



Hicle's Cycle Route of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for Hicle's Cycle Route of the Year award, a route must meet the following conditions:

- A newly developed or recently and thoroughly updated route, commissioned by or in cooperation with public authorities or government-related organizations
- A multi-day route (minimum 130 km)
- Dedicated signposting along the **entire** route (routes using junction networks must also include their own signs, logo, or sticker)
- Preference for separated cycle paths or quiet roads
- High-quality road surface
- A safe route with minimal traffic and no hazardous obstacles

Evaluation Criteria

The jury assesses nominated routes based on a wide range of qualitative aspects:

- Scenic beauty and landscape variety
- Use of separated cycle paths or very quiet rural roads
- Absence of traffic noise or industrial sounds
- Few road crossings, and if present, they must be safe
- Surface quality throughout the route
- Signposting must be clear yet visually unobtrusive
- Availability of rest areas (benches, picnic spots) at logical locations

- Adequate amenities such as cafés, bike repair points, accommodations, and information about these services
- Informational elements along the route (flora, fauna, landmarks)
- Clear and accessible route information: website, guidebook, or map
- Accessibility and safety for children and senior cyclists
- Avoidance of conflict between different types of users
- Minimal physical barriers (e.g. gates, bumps, curbs)
- Public transport access with bike options at the start, end, and key points along the route
- Originality of the route's theme
- Creative solutions to overcome barriers
- Added value — for example, by bridging a missing link between existing routes
- Any other elements that make the route truly exceptional

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