

The regional plan aims at the qualitative and quantitative development of touristic and everyday cycle paths as part of a regional mitigation strategy. Implementation is through close collaboration with the counties and municipalities in the Westmecklenburg region.

Description

- 395 km need to be added to the already existing 2136 km of bicycle paths existing in Westmecklenburg in 2011.
- Development and optimization of the regional bicycle path network.
- Increasing the number of cyclists and the quality of bicycle paths for locals and tourists.
- Clarify needs for future investments in the infrastructure and the responsibilities for the implementation.
- Regarding the tourist infrastructure, attention should be paid to quality of long distance bike paths, rest areas, signposting etc.



Existing and planned bicycle paths in Westmecklenburg

Main conclusions

1. The regional level is key for the development of bicycle paths as it coordinates between the local, county and federal levels.
2. A long term networking process is necessary to bring the stakeholders and different interests together.
3. Mitigation aspects: an increase in cycling decreases greenhouse gas emissions. Bicycle commuting, shopping, recreation, and tourism all have their individual characteristics and challenges. For example, strengthening bicycle-tourism needs marketing, new ideas such as Bed&Bike, or bicycle paths along waterways as well as funding.
4. Adaptation aspects can both improve the living conditions in cities and reduce motorized individual transport.

Responsibility: Regional Planning Association Westmecklenburg

Further information: www.westmecklenburg-schwerin.de/en/project-work/cycle-tracks-bridleways-and-footpaths/