

Signposting of cycling paths in Switzerland

Orientation panels at railway stations or crossroads en route give information on the various national and regional cycling routes. These panels are always accompanied by signs marked with destination and distance.



The nine national "Cycling in Switzerland" routes are clearly marked with uniform signposts and always begin at a railway station. The individual routes are numbered from 1 to 9 and are also named. At crossroads or railway junctions, distance and direction details are given in addition to the route symbol.



The route symbol will usually be repeated at intervals between signposts showing direction and distance. If two routes follow the same path, two symbols will be shown on the same signpost.



If no branch sign is necessary, the signpost may not carry the route symbol.



Signposts showing direction do not usually bear route symbols. The signs give ample warning of an imminent change of direction or cross roads.



This sign, usually without route symbol, confirms that you are going in the right direction on long stretches without any branches.



The altitude difference panels along the route give information on significant uphill stretches. In the example illustrated, the route climbs 635 metres over a distance of 7.6 km. Ascents of less than 100 metres are not shown. On the Alpine Panorama and Jura Routes the minimum is 200m.



Where the cycling symbol is replaced by this sign, you are requested to dismount and push your bike.

General signposting in Switzerland

The signs on Swiss roads follow a colour code. Red is for recommended cycling routes, white for side roads, blue for main roads, green for directions to motorways and some major roads (cycling forbidden) and yellow for hiking paths. Although a stretch with a red signpost is recommended for cyclists, the road owner does not bear a greater degree of liability.



Important. In Switzerland, signs for motorways and some major road are green. Cycling on these roads is strictly forbidden!



A blue signpost indicates a major road, usually with heavy traffic and so less suitable for cyclists.



A white signpost indicates a lesser road, usually suitable for cyclists.



This symbol on a red cycling sign indicates that the stretch is best covered by mountain bike.



Yellow signs mark hiking paths. These paths require mutual consideration for other users, as indeed do all other paths.