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Discover Europe in a different way through greenways!

Want ideas to plan your next trip? Here you can find useful info to choose your greenway.

Greenways are “independent communication paths” for exclusively **non-motorized** use which are very accessible for any type of user because they have few or no slopes and are often built on **abandoned railway lines and canal towpaths**. Consequently, they give easy access to places of **great beauty (e.g. in mountainous areas, through tunnels and over viaducts)**.

These infrastructures are highly appreciated in **cycle tourism** networks because they are extremely safe, accessible to everyone, and user-friendly. There are thousands of km of greenways in Europe with a great potential for development, and they are a very useful tool for the development of tourism in rural areas.

They are perfect for **cyclist, hikers, families or mobility impaired people**, for whom greenways are a great way to get closer to nature. Whatever your age, physical condition, whether you are with family, friends or individually, the greenways offer great facilities for cycling and hiking safely!



Find out the best on-line resources to help you plan your trip.

EGWA members work to offer you great variety of greenways to discover Europe at your own pace, cycling and hiking safely!

Marco Europeo. Observatorio Europeo de Vía Verdes (OEVV):

Una fuente esencial de información para descubrir miles de kilómetros de rutas no motorizados en Europa. Son senderos de verdad fáciles, seguros, accesibles y atractivos.

El OEVV incluirá tantas vías verdes europeas como sea posible, que describe la ubicación y las características principales de estas rutas.

Los miembros de la AEVV y otras instituciones interesadas tienen la oportunidad de proporcionar datos clave acerca de sus vías verdes que se perciben en esta plataforma web única, disponible en tres idiomas: Inglés, Francés y Español. www.greenwayseurope.org





Belgium

Wallonie cuenta con una importante red de vías verdes, el enmarañamiento, en los corredores ferroviarios en desuso, así como en caminos de sirga a lo largo de canales y ríos. Esta red señalizada es una excelente herramienta para la promoción de rutas de ciclismo de larga distancia.

Se puede utilizar el mapeo dinámico en línea de Ravel (vías verdes) de la Región Valona, para planificar sus viajes y sus paseos:

<http://ravel.wallonie.be/home.html>

Por otra parte, el equipo de la asociación Chemins de Rail ha producido un conjunto de pistas de exploración (parte de ellos son las vías verdes). Incluye la descripción de las rutas en bicicleta o a pie. Estas hojas son de gran ayuda para organizar sus caminatas o paseos.

En Wallonie las vías verdes mantienen el nombre de la antigua línea de ferrocarril; se puede ver archivos de información acerca de las líneas aquí:

<http://www.cheminsdurail.be/activites/fiches-balades.html>



Czech Republic

There are also some fantastic greenways reconverted from abandoned railways in the Czech Republic, although many of the so-called "greenways" in the country correspond to trails or natural corridors where the traffic – free is not a condition, and so they run along existing routes with shared traffic; you must pay attention to the track and especially the sections of shared traffic and the slopes, in those so-called "greenways" that are not rail-trail. More info here:

<http://www.greenways.cz/Greenways-v-CR/Cyklostezka-Brno-Viden.aspx>



France

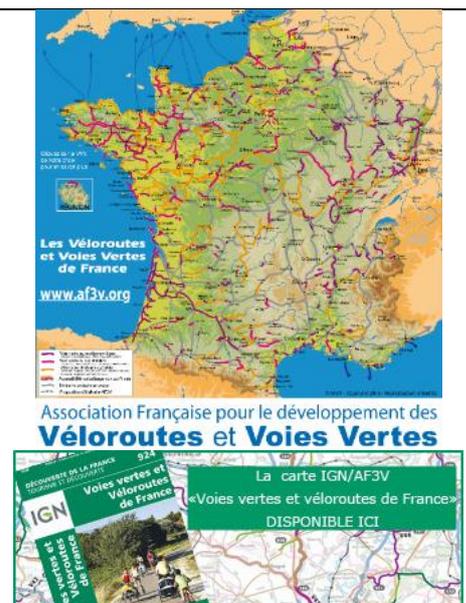
Discover the great greenways and cycle routes network in France in the interactive map that runs AF3V association.

This is the reference map for all interested in greenways and cycle routes in France. The advanced search will allow you to access quickly and easily to any data of the map. <http://www.af3v.org/CarTEAF3V/carte-detaillee.html>

Including ideas of long distance itineraries, as [Avenue Verte](#)

The perfect complement is the map of the Greenways and cycle routes of France (1:1000.000); great info in hard copy, that can be combined with a QR code to provide you useful info, also in your mobile: <http://af3v.org/Guide-des-VVV-.html>

This fantastic information is available thanks to the French Association for the Promotion of Cycle Routes and Greenways (AF3V).





Germany

Find out Ideas to explore the Romantischer Rhein and its side valleys on a tour along the riverside cycle trails.

<http://www.romantischer-rhein.de/en/themen/radwandern/>



Ireland

In absence of an overview map of greenways in Ireland, we offer you information from the two European awarded greenways that you cannot miss!

Great Western Greenway: <http://www.greenway.ie/>

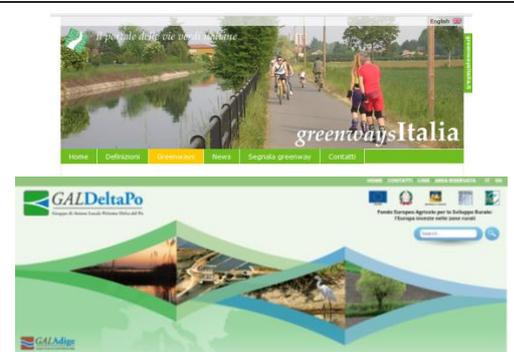
Great Southern Trail: <http://southerntrail.net/>



Italy

There are some 6400 Km of abandoned rail lines in Italy of which about 600 Km have been transformed into greenways. Italy has very beautiful examples of greenways worth visiting!

You can find partial information about the Italian greenways here: <http://www.greenwaysitalia.it/> and about the local action group Gal Delta del Po here: <http://www.galdeltapo.it/en/>



Latvia

This Latvia Bike map is a unique first-edition, which combines the best Latvian signposted cycling routes and Greenways, highlighting the uniqueness, cultural and natural heritage of Vidzeme, Kurzeme, Zemgale and Latgale regions.

Download the map here: <http://www.vidzeme.com/en/about-vidzeme/maps-and-brochures/northern-latvia-publications.html>



Luxembourg

The Luxembourg National network counts with some 600 km of cycle routes, 120 km using disused railways lines: the 90 % of disused railways lines have been reconverted into greenways! You have more than 20 signposted routes to discover the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and safe cycle routes

The **online map** and also the online **description fiches** of the itineraries, will help you to find your route; pay attention to the beautiful transnational tracks that will permit you enjoy the great experience to cross the country by bike!

See map here: <http://tourisme.geoportail.lu/>

See the details of the routes: <http://www.pch.public.lu/fr/pistes-cyclables/index.html>

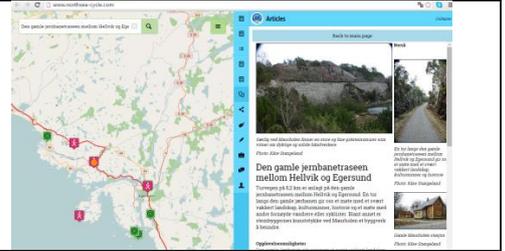




Norway

The North Sea Cycleway goes through Rogaland County Council, where you can go for a beautiful ride or walk on the former railroad line between Hellvik and Egersund. Although there are some challenging hills you can always put foot on ground, because the landscape is really worth!

<http://www.northsea-cycle.com/>

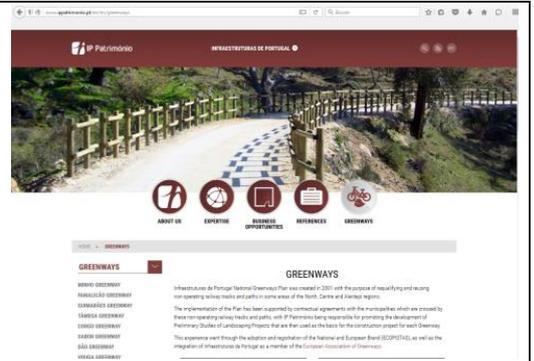


Portugal

Ecopistas is the name given to the greenways in Portugal. The country counts with more than 200 Km of great quality *ecopistas*; they are an excellent tool to discover hidden destination in Portugal by bike or walking.

Find general info from the different greenways/*ecopistas*, under the program promoted by REFER, including description and the general map, that can be found here: <http://www.ippatrimonio.pt/ecopistas>

<http://www.ippatrimonio.pt/en/en/greenways>



Spain

No doubt the great reference of the Spanish Greenways is www.viasverdes.com. Find out wide information, maps of the itineraries and TV series videos about more than 2400 Km distributed in 117 itineraries of the well known Spanish greenways.

From long distance routes (of more than 120 Km) to small greenways, you can use the search tool to choose your perfect ride or walk. It is also available the map of Spanish greenways in English / Dutch/ German.

Have a look also at the **accessible greenways web**. It includes detailed info concerning the level of accessibility in 10 Spanish greenways. This info is especially suitable for people with disabilities and families with small children: <http://www.viasverdesaccesibles.es/>



UK

Sustrans promotes and manages the **National Cycle Network (NCN)** in UK. It is currently over 22,500 km long (about one third of this is on greenways and other traffic-free paths).

The **online map** of the NCN is an complete and updated tool to find out excellent information about the routes in UK; you can search particular routes by different criteria:

<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/about-our-online-map>

A special recommendation is the inspiring and informative guidebook **Sustrans' Traffic-Free Cycle Rides** to get the most out of your cycling trips around the UK. <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/shop/route-maps-guides/sustrans-traffic-free-cycle-rides>.

And the red-top cycle map series - <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/shop/route-maps-guides/severn-thames-cycle-map-11>

