 May	10:30	National Trust Stoneywell Cottage Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 18 May	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Wednesday 27 May	13:00	Canal and River Trust Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Saturday 30 May	13:00	Bike Fest	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Sunday 31 May	10:30	1645 Siege of Leicester (an uncivil war) Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Sunday 31 May	13:00	Open Streets	Graffwerks HQ, Jarvis Street
Monday 01 Jun	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 06 Jun	16:00	90's Rave Ride + film exhibition	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 08 Jun	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 13 Jun	10:30	Wartime Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 15 Jun	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 20 Jun	10:00	Women's Confidence Boosting Ride	Town Hall Square
Sunday 21 Jun 2026	13:00	Ernest Gimson Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 22 Jun	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 27 Jun	13:00	Bike Fest	Leicester Cycle Circuit

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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 28 Jun	10:00	Mystery Histories of Abbey Park Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 29 Jun	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Wednesday 01 Jul	18:00	Compass Ride - East - Evington	Town Hall Bike Park
Sunday 05 Jul	10:00	Green Bicycle Mystery Case Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 06 Jul	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Wednesday 08 Jul	18:00	Compass Ride - North - Beaumont Leys	Town Hall Bike Park
Saturday 11 Jul	10:00	Women's Confidence Boosting Ride	Town Hall Square
Sunday 12 Jul	10:30	Cosby Yarn Bomb Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 13 Jul	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Wednesday 15 Jul	18:00	Compass Ride - South - Aylestone	Town Hall Bike Park
Sunday 19 Jul	TBC	Green Bicycle Mystery Evidence & Trial Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 20 Jul	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Wednesday 22 Jul	18:00	Compass Ride - West - Braunstone	Town Hall Bike Park
Saturday 25 Jul	10:00	Sue Townsend / Adrian Mole Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Saturday 25 Jul	13:00	Bike Fest	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Sunday 26 Jul	10:30	Golden Mile Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 27 Jul	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 01 - 31 Aug	n/a	Ride Leicester Festival	Various Locations
Saturday 01 Aug	10:00	Women's Confidence Boosting Ride	Town Hall Square

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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 03 Aug	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Sunday 09 Aug	10:30	Radical Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 10 Aug	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Sunday 16 Aug	10:00	Glenfield Tunnel Ride and Tunnel Tour	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 17 Aug	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 22 Aug	10:00	Sue Townsend / Adrian Mole Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Sunday 23 Aug	10:30	Final Journeys of Richard III Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Monday 24 Aug	18:00	Learn to Ride & Joy Rides	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Saturday 29 Aug	13:00	Bike Fest	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Sunday 30 Aug	13:00	Street Art Tour Ride	Graffwerks HQ, Jarvis Street
Sunday 30 Aug	10:30	Policing History Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Sunday 30 Aug	13:00	Open Streets	Graffwerks HQ, Jarvis Street
Sunday 06 Sep	10:30	Kirby Muxloe Castle Ride	Kirby Muxloe Castle
Sunday 13 Sep	TBC	Bradgate Park Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Saturday 19 Sep	10:00	Sue Townsend / Adrian Mole Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Saturday 19 Sep	10:00	Women's Confidence Boosting Ride	Town Hall Square
Saturday 26 Sep	13:00	Bike Fest	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Sunday 27 Sep	10:00	Richard III Ride	Town Hall Bike Park
Sunday 27 Sep	13:00	Open Streets	TBC

EVENTS



Keep up with the latest cycling news, rides and offers by signing up to the Ride Leicester newsletter. It's the easiest way to stay connected with everything happening across the city's cycling scene.

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