BICYCLES

You will find that many students use bikes as their main form of transportation. There are lots of bike racks on campus. You must lock your bike with a U-lock to avoid having it stolen. A U-lock usually costs around $40. Make sure to shop around before you purchase a bike at any of the places listed below. Always ask about a warranty!

♦ Bike sharing program at Duke: Zagster (http://zagster.com/duke/). Several locations on East, West, and Central campuses. Join for $20 a year. Borrowing a bike for less than 3 hours is free, 3+ hours is $2/hour with a max. of $10/ride. Need a cell phone to borrow bikes. Must have an @duke.edu email address. Must return to Zagster bike rack when done.

♦ Bicycle Chain, 5400 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham 27707 (New Hope Commons Shopping Center, http://thebicyclechain.com/about/bicycle-chain-durham-pg608.htm, email: durhamsales@thebicyclechain.com or durhamservice@thebicyclechain.com). 919.286.2453. They sell new bikes from $440 and up, and used bikes (almost all kid bikes). They have many other locations throughout the Triangle. Does repairs.

♦ Bullseye Bicycle, 102 Morris Street, Durham 27701 (www.bullseyebicycle.com). 919.438.3883. Shop sells new ($340 and up) and used bicycles (go quickly) and does short-term rentals. $10/hour or $40/day (pick up one day and drop off the next). Also does repairs.


♦ Durham Bike Co-op, 715 Washington St, Durham. 27701 (http://www.durhambikecoop.org, email: contact@durhambikecoop.org). 919.675.2453. Earn a bike! Purchase a membership for $30 and then donate a certain number of volunteer hours fixing up your bike and others. For more information visit their website (http://www.durhambikecoop.org/FAQ.shtml#12) or email them.

♦ Durham Cycles, 756 9th Street, Durham, 27705 (www.durhamcycles.com). 919.251.8103. A local bike shop that does repairs, rentals, and sales. New bicycles start at $400 and up. Rentals cost $6/hour or $40/day or $130/week and up, depending on type of bicycle. Does repairs.

♦ SEARS, Northgate Mall, 1620 Guess Rd, Durham, 27701 (chain: www.sears.com, Durham store: http://www.sears.com/stores/north-carolina/durham/0001045.html). 919.416.6200. Sears is walking distance from East Campus. So this may be the best spot to purchase a new bike for around $125 and up. Can also order online.

♦ Seven Stars Cycles, 104 W Parrish Street, Durham, 27701 (www.sevenstarscycles.com, email: info@sevenstarscycles.com). 919.675.2435. Shop sells, repairs and rents bicycles. Primarily a repair shop but does sell European-style new bikes starting at $600 and up. Rental Fee: $5/hour, $20/8 hours, $30/24 hours.

♦ Target, 4037 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham, 27707 (www.target.com). 919.765.0008. They have a small sporting section that sells bicycles starting at $125 and up. Possible to bike back to Duke from Target. Or, go online and order your bike from Target. Bike will be delivered to your front door.

♦ Wal-Mart, 5450 New Hope Commons Drive Shopping Center, Durham, 27707 (www.walmart.com). 919.489.4412. The sporting section sells new bicycles. Prices start at $100 and up. Or, go online and order your bike from Wal-Mart.

♦ Other Ideas: If you are on our listserv, post an email stating that you are looking to purchase a bike at over intlhouse@duke.edu. You can subscribe to the listserv at http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ihouse/join-email-listserv. Search Duke Lists for a used bike at www.dukelist.duke.edu or take a look at Craig’s List at http://raleigh.craigslist.org/.

Remember: Do not to give any seller money prior to receiving the bicycle or whatever you may be purchasing. Read the Craig’s List scam information at http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams!