





## Online Route Finding for Cyclists

There are some excellent cycle-specific route-finding and SatNav-like applications available. All the best ones are based on the routing engine developed by [Cyclestreets.net](http://Cyclestreets.net) (a spin-off from the Cambridge Cycling Campaign). The routing is based on the crowd-sourced Open Street Map's excellent and now comprehensive mapping with local, expert knowledge of cycle-specific tracks, contraflows, etc. They work well not just in London, but throughout the UK and Ireland. The map shown can be selected by the user (from Open Cycle Map, Open Street Map or Ordnance Survey).

They offer a choice of *fastest*, *quietest* and *balanced* routing and avoid hills where possible. Some *quietest* routes may involve short dismounted sections to cross pavements or traverse parks.

These apps are particularly useful when you want to go somewhere new, but users are often pleasantly surprised to find that they offer new and sensible alternatives to their usual routes! They also provide mapped locations of bike shops, bike parking and more.

	<b>Cyclestreets app</b> <i>iPhone and Android (free)</i> Web site: <a href="http://www.cyclestreets.net">www.cyclestreets.net</a> This 'official' Cyclestreets app is particularly easy to use.
	<b>m.cyclestreets.net</b> <i>For all other smart phones the Cyclestreets mobile web page works almost as well:</i> <a href="http://m.cyclestreets.net">m.cyclestreets.net</a> Even easier to use. No need to download an app in advance. Just go to the web page in your phone's browser.
	<b>Bike Hub app</b> <i>iPhone and Android (free)</i> Very close to a SatNav cyclists. The routes are derived from <a href="http://cyclestreets.net">cyclestreets.net</a> , but it offers some valuable additional features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- it can give turn-by-turn voice instructions and vibration alerts as you ride along a route.</li><li>- it can obtain routes that pass through intermediate 'waypoints' that you have chosen, or even return to the starting point. This makes it more useful than the others for planning leisure rides.</li></ul>
	<b>Camden Cyclists' web maps</b> <i>On your computer</i> Web site: <a href="http://maps.camdencyclists.org.uk">maps.camdencyclists.org.uk</a> Gets routes from <a href="http://cyclestreets.net">cyclestreets.net</a> and overlays them on a choice of different maps, together with information about the 'official' London Cycle Network and more.

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