



Cycling Holidays



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Routes:

All Amsterdam Routes:

Note that the road on the north side of Amsterdam Central station (wedged in between the station and IJ-Harbour), as depicted on the maps in the book, is now rerouted into a tunnel under the station. This tunnel is for motorised traffic only. The cycle path alongside IJ-Harbour is open for all cycle traffic, connecting to all ferries and, thanks to the new tunnel, with less traffic noise!

Amsterdam Routes D2, D4 and D5:

Major reconstruction of the old Waterland seawall is on its way. Various sections of the dyke route are closed. You are still able to cycle the short circuit of routes D, using routes D1 + C7 + E4.

Randstad Circle: Route 2: 12.1 km:

The reconstruction works of Utrecht Central station have completely reshaped the area around the station. It is not possible any more to turn right after 12.1 kms. Go straight ahead here instead, via a foot/cycle bridge across the railway tracks and station. At the end of the bridge, keep to the right, making your way to "Jaarbeursplein" square and rejoin our route after 13.0 kms (see map on page 78).

Randstad Circle: Route 2: 15.2 km:

The construction works of the Leidsche Rijn development have once again completely reshaped the area west of the Amsterdam-Rhine Canal. After making your way across the canal (see map on page 79), keep straight on, including one smooth turn to the right at a small bus stop terminal. You basically keep cycling parallel to the railway line. At Terwijde railway station after 20.1 km it is easy to rejoin our original route.

Randstad Circle: Route 5: 6.8 km:

If you arrive at the railway, turn left into the subway under the railway and then follow the cycle path under the A20 motorway.

Randstad Circle: Route 6: 0.0 km:

Hoek van Holland Railway stations have both closed down. It is no longer possible to take bicycles on train between Hook of Holland and Rotterdam Central station (as suggested on page 23). The Hook of Holland - Rotterdam railway line has reopened as part of the Rotterdam metro network, rather

then being part of Dutch Railways. It is still possible to bring bicycles on the new metro, so long as you avoid rush hour. You'll need to change at station Schiedam Centrum to change from/to the Dutch Railways network.

Further, the railway crossing opposite the ferry terminal has been moved eastbound for about 150 metres. After this level crossing, head left (westbound) to be able to pick up our original route towards The Hague.

Northern: Route 10:

Major reconstruction of the old Waterland seawall is on its way. Various sections of the dyke road are closed. There is major disruption on Amsterdam routes D2, D4 and D5 and on Northern Route 10. You'll still be able to head north from Amsterdam towards Marken and Volendam, using Amsterdam routes E4 + D6 + D5 in reverse. At the end of route D5, you should be able to continue with route 10, either via Monnickendam or Marken. Between Oosthuizen and Hoorn (see pages 120-121), you will be diverted onto the cycle path on the N247 road, which runs parallel to the seawall route. Yellow diversion signs for cyclists are put in place on closed sections.

Northern: Route 12:

Major reconstruction of the Enkhuizen-Lelystad dam has altered its appearance. The cycle route has reopened, but on a large section of the dam, you'll now be cycling far away from the waves, as a wide fore shore has been created on the side of the dam.

Eastern: Route 13:

It is no longer possible to cycle via our preferred route between Lage Vuursche and Soest, as the landowner of a local estate doesn't allow cycling as a result of damage caused by mountain bikers not keeping to designated routes. A high fence makes it impossible to cycle through. Alternative route: on page 131, after 15.0 kms, keep straight on via the tarmac road. At T-junction, turn left and at junction with lights cross the main road and turn left on cycle path on the right side of the road. This is the N234 road. After a petrol station, you'll find 'knooppunt 62'. Turn right here onto the cycle path. This is after 17.6 km in the guidebook.

Eastern: Route 15:

Major reconstruction of the Waal River Dyke is on its way. Currently, it is not possible to use the dyke route between Slijk-Ewijk and Nijmegen. An inland diversion route is signposted with yellow signs.

Southern: Route 19 (also effecting routes 16-18!!!):

The pedestrians- and cyclists ferry between Maasvlakte and Hook of Holland is no longer served by Rotterdam RET public transport, causing a public outcry in the Dutch cycling community, as it is an essential link in the international North Sea Cycle Route and popular with many cyclists using the coastal routes. The public outcry has caused Rotterdam City Council to rethink its decision to close the route. Currently, a tender has been published to run a summer-only service from 1st April until 1st October. The results of this tender are not known yet. This means we cannot advise you using the full southern route (including sections 16-18), unless you are cycling to the Hull ferry! Those arriving from the Hull ferry are also affected, as the link to the Randstad Circle is cut off! Cycle to Rozenburg and catch the car ferry to Maassluis to access the Randstad Circle!

Services:

To avoid disappointments, we recommend making reservations at least 24 hours in advance for all accommodation, even for campsites! For some campsites, this is now compulsory. Please refer to the terms and conditions of the provider in advance and adhere to the rules of the provider!

As the book was published in 2015, well before the Covid crisis, a serious number of services listed in the 2015 book have shut down. We advise to book all accommodations prior to travel. We are grateful if you encounter any closures and let us know any omissions regarding the cycle routes via eoscyclingholidays@gmail.com.

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