

Getting around

Cycling

On the road



This map provides detailed information about bike, walking and public transport routes in the City of Whittlesea, making it easier for you to choose a sustainable way to travel.

The road rules information contained in this publication is a guide only and does not intend to replicate or replace the Victorian Road Safety Act in any way.

For definitive information please refer to the Road Safety Road Rules 2015 (Victoria) at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Is a bicycle a legal road vehicle?
Yes, bicycles are classified as vehicles under the Victorian road rules. This means that you have the same rights and responsibilities when you're on a bike as when you are driving a car.

Are the road rules the same when you're on a bike or driving a car?
Yes, except for a few differences and exceptions. Most of these are covered here, but for more details, visit:

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

What is a bicycle lane?
A bicycle lane is a marked on-road lane designated for bike riders. It is signed as a bicycle lane at the start of the lane and ends either where an 'end bicycle lane' sign appears, or at an intersection.

Am I required to ride within a bicycle lane if it is provided?
Yes, unless it is impracticable to do so.

Who is at fault when a car door is opened into the path of someone on a bike?
The car driver or passenger who opens the door is at fault and can be fined. 'Car dooring' can cause life-threatening injuries to cyclists.

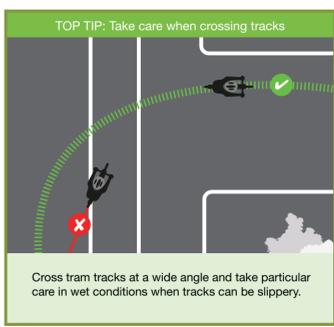


If all cars parked with their doors open, where would you place yourself on the road to be safe? That is where you should aim to be all the time – far enough out so that your handlebar would not clip an open car door. Don't be afraid to ride towards the right side of the bicycle lane.

Is it OK to occupy a whole traffic lane when I'm riding my bike?
Yes, this may be necessary in narrow traffic lanes where there is not enough space for another vehicle to overtake a bicycle safely within the lane.

Is it legal to ride two abreast?
Yes, but you must not ride more than 1.5 metres apart.

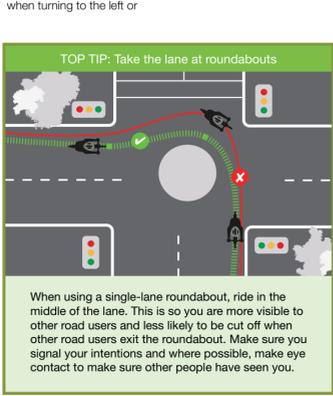
What are the rules about waiting for stopped trams?
When the tram doors on your side of the road are open and there is no safety zone, you must wait at the rear



Cross tram tracks at a wide angle and take particular care in wet conditions when tracks can be slippery.

Do I need to signal all turns when I'm riding my bike?
You are required to give a hand signal when turning right or moving to the right.

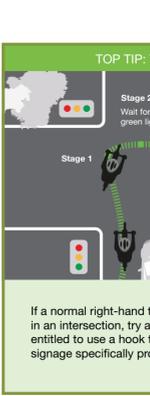
Hand signals are not required when turning to the left or



When using a single-lane roundabout, ride in the middle of the lane. This is so you are more visible to other road users and less likely to be cut off when other road users exit the roundabout. Make sure you signal your intentions and where possible, make eye contact to make sure other people have seen you.

Why do some signalised intersections have special waiting boxes for bikes?
These line markings are designed to increase the visibility and safety of bike riders by placing them at the front of a traffic queue.

Eye contact is another great way to communicate to other road users.



If a normal right-hand turn leaves you feeling exposed in an intersection, try a hook turn. Bike riders are entitled to use a hook turn at any intersection unless signage specifically prohibits it.

Drivers of motor vehicles may be fined for allowing any part of their vehicle to enter the designated bike area whilst waiting at the lights.

City of Whittlesea TravelSmart Map

Cycling

Ready to ride

What are the requirements for cycling at night?
If you're riding at night or in other low-light conditions you must have a white light on the front of your bike and a red light on the rear. These lights may be flashing or static and must be visible from at least 200 metres. Your bike should also have a red rear reflector visible from 50 metres.

Is it necessary to wear high-visibility clothing for night time riding?
This is not a legal requirement, but it is advisable to make yourself more visible on the road. Research has shown that it is particularly effective to wear reflective gear on moving parts of your body (such as your ankles).

Do I need to wear a helmet when I'm riding a bike?
Yes. Whether you're on a road or path, you are required to wear a bicycle helmet that is fastened properly and meets Australian Safety Standards.

Am I required to have a bell fitted to my bike?
Yes, it is mandatory to have a bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.

Some of the key rules appear below:

What is a shared path?
A shared path is designed to be used by both pedestrians and bike riders. Signage indicates that the path is a shared path.

Up to what age can children legally ride on the footpath?
Children under 12 years are allowed to ride on the footpath. Adults who accompany children can also legally ride on the footpath.

Who has right of way on shared paths and footpaths?
Pedestrians. If you are riding a bike on a shared path or footpath you must give way to all pedestrians.

You might be surprised to learn that use of shared paths and footpaths is covered in the Victorian road rules.

Do I need to keep to the left when riding on a shared path or footpath?
Yes, it is a legal requirement that you ride on the left unless it is impracticable to do so. Using shared paths is more about courtesy and common sense than rules. Here are some tips to keep in mind.

On bike:

- Pass other riders and walkers on the right and provide plenty of warning. It's a good idea to ring your bell about 30 metres before passing. You can also use your voice to provide a friendly warning – for example, "passing on your right"
- Travel at a safe speed so that you can stop quickly if necessary. Take particular care when passing in case your warning bell or call was not heard

Keep an eye out for all pedestrians, especially children and dogs as their movements can be unpredictable

Keep your dog on a lead when walking along shared paths

Help children to keep to the left, explaining that bike riders can come from both directions.

Happy Feet Seniors Walking Group Meeting Room Epping Memorial Hall 827 High Street, Epping waubr@bigpond.com.au Ph. 0408 201 002

Plenty Valley Retirement Village Walking Group Plenty Valley Retirement Village, Community Centre 208 McDonalds Road, Epping rob.esposito@bigpond.com Ph. 9401 6767

Walk and Talk Walking Group Norris Bank Reserve at skateboard ramp 135 McLeans Road, Bundoora bethandfrank3083@hotmail.com Ph. 9467 2539

Pacific Epping Mail Walkers Customer Service Desk/Pacific Epping Corner High Street and Cooper Street, Epping staijp@gpoc.com.au Ph. 9401 4111

Mill Park Heights Leisure Walkers Mill Park Heights Primary School 87 Pindari Avenue, Mill Park Ph. 0419 103 078

Walk and Talk Walking Group—Mill Park Lakes Westfield car park, outside the Woolworths entry 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park Ph. 9436 6231

Westfield Walkers Outside Woolworths, Westfield Plenty Valley 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park janice.boswell@bigpond.com Ph. Lorraine 9404 1984 or Janice 0412 132 914

Whittlesea USA—Cross Country Walkers City of Whittlesea car park 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang Ph. 9464 2613

Kaleidoscope Neighbourhood House—Whittlesea Walkers Whittlesea Community House 92A Church Street, Whittlesea wchi@whittleseach.com.au Ph. 9716 3361

Whittlesea Walkers Plenty Valley Community Health 40 – 42 Walnut Street, Whittlesea pattybarber@hotmail.com Ph. Patricia 9716 1319 or Robert 0417 822 958

Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group (Whittlesea BUG) whittleseabug@gmail.com www.whittleseabug.org.au

Whittlesea Cycling Club whitcyclingclub@gmail.com

Bicycle Network Victoria Ph. 1800 639 634 www.bicyclenet.com.au

Lockers Bike lockers are available at Premium Stations across Victoria. They can be rented free after paying a bond of \$100 for a new locker with a built in lock or \$50 for lockers that require you to supply a lock.

You can hire a locker at Premium Stations for up to three months at a time and renew without paying any additional bond. Items stored in lockers remain your responsibility.

For more information visit metrotrains.com.au/bike-facilities

Cages Parkteer bike cages can be found at stations across Melbourne and key regional centres. The bike cages provide undercover, free and secure parking for around 26 bikes.

To access a Parkteer cage you will need to register for a swipe card. Cards are available for a \$50 refundable deposit.

For more information and to register visit parkteer.com.au

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Bus routes on this map

- 356 Epping Station—Wollert East via Hayston Blvd
- 357 Wollert West—Thomastown Station via Epping Station
- 358 Epping Station—Wollert via Epping Plaza SC
- 381 South Morang Station—Diamond Creek Station via Doreen
- 381–382 combined Whittlesea/Diamond Creek Station—South Morang Station—Northland SC
- 382 Whittlesea—Northland SC via South Morang Station
- 383 Palisades—University Hill
- 384 Kinglake—Whittlesea via Humevale
- 385 Whittlesea/Mernda North—Greensborough
- 386 Mernda West—Bundoora RMIT via Crews Rd & South Morang
- 386–387 combined Mernda North—Bundoora RMIT
- 387 Mernda North—Bundoora RMIT via Hawkstowe Pde & South Morang
- 554 Thomastown via West Lalor (circular clockwise loop) route via Victoria Drive)
- 555 Epping—Northland via Lalor, Thomastown, Reservoir (route via High Street)
- 556 Epping Plaza SC—Northland SC via Keon Park (via Dalton Road)
- 557 Thomastown via West Lalor (circular clockwise loop) route via West Lalor)
- 559 Thomastown via Darebin Drive (circular route)
- 564 Bundoora RMIT—South Morang
- 566 Lalor—Northland via Plenty Road, Childs Road, Grimshaw Road
- 569 Epping Plaza SC—South Morang
- 570 Thomastown—RMIT Bundoora
- 575 Epping North—Thomastown Railway Station
- 577 Epping Plaza SC—South Morang Station via Findon Rd

SmartBus

- 901 Frankston—Melbourne Airport
- 902 Chelsea—Airport West

Night Bus

- 955 Night Bus—City—Brunswick—Ivanhoe—Bundoora—Mill Park—South Morang—Mernda

Metropolitan Trains

South Morang Line

Metropolitan Trams

Tram route 86

For more information, visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** (6am to midnight daily)

Night Bus network

Night Bus is the all night bus service that runs on 21 routes on Friday and Saturday nights.

Ten routes run to and from the city about every 30 minutes. Eleven routes run from suburban stations every 60 minutes to connect with trains. There are 21 Night Bus routes, 10 routes run from the city and 11 routes run from suburban stations to connect with trains.

You can get off a service at any bus stop or kerbside tram stop, and get on at flagged Night bus stops.

Uber

Uber is a convenient, inexpensive and safe taxi service. For more information visit www.uber.com or to download the Uber app visit the Google Play store

Access and mobility

Trains
All train stations are wheelchair accessible. Metropolitan stations have ramps or lifts to enter the station and platforms. However, at some stations assistance may be required for those with a mobility aid.

Passengers who need help boarding trains should wait on the platform near the front of the train. This is marked with a yellow or white rectangle on the pavement. To help the driver, it is best to write your destination on a note. The driver will help you board and depart the train by placing a ramp between the platform and the first door of the front carriage.

Premium Stations are staffed from the first to last train every day and have accessible facilities including toilets, public phones and parking.

Trams
With 100 low-floor trams and more than 360 accessible stops, Melbourne's tram network is increasingly

Within the City of Whittlesea is Route 955: City, Brunswick, Ivanhoe, Bundoora, Mill Park, South Morang, Mernda.

For more information and timetables visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007**, TTY users call **(03) 9619 2727**



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accessible to passengers using mobility aids. The majority of services on routes 96 and 109 are low-floor trams.

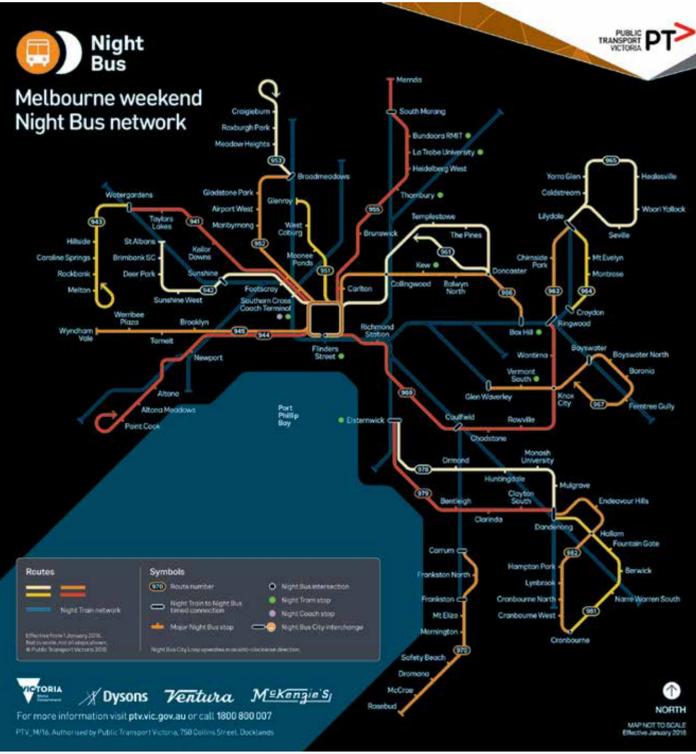
Buses
More than 80 per cent of Melbourne's bus services are wheelchair-accessible on weekdays, and more than 95 per cent on weekends and public holidays.

Accessible services are identified by a wheelchair symbol on the front of the timetable booklet or next to the relevant service. If your service is not listed as accessible, bus companies will try to schedule a low-floor bus for you, provided adequate notice is given.

For station and stop profiles visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007**

Taxi
Wheelchair accessible taxis can be booked through Silver Top Taxis on **131008** or Yellow Cabs on **132227**

For more PTV iPhone or Android app information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au



Mobile phone tools

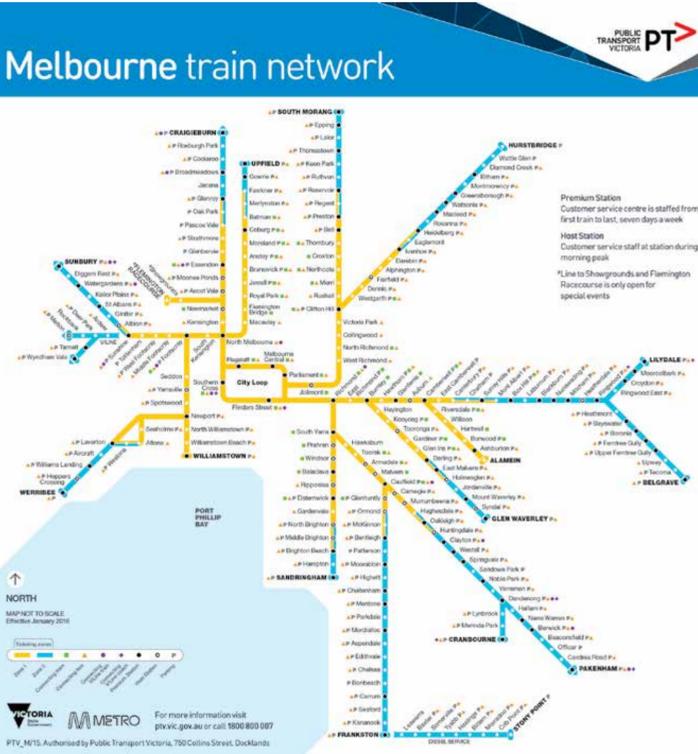
There are a number of mobile phone tools to provide you with personalised train, tram and bus service information to your mobile.

PTV iPhone or Android app
The free PTV iPhone app lets you view service times, use the journey planner and set your favourite stops throughout Victoria for faster access to public transport information on the go.

With built in tramTRACKER® functions, the app gives you real-time departures and arrivals for all tram stops.

For more PTV iPhone or Android app information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au

Melbourne train network



General information

myki money
With myki money, you pay as you go. Once topped up, your myki will automatically calculate the lowest fare possible according to the zones you travel within as you touch on and off.

You can also set Auto Top Up and link to a nominated credit card or bank account, and automatically top up your credit whenever your myki money balance falls below a nominated amount.

myki pass

myki pass is a great option if you're planning on travelling regularly. Simply choose the zone/s you wish to travel in and the number of consecutive days of travel you need.

You can buy a 7-day myki pass, or anywhere between 28 and 365 consecutive days of travel.

Once you have a myki pass, you can travel as many times as you want in your chosen zone/s for the duration of your pass.



Melbourne Northern and Eastern Suburbs Airport Bus Eastside www.airportbus.com.au

For detailed information about bus shuttles to and from Melbourne Airport visit [www.melbourneairport.com.au/to-from-the-airport/other-buses-services/other-buses](http://www.melbourneairport.com.au/to-from-the-airport/other-bus-services/other-buses)

Shuttle bus
A number of shuttle bus services operate between metropolitan and regional centres and Melbourne Airport.

Airport Bus
Dandenong www.airportbusdandenong.com.au

For more information visit www.metrotrains.com.au/metronotify

For more information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007**

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Community transport

The Whittlesea Community Transport Service is for people who live in the City of Whittlesea and provides a door to door service to local shopping centres, gentle exercise programs, excursions, community centres and libraries.

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Legend

- Walking Track
- Off Road Shared Path
- On-Road Bike Lane
- Informal Bike Route
- Bus Route with Service
- Tram Route with Stop & Terminal
- Tram Stop
- Tram Stop with Distance to City
- Shop
- Traffic Light or Pedestrian Crossing

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