

Saddle up for a summer of cycling

Londoners are encouraged to get on their bikes this summer with a series of free guided rides starting this weekend.

THE first 16 rides, which give people the opportunity to explore the capital on a Santander Cycle, takes place on Sunday at Victoria Park in Tower Hamlets. It is one of London's oldest parks and offers a gentle 30-minute cycle around a two-mile circuit.

The Sky Ride Local rides, run in partnership with TfL and British Cycling, are a great way to experience London on a Santander Cycle – which will be provided free of charge for the duration of the ride – and give participants the chance to enjoy some of London's iconic locations.

All routes are classed as easy-going and would suit all ages and abilities and run through mostly traffic-free areas.

There will be another chance to cycle

the Victoria Park route on June 19. This is followed by a longer four-mile ride at Hyde Park on July 3, which takes in the Peter Pan statue, Elvin Oak and Princess Diana Memorial Fountain.

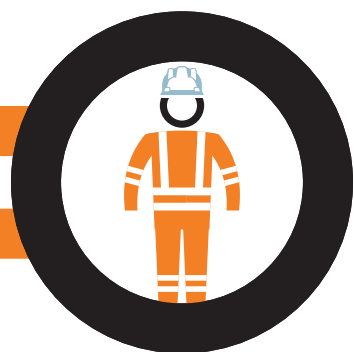
Other rides in the series cover Regent's Park, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Battersea Park, with the final event on Sunday October 9. The rides are free, but spaces are limited and must be booked in advance.

■ **This year's rides all take place on Sundays. For a full list and to book your space, visit goskyride.com/london. For more information on cycling in London, visit tfl.gov.uk/cycling**



Know your travel options

Saturday 4 June to Friday 23 September



Network Rail is working on the Gospel Oak to Barking London Overground Line as part of TfL's improvement plan. This will enable new longer trains to run from 2018.

There will be no service between South Tottenham and Barking for the entire period.

At weekends services will not run between Gospel Oak and Barking.



Please use alternative Tube or rail routes, or rail replacement bus services and allow more time for your journey.

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Businesses urged to get on their bike

STAFF across London have been encouraged to get cycling after Mayor Sadiq Khan launched an incentive scheme offering businesses a 10 per cent discount on a Santander Cycles Business Account if they sign up before July 1.

Following a successful pilot, the initiative – which offers easy cycle-hire access to staff – is designed to encourage employees to cycle to and from their offices or meetings.

■ **For more details, visit tfl.gov.uk/business-accounts**

Northbound Blackwall Tunnel reopened

THE Blackwall Tunnel fully reopened yesterday after a major spill of hydraulic fluid and diesel from a mobile crane made the road surface in the northbound tunnel unsafe.

More than 2,000m² of carriageway was resurfaced by TfL's contractors in just over 13 hours.

The incident, which closed the northbound tunnel all day, covered such a large area that fifteen lorry-loads of damaged asphalt had to be removed from the tunnel overnight.

Garrett Emmerson, TfL's chief operating officer for surface transport, said: 'Safety is our number one priority and while it has been frustrating to lose this vital river crossing we and our contractors have worked as hard and fast as we can to reopen the tunnel.'

Londoners were advised to follow the TfL dedicated twitter account – @TfLTrafficNews – for updates and to get live information to plan alternative journeys by visiting tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews.

Half-term fun at the Museum

SPECIAL half-term activities and games are taking place at the London Transport Museum, starting on Saturday and running daily next week.

There are storytime sessions open to all ages and children aged 3-12 are invited to the Make and Take activity, where they can create foam printing stamps to show the fun of travelling by Tube and take home a personalised postcard.

The sessions are free with a valid ticket to the museum and run from Saturday May 28 until Sunday June 5. Storytime sessions take place at 11am and 2pm and last for around 20 minutes. Make and Take sessions start at 11.30am and 2.30pm and run for up to one hour.

■ **For more details, visit ltmuseum.co.uk**

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