

Getting to Stroud sustainably

We are really glad that you want to come to a Transition Stroud event. This information is provided to try and help you to come to your event in a way that produces least CO₂ and is more sustainable for the planet in the long-term. First we list ideas for travelling locally – within Gloucestershire. Then we list ideas for travelling from further away.

Travelling from within Gloucestershire

Think about **walking** or **cycling** – it really is a pleasure to leave earlier and enjoy the lovely countryside around Stroud. Stroud District Cycle map is available online (www.stroudvalleycyclecampaign.org.uk/cyclemap) or via a local retailer. Walking maps are available online on Multimap (www.multimap.com) – 1:25000 scale shows the footpaths - or buy OS maps from a local retailer. Stroud District Council provides maps of all the town centres in the District on www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/maps/town_centres.asp

Simplest way to plan your journey by **bus &/or train** is to visit Traveline www.travelinesw.com/nbindex & to use their Journey Planner (also available on the phone: 0871 200 22 33)

The **train** line links Kemble to Stroud to Stonehouse to Gloucester to Cheltenham – timetable available on www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk/Documents/Custom/DC%20MAY%202008%20TIMETABLE/GW08M_BookA_Web.pdf

And don't forget the **Stroud NightBus** for your evenings out www.stroudnightbus.com/ - use it or lose it!

Finally, you could get a lift via one of the local **car-sharing** websites:
www.carsharegloucestershire.com
www.freewheelers.com/uk/Stroud

Travelling from a long way away

Please please please try and avoid flying – it is seriously damaging to our environment.

From abroad:

Options include:

- Long-distance trains & the EuroStar through the channel tunnel (see The Man in Seat 61's website: www.seat61.com)
- Cargo ship cruising (being a passenger on an already-travelling cargo ship) – put 'cargo ship cruising' in a search engine – lots of different companies offer it
- Cross-channel ferries & ferries to/from Ireland – again use the website of The Man in Seat 61 to find ferry companies - www.seat61.com

From within the UK:

- Best for the environment (and your purse) is travel by **coach**:
www.megabus.com - for travel to Gloucester – see Local travel section (above) for travel onward from Gloucester)
www.nationalexpress.com - for travel to Stroud or Gloucester (or some people get

- the coach to Cirencester and then a lift)
- or **train**:
www.nationalrail.co.uk - for travel to Stroud train station
Coming from London there is a more or less hourly service to Stroud, some changing at Swindon. If **travelling from the north of England** there are several Cross Country services that route through Birmingham and on to Cheltenham (3 trains an hour from Birmingham to Cheltenham) from where there is an hourly connection to Stroud. If **coming from the south coast** (e.g. Brighton) **or the south west** (Devon and Cornwall) **or south Wales** there are trains to Bristol, from where there is an hourly service to Cam and Dursley. This is a service on which you can bring a (folding) bike (approx 7 miles to Stroud) or turn right out of C&D station & walk to the end of the road and catch a no. 20 bus to Stroud (around 20 minutes past each hour) - or get the rail link bus to Uley and a long but lovely (& downhill!) walk from there! **Alternatively from Bristol** you can take a train to Swindon (trains every 30 minutes) or Gloucester where there are hourly connections to Stroud. **From south Wales you can also** take a train to Cardiff, then on to Gloucester (hourly service) from where there is an hourly connection to Stroud.
 - Finally, there is the option of getting a lift via one of the **lift-share** websites:
www.carsharegloucestershire.com
www.liftshare.org
www.freewheelers.com/uk/Stroud

Developing different travel habits

Many of these transport options require us to travel differently to how we may travel in our private car. These are the new skills, joys & frustrations that we need to develop through our 'transition' to less oil-dependence and more inter-dependence on each other. The more we do it and practice and provide feedback to transport providers, the better it will get.

Please give us feedback

We hope that this information sheet helps you to travel more sustainably. Please let us know if you have any more information that should be included on this sheet. Do also give us your feedback about travelling around Stroud (or beyond) and we will continue to campaign for improvements.

Happy travelling!!

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