# ACCESSIBILITY INFO BALOISE ANTWERP 10 MILES SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

The Baloise Antwerp 10 Miles will take place on Linkeroever and in the city centre.

If you live in Antwerp, by far the easiest way of getting there is the bicycle.

If you do not live in Antwerp, save yourself a lot of hassle and take the train or park in one of the Park and Rides around Antwerp and jump on a tram or shared bike.

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# **COMING TO ANTWERP**

## 1.1. BY BICYCLE

The easiest way of getting to Antwerp is by bicycle. Easy, healthy and the ideal warm-up! Plan your bike ride using the route planner of Slim naar Antwerpen. Please note: take into account when mapping out your route that you can **NOT** go from Linkeroever to Rechteroever (or vice versa) on your bicycle on Sunday 23 April. Once you arrive in Antwerp, you can stall your steel horse in the temporary bicycle sheds on both riverbanks: On Rechteroever:

- At Sint-Jansvliet, by the entrance to the pedestrians' tunnel
- <u>At Steenplein, by the ferry</u>
- On Linkeroever
  - At Frederik van Eedenplein

## **1.2. BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

You prefer to take public transport? Excellent plan! As a participant you also need a valid ticket.

## **1.2.1 TRAIN**

Plan your trip to Antwerp on <u>https://www.belgiantrain.be</u>. What's more, your journey will be 50% cheaper on Sunday thanks to a Weekend Ticket and you can bring 4 children younger than 12 for free.

## 1.2.1.1 FROM EAST AND WEST FLANDERS

Take the train to **Antwerpen-Berchem** and then take **tram 4** towards **Halte Groenplaats**. Subsequently, walk to Steenplein and take the free ferry to Linkeroever or walk to Sint-Jansvliet to reach Linkeroever via the pedestrians' tunnel. You follow the same route on your return.

## 1.2.1.2 FROM OTHER PROVINCES

Take the train to Antwerp-Central. You have several options from Antwerp-Central:

- On foot using the pedestrian tunnel
- On foot using the (free) ferry
- By tram

## 1.2.2. BUS & TRAM

Several bus and tram lines will be disrupted due to the parcours or will not be running at all. The main pre-metro lines will run and will even offer extra services. You can reach the start by **pre-metro lines 3, 5, 9 and 15.** 

Coming from the direction of Zwijndrecht or Melsele (line 3), you will need to change at **stop Halewijn**. On the other pre-metro lines (lines 5, 9 and 15), you will need to get off at **stop F. Van Eeden**. Plan your trip using the <u>route planner</u> <u>The Lijn</u>.

**Please note: the stops F. Van Eeden and Halewijn will be closed in one direction from 2:30 pm.** You will NOT be able to board going in the direction of Zwijndrecht and Melsele from stop F. Van Eeden anymore, simultaneously you will NOT be able to board going in the direction of rechteroever from stop Halewijn anymore.

## 1.3. WATER

#### **1.3.1 FERRY KRUIBEKE-HOBOKEN AND BAZEL-HEMIKSEM**

From Bazel and Kruibeke, you can hop on a ferry to Hemiksem and Hoboken respectively (or vice versa) two times per hour. Take your bicycle onto the boat and you can easily reach the riverbank you need that way.

You can find more information here about the ferry services Bazel-Hemiksem.

You can find more information here about the ferry services Kruibeke-Hoboken.

#### **1.3.2 THE WATERBUS**

The Waterbus takes you directly to Steenplein from Lillo, Liefkenshoek, Kallosluis, Zwijndrecht, Kruibeke and Hemiksem. There you can switch to the free ferry to Linkeroever, or you can walk to Sint-Jansvliet and take the pedestrians' tunnel.

You can find the schedule on https://www.dewaterbus.be/nl/schelde.

## 1.4. BY CAR

If you are coming by car, please be aware that a great number of streets and car parks in the centre of Antwerp will be hard to get to or completely inaccessible for motorised vehicles on Sunday 23 April. There will also be disruption on several important access roads. For instance, the **Kennedytunnel** in the direction of the Netherlands will be closed off between 11:30am and 5pm. The **Waaslandtunnel** will even be closed off for traffic in both directions, starting from 9:30am until about 7pm.

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Just **take the easy option** and choose one of the **car parks** on the edge of Antwerp depending on where you are coming from:

Coming from	<b>Navigation links</b>
Stabroek and region Bergen op Zoom	<u>Click here</u>
Vlaams-Brabant and Rupelstreek	<u>Click here</u>
Vlaams-Brabant and region Mechelen	<u>Click here</u>
Brecht and region Breda	<u>Click here</u>
Oost- and West-Vlaanderen via E17	<u>Click here</u>
Oost- and West-Vlaanderen via E34	<u>Click here</u>
Limburg and region Turnhout	<u>Click here</u>

Moreover, you can **reserve your parking** space at the brand-new Park & Rides Linkeroever and Merksem. That way, you have a guaranteed space, and you also help us with better flow **by the entrance to the car park**. So, even less to worry about.

Reservation link P&R Linkeroever: <u>https://www.parkeren.be/parking/antwerpen/prlinkeroever</u> Reservation link P&R Merksem: <u>https://www.parkeren.be/parking/antwerpen/prmerksem</u>

Then take a tram from the Park and Rides towards Linkeroever:

	Tram line	Direction	Stop 10 Miles
P&R Linkeroever	5	Wijnegem	Halewijn
P&R Linkeroever	9	Eksterlaar	Halewijn
P&R Melsele	3	P&R Merksem	Halewijn
P&R Merksem	3	P&R Melsele	F. Van Eeden
Parking Wijnegem Shopping Center	5	P&R Linkeroever	F. Van Eeden

From the P&Rs Linkeroever and Melsele, you have to change at stop Halewijn. From P&R Merksem or car park Wijnegem Shopping Center, you have to get off at stop F. Van Eeden.

Please note: the stops F. Van Eeden and Halewijn will be closed in one direction from 2:30 pm. You will NOT be able to board going in the direction of Linkeroever and Melsele from stop F. Van Eeden anymore, simultaneously you will NOT be able to board going in the direction of rechteroever from stop Halewijn anymore.

If none of the Park and Rides above are on your route to Antwerp? Then you can choose a different Park & Ride on <u>Slim naar Antwerpen</u>. It will also show you the corresponding tramlines.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Since 1 February 2018, Antwerp has a low emission zone (LEZ). You can find more information about the low emission zone <u>here</u>.

#### 1.4.1 PARK & BIKE

If you have no other option but to come by car, but you would like to avoid any congestion at the big car parks? Then please consider bringing your bicycle in or on top of the car and get a taste of the "Park & Bike" concept.

## 1.4.1.1 RECHTEROEVER - VOGELZANGLAAN

There will be a Park & Bike location on rechteroever. Ride to <u>Vogelzanglaan</u>, park your car and jump on your steel horse. This location is approximately 4.9 km from the pedestrians' tunnel.

Please note: You will NOT be able to get from rechteroever to Linkeroever (or vice versa) on your bike on Sunday 23 April! Park your steel horse by the tunnel and walk to the start.

#### 1.4.1.2 LINKEROEVER - BURCHT

There will be a Park & Bike location on Linkeroever. Ride to the <u>hypermarket Carrefour Burcht</u>, park your car and jump on your steel horse. This location is approximately 5.3 km from the start and finish area.

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## START AND FINISH - FROM RECHTEROEVER TO LINKEROEVER AND BACK AGAIN

The start and finish zone are on Linkeroever. You have 3 options for making the crossing between Rechteroever and Linkeroever:

- Pedestrians' tunnel between Sint-Jansvliet and Linkeroever
- Sint-Annaveer between Steenplein and Linkeroever
- Tram

Please be aware of waiting times at the different crossings. The capacity of those 3 options will be monitored permanently. To make full use of the capacity of all options, there will be continuous interaction between the 3 options. Stewards will point you to the quickest option. Be sure to follow their instructions!

#### 2.1. PEDESTRIANS' TUNNEL (SINT-ANNATUNNEL)

The tunnel is exclusively reserved for pedestrians. Bicycles and scooters will be **BANNED** from the tunnel between 9:30am and 8pm on Sunday 24 April.

You can park your steel horse in the temporary bicycle sheds:

- On rechteroever:
  - · At Sint-Jansvliet, by the entrance to the pedestrians' tunnel
- <u>At Steenplein, by the ferry</u>
- On Linkeroever
- by Frederik van Eedenplein

#### **2.2. SINT-ANNAVEER**

FREE ferries will take you from Linkeroever to Rechteroever and vice versa between 10am and 7pm. All ferries on <u>rechteroever</u> leave from the Steenplein pontoon. On <u>Linkeroever</u>, there is a jetty by the start and finish zone (Thonetlaan).

Bicycles and scooters are NOT allowed on board. You can park them in the above-mentioned bicycle sheds.

#### 2.3 TRAM

As in previous editions, De Lijn is extending the capacity of **pre-metro lines 3, 5, 9 and 15** between Linkeroever and Rechteroever. The first stops on both sides are stop **F. Van Eeden** and stop **Halewijn** respectively. Due to congestion, you are strongly advised to avoid using the tram between both banks between 11am and 1pm.

If you want to take the tram to Linkeroever from Antwerp-Central, you can take trams 9 or 15 to stop F. Van Eeden from pre-metro station Diamant. This stop is by the start and finish area. Please be aware of longer waiting times due tu the big crowds before the start and after the finish of the race.