

These **TOUCAN CROSSINGS** are being provided along the Route of the **NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK (NCN)**. The **NCN** is a visionary project to provide a 10,000 mile network of cycle routes throughout the UK, with 700 miles in Northern Ireland.

The NCN comprises a series of traffic-free paths, traffic calmed urban roads, road crossings and minor roads. The signed and mapped routes are designed to encourage people of all ages and abilities to cycle for a variety of journeys.

The routes have received grants from the Millennium Commission and the European Community and other sources.

For more information phone the NCN information line on 0117 929 0888 or 028 9043 4569 or [www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk](http://www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk)

Roads Service are actively working to extend this network. Some planned and existing links to the NCN are shown on the location plan below.

## LOCATION



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# NEW TOUCAN CROSSINGS IN BELFAST



**Shared Crossings for Pedestrians and Cyclists at Ormeau Bridge, Albert Bridge and Queen Elizabeth Bridge**



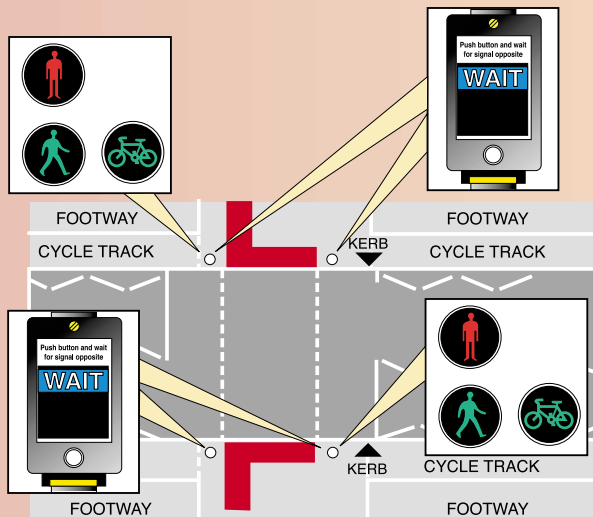
## TOUCAN Crossings

Aim to provide a safe crossing for both pedestrians and cyclists crossing busy traffic routes and at the same time minimising delays for drivers.

Cyclists may ride across a **TOUCAN CROSSING** but should take care not to obstruct pedestrians.

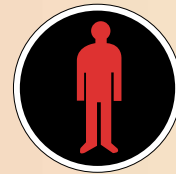
When a number of pedestrians are using the crossing it may be better for cyclists to dismount and walk across.

The crossing period is controlled by a detector which can extend the time available to cross (red light to traffic) depending on the number of people using the crossing



## Pedestrians and Cyclists

When you want to cross the road at a **TOUCAN CROSSING**, look at the display showing on the far side of the road.



If the **RED MAN** is showing do not cross. Press **the button** and the wait message will light up.



Watch the **RED MAN** on the display on the far side of the road. When it changes to show the **GREEN MAN AND CYCLE**, and all traffic has stopped, you may cross with care. A bleeper will also sound during the crossing period.

Towards the end of the crossing period the **GREEN MAN AND CYCLE** lights go out and there is a **BLACKOUT PERIOD** when no lights show, except the red light to traffic. You are safe to complete your crossing during this period but should not start to cross.

If you approach the crossing during this **BLACKOUT PERIOD** press the button and wait for the traffic light sequence to finish. Do not cross the road until the **GREEN MAN AND CYCLE** are showing again and all traffic has stopped.

## Drivers

The **TOUCAN CROSSING** has a standard traffic light sequence. You must stop for **RED, RED AND AMBER** and **AMBER** lights. There is no flashing amber stage with these crossings. Even with a green light, watch out for pedestrians or cyclists crossing at the wrong time.

## Future developments

- Pedestrian/ cyclist indicators that will be mounted on the traffic pole on your side of the road
- detectors which will monitor when pedestrians and cyclists are waiting to cross

## And Remember !

The **TOUCAN CROSSING** is a shared pedestrian and cyclists facility. Both cyclists and pedestrians should be considerate to other users. Always travel straight across the crossing and do not obstruct others.

Always look all around and listen for traffic before crossing the road.

