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Bicycle Hotel, Amsterdam, (NL)



This facility is overground, with both covered and uncovered bike parking serving the central station in Amsterdam and transport interchange. The facility provides parking for an average of 2500 cycles but is often used beyond capacity. Access to the facility is via a cycle lane. Parking furniture is racks which are the same as those used throughout Amsterdam. Parking is free of charge with 24/24 hours attendants. Users can park for as long as they wish.

Provider:

Amsterdam Municipality.

Designer/ Architect:

VMX Architects, Don Murphy.

Cost of provision:

€2.5m.

Strengths:

- It is fun to use and easy to access
- Commuters from outside Amsterdam are able to leave bikes overnight
- It offers a visual icon for Amsterdam

Weaknesses:

- The bike park is easy to use but it is often so packed it is hard to find a place to park
- The furniture provided means it is hard to lock both wheels and the frame of the bike to the stand, making an integrated bike lock essential

Useful References:

<http://www.bicyclehotel.com/>

