

# Happy birthday cycle hire!



Use a free code for a fun-packed weekend of cycling to celebrate six years of cycle hire in the capital.

UNLIMITED 30-minute journeys are being offered free of charge by TfL and Santander this Saturday and Sunday, to mark the sixth birthday of London's cycle hire scheme.

From midnight on Friday to midnight on Sunday, Londoners can just enter the code FREE2016 into the Santander Cycles app or docking station terminal to pick up a bike.

For the first time a shareable code has been used and will enable riders to use Santander Cycles for as many trips as they wish for free, as long as they last less than half an hour.

The birthday bike bonanza comes as Santander Cycles celebrates a record-breaking month – and a record-breaking weekend – for hires. July saw cycle hire soar to almost 1.19million bikes, beating the previously

highest month of July 2014.

Plus, on Prudential RideLondon weekend (July 30 and 31), hires hit an unprecedented 92,527 – the highest ever.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'Our cycle hire scheme here in London has been a huge success, with record numbers now using the bikes. The scheme has played an important role in encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to cycle and it has allowed Londoners and tourists to get around the capital and see new parts of our great city.'

'I hope that this free weekend gets even more people enjoying cycling, encouraging Londoners to make it part of their everyday lives.'

Since the launch of the scheme in July 2010, more than 52 million journeys have been made on the bikes which provide a

quick, easy and healthy way to get around the capital.

The number of hire bikes has risen from 6,000 to 11,500 and there are now more than 785 docking stations with 21,083 docking points across London – from Camden Town in the north to Battersea in the south, and from Stratford in the east to Shepherd's Bush in the west.

The official Santander Cycles app, which was updated and improved last month, has made the scheme even more accessible. It has been downloaded 235,000 times and currently eight per cent of all hires are made through the app.

**■ To find your nearest Santander Cycles docking station or to become a member, visit [tfl.gov.uk/santandercycles](http://tfl.gov.uk/santandercycles)**

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## Your ticket to ride!

PARENTS with children turning 11 are reminded they can apply for a Zip Oyster photocard which gives free or discounted fares in the capital.

All children aged 11 to 15 are eligible for an 11-15 Zip Oyster photocard, enabling them to travel for free on buses and trams, and at a child rate on all other TfL services and most National Rail services in London.

However, if your child already has a card and it expires on September 30, you need to apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard to continue to get the travel benefits.

A 16+ Zip Oyster photocard allows young travellers to pay

half the adult rate on all TfL services and National Rail services in the capital.

Young people aged 16 or 17 who live in a London borough, can also travel free on buses and trams with a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard.

The online application process is quick and easy and TfL will usually transfer any existing pay as you go credit to the new photocard so there's no need to phone for a refund.

**■ To apply and for more information, visit [tfl.gov.uk/photocard](http://tfl.gov.uk/photocard)**

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### A13 Lodge Avenue flyover

Until August 23, 10pm to 5.30am

Overnight lane closures for works (Monday to Friday only).

### City of London

August 12, 8pm to August 14, 7am

New Bridge Street closed, southbound, at the junction of Ludgate Circus for utility works.

### August 14, 9am to 5pm

London Bridge closed, northbound, for crane operations on King William Street. Diversions will be in place.

### Hammersmith flyover

August 12, 10.30pm to August 15, 5am

Day time lane closures and night time full closure of westbound carriageway for resurfacing works.

### A205 Upper Richmond Road

Saturday, 7am to 7pm

Road closed between West Hill and Putney High Street for resurfacing works.

### Westminster

Saturday, 11am to 2pm

A group will gather in Whitehall Gardens and proceed to Parliament Square.

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