Travel information for London Road campus

The London Road campus is conveniently situated only 15 minutes’ walk to central Reading, with its excellent train and bus links and shopping and other entertainment opportunities.

Travel on foot
Reading train station and the bus station is only 20 minutes’ walk, 0.7 miles, from campus, so it is easy to travel to London Road by public transport from many different locations within and outside Reading. See the map above for a suggested walking route between the campus and central Reading.

London Road is only a 10-15 minute walk from the edge of the main University Whiteknights campus at Shinfield Road. Walk along Redlands Road (which is a bit of a hill), go straight on into Shinfield Road, and a pedestrian entrance will be on your left.

Travel by bicycle
Quicker than walking, but just as healthy, cycling is another cheap way of commuting to work. You can save money and get fit at the same time.

The London Road campus includes covered cycle parking facilities and showers in buildings 33 and 16. Reading Council’s recommended cycle routes from the town centre can be found at www.reading.gov.uk/residents/parking-road-and-travel/CyclinginReading

You could also take advantage of Reading’s new Readybike hire bike scheme as there is a docking station at London Road. See www.readybike.co.uk for more details.

Make sure you have good powerful lights and consider a high visibility jacket to ensure you can be seen in the dark evenings. Good quality locks and high vis jackets are available at a reduced price from Security in Whiteknights House. Free security labelling and registering for your bike is also available.

We can provide a Bike buddy scheme, where experienced cyclists accompany less experienced cyclists on their journey to and from work. This could be a one off to show the best route and things to look out for, or a longer term arrangement for company, similar to car sharing. If you would be interested in this idea, either as a guide or participant, please email travel@reading.ac.uk to let us know.

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Travel by bus

A number of services operate directly to the London Road campus. Some key services that may be of use are shown below, with their stops nearest to London Road marked on the map overleaf.

See www.reading-buses.co.uk for more routes in the Reading area, and details of timetables and fares. London Road is only a short walk from Central Reading, with many more services available here.

Further providers of buses in the Reading area are www.thames-travel.co.uk and www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/berkshire_trains/whiteknights

21, 21a From the train station, Whiteknights Campus and Lower Earley, to Kendrick Road, every 5 minutes during the day, 24 hour service.

13, 14 From Woodley and Bulmershe, to Kings Road, Eldon Road stop, every 30 minutes each.

19a, 19b, and 19c From Woodley and Bulmershe a longer journey that also comes past Whiteknights Campus, every 20 minutes.

9 From the train station, the edge of Whiteknights Campus, Shinfield, and Whitley Wood, to London Road, every 10 minutes.

5, 6 From Whitley Wood and Northumberland Avenue to Southampton Street.

17 From Earley, to Kings Road, every 10 minutes. 24 hour service.

Leopard 3 from Wokingham and Arborfield Garrison, hourly.

Short Hop £1.20 fare

Available between Reading Station and London Road; and between London Road and the Whiteknights Campuses (services 9, 21, and 21a).

Great value termly bus passes

Consider a SimplyUni pass. Salary sacrifice available for both staff and students, giving great savings on general bus fares. The cost is between £80 and £120 per term (different term lengths); £305 for an Academic Year (22 Sept 14 – 14 June 15), or £460 for an Annual Pass – valid for 365 days.

Travel by car

The proximity to Central Reading means that car parking space is very limited and will be strictly by permit only. Please consider leaving your car at home if at all possible. This will ensure parking is available for those who need their car throughout the day; avoid you being stuck in central Reading traffic; and may also allow us to provide parking permits for those placement students with greatest need. We hope to have one day permits available for occasional use.

www.reading.ac.uk/parking

Consider car sharing, the University has a dedicated car share site to match up potential sharers.

www.rucarsharing.com

If you need a car during the day consider the University Car club which can be booked by the hour.

www.reading.ac.uk/cag-carclub.aspx

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