

Compagnon de route

- Benefit our partnerships
- Repair or have your bike repaired
- Our tips in Geneva



2020

Discover your traveling companion !

This little booklet will tell you about our partnerships that you can enjoy for free as a member of the Bicyclette Bleue. It also shows you where you can affordably repair your bike or have it repaired. Even better, there is a list of our tips, to live like a real genevois. Finally, you will find some golden rules, required for good use of the bike in the city, as well as a FAQ section.

Enjoy your new freedom!

Partnerships

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La Manivelle

Objects library

Need a barbecue, an inflatable boat or a hacksaw ? Don't buy it, borrow it at La Manivelle !

- 1) Go to La Manivelle's website to check the availability of the objects they have (they've got everything, really !)
- 2) Once there, say you're one of our tenants.
- 3) The rental is easy, fast and free (you're welcome ;)

Rue du Vélodrome 18, 1205 Genève
www.manivelle.ch



Partnerships

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En ville à vélo (FR)

Self-repair workshop

«Pignon sur rue» is a place where you can repair your bike by yourself. Don't panic, people of the association «En ville à Vélo» will help you ! It is located in neighboring France, in the town of Ambilly.

Thanks to our partnership, you can go whenever you want, use the tools available for free and ask for any help.

12 Rue des Négociants, 74100 Ambilly
www.envilleavelo.fr





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Repairs

Here is a list of some local bike shops, where you can go and have your bike repaired at a reasonable price

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Grottes: 9 Rue de l'industrie
Plainpalais: 12 Rue des Pavillons
Jonction: Bd St-Georges

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Vélo Roule

7 Cité Vieusseux
1203 Genève

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Sold Sport

Carouge : 31bis Rue de Veyrier
Genève : 10 rue Fendt
Meyrin : 6 rue des ArpentEURs

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Genève Roule

(Flat tire only)

Montbrillant : Place Montbrillant 17
Terrassière : Ruelle des Templiers 4
Meyrinroule: Avenue Vaudagne 1



ByKarl

Mobile bike repair service
www.bykarl.ch

Self-repair

Here, places where you can go yourself to repair your bike at a lower cost.

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En ville à vélo (FR)

As mentioned above, as a member of the Bicyclette Bleue, you can go at their workshop for free

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74100 Ambilly

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La Bicyclette Bleue

In addition to the rental service, we regularly open and provide tools for self-service.

Les Pâquis
Cours Royaume

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Pavillon Cayla

Chemin William-Lescaze 2
1203 Genève

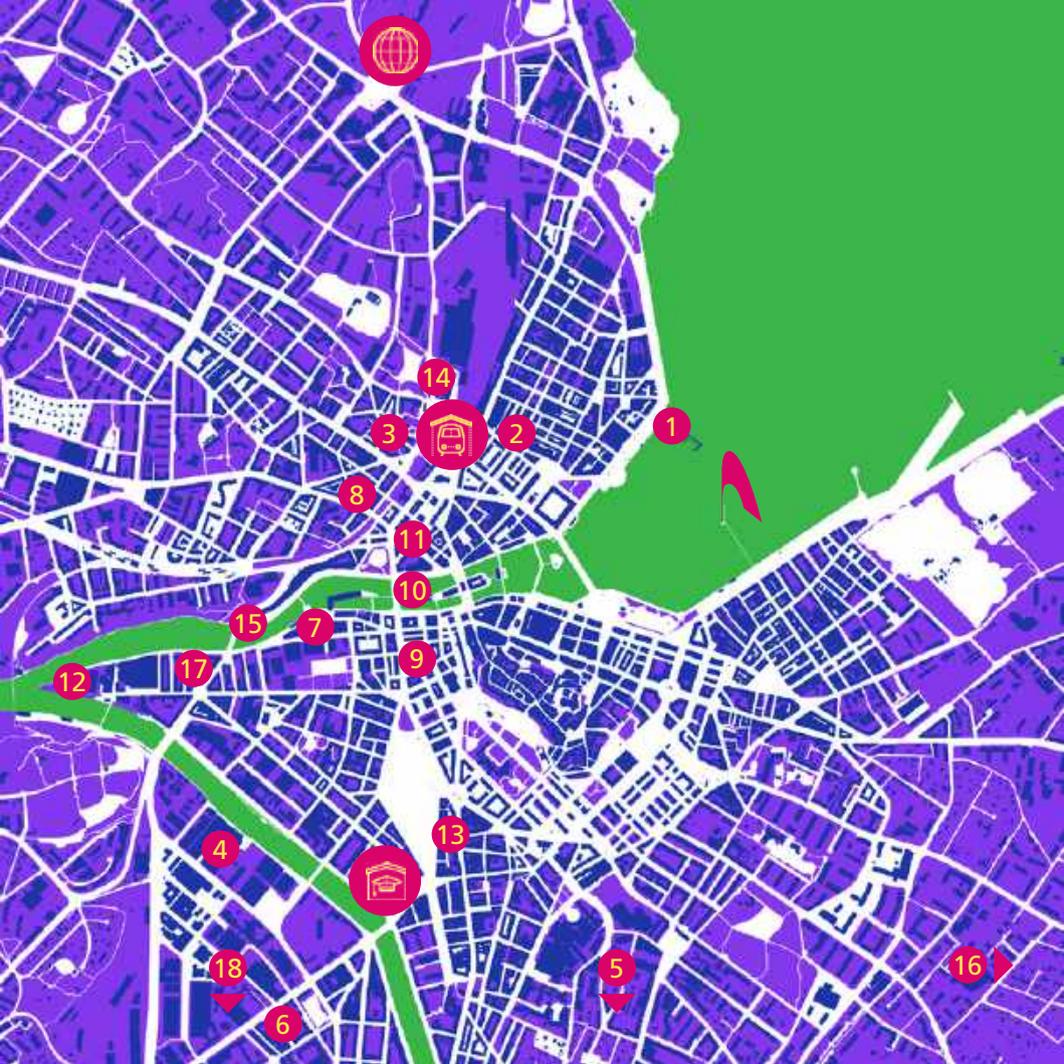
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Cyclopolis

Rue du vélodrome, 6
1205 Genève

Les samedis du vélo

Self-repair workshops
www.samedisduvelo.ch



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Our tips

Use this list to show off your knowledge of the best places in Geneva !

Where to eat

- 1 **Bains des pâquis** - Quai du Mont-Blanc 30, 1201 Genève
- 2 **Parfums de Beyrouth**
Rue de Berne 18, 1201 Genève
- 3 **Marché des grottes**
Place des grottes, 1201 Genève
(le jeudi dès 17h uniquement)

Where to work out or chill

- 4 **Centre sportif de la Queue d'Arve**
1227 Carouge
- 5 **Centre sportif du Bout du Monde**
1206 Genève
- 6 **Parcs** : La Grange / Eaux-vives / Bertrand / Hentsch / Franchises / Evaux / Croupettes / Perle du Lac / Jardin Botanique

Cultural places

- 6 **Théâtre de l'alchimic** - Avenue Industrielle 10, 1227 Carouge
- 7 **Théâtre du Spoutnik** - Place des Volontaires 4, 1204 Genève
- 8 **Librairie Fahrenheit 451**
Rue Voltaire 24, 1201 Genève
- 9 **Librairie Delphica** - Boulevard Georges-Favon 19, 1204 Genève

Where to grab a drink

- 10 **Bateau lavoir** - Promenade des Lavandières, 1204 Genève
- 11 **Café la Réplique** - Rue du Temple 5, 1201 Genève
- 12 **Bar de la Pointe** - Sentier des Saules 27, 1205 Genève
- 13 **Café Librairie L'ivresse**
Rue Vignier 5, 1205 Genève
- 14 **L'écurie**
Rue de Montbrillant 14

Our tips

What to do

- 15 **Down the Rhône**
Rent a boat at «La Manivelle» and ride the Rhône. Careful this is a bit dangerous. Confirmed swimmers only. If you prefer, go enjoy the lake at «Bains des Pâquis»
- 16 **Hiking the Salève** - To go there :
Bus 8 - Veyrier-Douane

Where to buy food

- 17 **Le NID** (cooperative grocery store - subscription required) - Chemin du 23-Août 5, 1205 Genève
- 18 **Union Maraîchère de Genève société coopérative** (fruits and vegetables at low prices) - Rue Blavignac 16, 1227 Carouge



Golden rules

Your bike you will lock

Don't forget to attach the wheel AND the frame to a fixed element.

In a shelter, the bike will be

A bike protected from the rain is a happy and healthy bike !

The highway code you will respect

Less chance of having an accident, less chance of getting a fine (if the police see you, of course)

On the right, you will ride

And if there's one, go to the bike paths and lanes :)

Cautiously, the tram tracks you will cross

Because we've all been fooled ... especially under the rain.



FAQ

What we do

What do you do, exactly ?

We are a long term bike rental service (from 3 to 12 months). We are aimed at students, seasonal workers, and people from Geneva who wish to rent a bike for the summer (or winter, if that's your thing;)

We would like to offer a little more than just renting, that's why by renting a bike from us you benefit from services in other places completely free of charge !

We're also preparing other little things, but it's still «work in progress».

Do you have bikes for children ?

We're slowly beginning! Don't hesitate to write us for more information.

Do you recover bikes (abandoned, unused) ?

Yes, whether you are a private individual,

a management company or a municipality, do not hesitate to contact us. We recover abandoned bikes, refurbish them and then offer them for rent. We try to reduce the carbon footprint of our little blue planet as much as possible.

Rentals

I would like to rent a bicycle, how can I do this?

Our opening hours are indicated on our website. Do not hesitate to visit us, and if you are absolutely unable to come write to us :)

What bikes do you offer?

La Bicyclette Bleue makes it a point of honor to reuse and recycle what already exists. So we rent used bikes, ranging from mountain bikes to road bikes. Check them on our website or on instagram.

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Why don't you open more often ?

Although the Bicyclette Bleue is our little baby, we have busy lives alongside the organization and we all work on a voluntary basis. We promise to do what we can !

Where are your premises ?

You will find us in the Cour Royaume, a courtyard located between rue de la Navigation and rue du Môle.

The rental period is over. I would like to return the bike to you but you are closed. What to do ?

It is indeed possible that we are not open the same day that the contract ends. In this case, we notify the tenant in advance to define the day of return of the bike.

Prices

What are the prices ?

The base price is CHF 50 for 3 months, then add CHF 5 per additional month. According to our scholarly calculations, renting a bike for a year costs CHF 95.

Shouldn't I buy a bike, for this price ?

If you are a bicycle addict, if you live for biking, if you use your bike all the time, then yes. However, if you are a temporary resident of Geneva, whether you are an intern, an exchange student, etc., it is rare and impractical to buy a bicycle, lights and a padlock for this price.

Why should I pay a deposit ?

One day, bad intentions will no longer be part of this world. In the meantime, the Bicyclette Bleue has to make sure that smart kids don't try to steal our bikes by disappearing into the wild... that's why we have set up a unique deposit of 150CHF which assures us that the tenants

FAQ

will give us back our bikes, locks and lights at the end of the rental period. In case of theft, loss or major damage, we withdraw all or part of the deposit when the bike is returned. If everything goes well, the deposit is fully refunded.

Can we pay by card ?

For the moment, we only accept cash. Also think about the deposit ;)

Repairs, damage and theft

Do you contribute to repairs ?

If you received a damaged bike, please let us know as soon as possible and we will fix it for free. If the tenant for example rolled on glass or veiled a wheel with the skid of the century, it is the tenant to assume the repairs :)

My bike needs to be repaired ...

If you would like you can try to fix it yourself. If not, many places offer repairs at low prices. You will find all the repair

and self-repair locations in this booklet. Please note, if certain parts have to be repaired when the bike is returned, we can take back part of the deposit.

My bike has been stolen. What to do?

Oopsie! It happens even to the best. The first thing to do is to warn us, which will allow us to take action. If the bike is not found, we will take back the deposit of 150 CHF paid when renting the bike.

Formalities

What happens if I return my bike after the date stated in the contract ?

- CHF 10 per day beyond a 48-hour delay
- the entire deposit beyond a delay of 14 days

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Am I insured?

When signing the rental contract, the lessee releases the Blue Bicycle from all liability in the event of accident or theft. By signing the contract, the lessee acknowledges that he/she has appropriate insurance in the event of an accident and that the bicycle he/she is renting is in perfect working order. It is therefore up to the renter to make sure that he/she is properly insured !



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