Just Eat Cycles – new bike stations – and a weekend cut price offer

Just Eat Cycles are very easy to use – download the app, set up an account with your details and get one of three passes – single trip, day pass or an annual membership. With all of these options you can take a bike on a single trip of one hour long – but for example with the annual pass you can have an unlimited number of 1 hour trips for a year.

See below for this weekend's offer

The app tells you where the bike stations are and whether a bike is available. Unlock the bike at the bike station with the app and then have a wee cycle about town for up to an hour. Take a bike to any station where there is space and return it.

My personal favourite trips are from the City Chambers to St Andrew Square which is downhill all the way, or St Andrew Square to Charlotte Square (lovely and flat!).

Now there are even more places to pick up and drop off bikes!

By the end of 2018 there will be virtual stations here

Dalry Road (Lidl), Gibson Terrace, Bainfield Drive, Dundee Terrace, Morningside Park, Colinton Road, Marchmont Crescent, Warrender Park Road, Meadow Place, Thirlestane Road, Whitehouse Loan, Simon Square, Lutton Place, South Trinity Road / Ferry Road, Summer Place / Inverleith Terrace, East London Street, Macdonald Road, Leith Walk (Dalmeny street)

AND Docked Cycle Hire Points here

Victoria Park (replacement cycle hire point), Bio-quarter, Castle Terrace

An additional 30 virtual hire points will be in place by the end of January 2019, weather permitting. These will be located in areas including Saughton, Morningside, Leith, Newington and Marchmont.

Additional bikes will be introduced to coincide with the opening of new hire points, with a total of 500 bikes expected to be in place by the end of the year. Next year will also see the introduction of hireable electric bikes.



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Transport for Edinburgh chief executive George Lowder MBE,

said: "This roll out strategy will bring a number of areas into the scheme's network for the first time, not only helping users make the journey's they want to, but will encourage more people to use the scheme to complement the modes of transport they already use. We are extremely grateful for 187 suggestions put forward so far for new cycle hire points via the website. All of these sites are being considered as part of our ongoing network planning."

As part of a Black Friday sale, from Friday 23 November to Sunday 25 November, annual passes will be available to purchase via the app or online for only £45 (normally £90) – working out at 12p a day for a year's unlimited access to the scheme.

Charles Graham, general manager of Just Eat Cycles, said: "As the scheme begins to expand into areas where demand is growing, now is an ideal time to secure an annual pass and begin using the scheme to explore or access different areas of Edinburgh on two wheels."

Users can pick up a bike through an annual membership or on a daily basis, using the free smartphone app. Bikes can be returned to any cycle hire point at any time, with the closest available stations shown in the app.

The scheme uses a pricing structure that allows users to make multiple one hour journeys in a 24 hour window from as little as £3 for a day pass.

The cycle scheme uses innovative technology including the

unique hybrid lock provided by Urban Sharing the operators of cycle hire schemes in Oslo Trondheim and Bergen.

Users can visit the <u>Just Eat Cycles website</u> or download the app on <u>Android</u> and <u>iTunes</u> to find out more about the network.