

RCC BICYCLE PROGRAM

Many Munich residents find that bicycles are an invaluable form of transportation. Bike lanes along main boulevards and parks, observant drivers and pedestrians, and the flat cityscape make cycling an efficient and fun way of getting around the city. For a small fee (ca. €2), you can take your bicycle on the long-distance train for a weekend excursion in the countryside.

If you want to explore Munich by bike there are several options to get around without bringing your own bike from home.

RCC Bike Share

The RCC currently has three communal bicycles available for hourly and daily use. The bicycles are parked out front of the RCC.

The bike checkout is self-service. The bicycle logs and lock keys are located in the mailroom. To check out a bike, please enter your name and the date and time you checked it out. Please return the key to the log and enter the time of return before the end of the day. You can access the logs and keys 24 hours a day with your key to the RCC. To reiterate, **this bike is for hourly and daily use only**. We hope to add more bikes to the RCC Bike Share, and perhaps include longer-term use, as departing fellows donate their old bikes to the program.

Short-Term Rentals

- **Secondhand Sports** (www.secondhand-sport.de)
Nymphenburgerstr. 25, 80335 Munich
€10 per day and €50 per week.
- **Radius Radverleih** (www.radiustours.com/index.php/en/)
Arnulfstr. 3, 80335 Munich (near platform 23 at the Central Station)
- **Fahrradhaus Schütz** (www.fahrradhaus-schuetz.de)
Belgradstr. 66, 80804 Munich
Bikes can be reserved in advance. The rate per day is €8 with cheaper rates available for longer-term rentals. E-bikes are available for €20 per day.

Public Short-Term Bike Sharing

Deutsche Bahn's "Call A Bike" Program:

https://www.callabike-interaktiv.de/kundenbuchung/process.php?proc=online_anmeldung&start=oa&&f=500

For registering online, you need a credit card or you can use a SEPA bank transfer. It costs €3 per year (for the basic rate) and the first 30 minutes for each ride are for free. For each 30 minutes following you pay €1. If you use the bike for 24 hours, it costs €15 in total.

On the website you can find the nearest bike by typing in your address. (<https://www.callabike-interaktiv.de/kundenbuchung/process.php?proc=bikesuche&f=500&f=500>)

When you find your bike you call the number on the bike lock. Then you receive a 4-digit code for opening the lock. If you make a stop along the way but want to use the bike later, you should follow the instructions on the display for locking the bike. To unlock it again you use the 4-digit code.

The MVG Rad: Munich public transit company bike share:

<https://www.mvg.de/services/mobile-services/mvg-rad.html>

This service works through the smartphone app (iOS or Android) “MVG more,” which you can download on the website above (a QCR code is available too). You have to register by using the app (or online). You can pay using a credit card or a SEPA bank transfer—both are free of charge.

Using a bike normally costs €0.08/minute. Students and IsarCard Abo customers pay €0.05/min. A yearly pass (“Jahrespaket”) is also available for €48 (€36 for IsarCard Abo customers and €12 per semester for students). This includes 30 minutes for free per day costs €0.05/min after that.

The app is in German, but it’s fairly self-explanatory: The app includes a map on which you can find a bike in your area; you can reserve it for 15 minutes using the app. When you click on a bike, you are given two options: you can either rent it directly (green button) or reserve it for up to 15 minutes for free (blue button).

You will receive a code for unlocking the bike: a 6-digit code if it is located at a MVG bike station (square bike symbol on the map) and 4-digit code if it’s located elsewhere (round bike symbol on the map). If you return the bike to a station you get a credit for up to 10 free minutes. Otherwise, you can lock the bike, sign yourself out, and leave it parked anywhere within the borders of the marked area (yellow lines) on the MVG map in the center of Munich. This is called the “Rückgabegebiet”; if you leave the bike outside this area you have to pay a fee.

Buy a Second-Hand Bike

If you are staying for several months and want to cycle regularly, this is probably the most economical option. You can find used bikes at many stores or online. Some store options are:

- **Dynamo Fahrradservice** (www.dynamo-muenchen.de/index.php)
Haager Str. 11, 81671 Munich (directly at Ostbahnhof)
- **Doctor Bike** (doctorbike.de/stationen/schwabing)
Marschallstr. 1, 80802 Munich (Schwabing station)

- **Second Hand Sports GmbH** (www.secondhand-sport.de/details/impressum.html)
Nymphenburger Str. 25, 80335 Munich

Otherwise, check **www.ebay.de**, including their classified ads (“Kleinanzeigen”). **Quoka.de** is another online classified service. For a completely English-speaking website, Toytown Germany (www.toytowngermany.com) is also a good option. You can get a very good used bike for about €100.

Local Bike Shops (close to the RCC):

- **Joe’s Garage** (joesgarage.de)
Elisabethplatz 2, 80796 Munich
They speak fairly good English. And the owner is a Frank Zappa fan. You can’t go wrong.
- **Doctor Bike** (doctorbike.de/service/1-day-service)
Marschallstr. 1, 80802 Munich
They speak fairly good English. You can find a very detailed price list on the website, however it is only in German.
- **2-Rad** (www.2rad-muenchen.de/service)
Georgenstr. 39, 80799 Munich
They speak English. From March to October they can be very busy and so it can take a long time before you can get an appointment. From October to February you usually stop by the shop and get service.

Important Links

Before hopping on your new bike, please see the Munich city bicycle rules:
http://www.bicyclegermany.com/german_bicycle_laws.html

For rules, regulations, and costs of transporting a bicycle on the Deutsche Bahn, please see here: http://www.bahn.de/p_en/view/service/passengers/bike/bahn-and-bike.shtml