

Cycling might not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think about Schiphol, but there's a great bike route around the airport. It takes you past the runways, spotter areas and the old control tower. So, pump up your tyres and jump onto the saddle – it's time for a tour around Schiphol!

# Cycle around Schiphol



Do you want to know more about how we repel birds? **Scan this QR-code.**



## Birch trees

Have you ever noticed that you only see small birch trees near Schiphol? This is no coincidence. First of all, their roots don't go very deep, which means that they are less likely to get stuck in pipes, sewers and wiring. Secondly, birds don't like to make nests in these trees.

## 1 Old Schiphol

Number 1 corresponds to the old Schiphol control tower and a sign showing where Schiphol originated. The Schiphol Fort was on this spot before the airport was founded but nothing remains to be seen of it.

## 2 Hangars and Aalsmeerbaan

You're now cycling past KLM's hangars, where planes go for maintenance. Behind the hangars is the Aalsmeerbaan Runway – one of Schiphol's six runways. Our runways face different wind directions so that aircraft are always able to land and take off. Once you have scanned the QR-code, you can watch the video to find out more about the runway system at Schiphol.

## 3 CRASH museum

When arriving at number 3 you have reached the Fort at Aalsmeer. Along with Fort Schiphol, this forms part of the Defence Line of Amsterdam. The fort is home to the CRASH Air War and Resistance Museum '40-'45 that you can visit on Saturdays and sometimes on Sundays. The QR-code on the next page will take you to the website of the museum.

## 4 New aircraft bridge

At number 4 you will see the newly constructed aircraft bridge where planes taxi on. It's part of the dual taxiway system that goes around Schiphol. Scan the QR-code to discover more about this airbridge.



Do you want to follow the live air traffic? **Download the Notifiy app via this QR-code.**

## 5 Solar-powered parking

At number 5 you will pass the P3 car park. The roof of this enormous car park is covered in 6,000 solar panels. The lighting, barriers, ticket machines – all the electricity in this car park comes straight from the sun!

Scan the QR-code to learn more about the sustainability goals of Schiphol.

## 6 Plane spotting

At Schiphol, we have two spotter areas. At number 6 you can see a plane take off or land on the Buitenveldertbaan. The spotter area along the Polderbaan you can find at the end of IJweg.

## 7 Bus station in historic hangar

At number 7 you will see the bus station. The roof of the bus station is made from a Second World War airplane hangar. This hangar was built in Great Britain in the early 1940s and has been in storage at Schiphol for a number of years. Now, the historic building has a nice new home.

# Travel Directions

The cycle route starts at Schiphol-Oost. Here, you'll find the old Schiphol control tower (number 1). As you follow the cycle path at Schiphol-Oost towards the Bosrandbrug bridge, you'll cycle past the Air Traffic Control the Netherlands (LVNL) headquarters.

Before the bridge, turn right onto the cycle path along the Haarlemmermeer ring canal. Follow the cycle path along the Aalsmeerbaan's runway lights (number 2) and you'll see Schiphol-Rijk on the right.

Keep following the cycle route along the ring canal until you reach the Fort at Aalsmeer (number 3). From CRASH, turn right and follow the cycle path towards Aalsmeerderweg. Turn right here to Rozenburg. Cross the N196 by lift to arrive at Kruisweg. Here, turn left towards Hoofddorp. After the petrol station, keep right and head in the direction of Schiphol-Centrum. Follow the cycle path along the A4 motorway.

You're now heading towards the newly constructed aircraft bridge (number 4) where planes taxi on. Once you have cycled under the dual aircraft bridge, you arrive on Handelskade. After the traffic lights, turn left onto Westelijke Randweg. You'll cycle close to the Pier-M platform, where easyJet planes are often parked. Follow the cycle path through the Buitenveldertunnel (you guessed it: you're now under the Buitenveldertbaan Runway).

When you come out of the tunnel, you'll see the aircraft again and you'll head towards the P3 car park (number 5). After the car park, the Buitenveldertbaan Runway comes into view again.

Go straight ahead until you see the Mc Donalds (number 6) on your right hand side. If you want to spot planes on the Buitenveldertbaan, go to the car park.

When you leave the spotter area, go straight ahead at the traffic lights. You are now cycling towards the bus station (number 7).

After the bus station, turn right towards Schiphol-Oost. You are now cycling past the Buitenveldertbaan runway lights, and on your right you will see the Schiphol-Oostbaan. You then go through a tunnel and return to where you started.

Scan the QR-codes on the map for more information.

