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MOBILITY

1 ETH Link shuttle bus

The fastest connection between the two campuses of ETH Zurich is the ETH Link shuttle bus. From Monday through Friday, it runs every 20 minutes between Campus Zentrum and Campus Hönggerberg. Departure times are at 14, 34, and 54 minutes past the hour (one additional bus per hour during the semester). The service is free of charge, but only for students, employees, or guests of ETH Zurich.

→ www.ethz.ch/en/campus/access/link.html

2 Züri Velo bike sharing

As a student or employee of ETH Zurich, you can take advantage of Züri Velo's special bike sharing deal. Download the app, enter the promo code and your credit card information, and off you go! There are stations all over the city. With renting stations on both campuses, you can also use Züri Velo to commute between the two sites. You can also benefit from negotiated rates for the use of LimeBike and smide.

→ www.ethz.ch/mobility

3 Student bike repair shop

The student cycling club Velove has set up a bike repair shop on Campus Hönggerberg. It offers all the tools you need to fix your bike yourself and free of charge. Not only can you acquire some repairing skills and save money, but you can also get to know other cyclists. Opening hours may vary, so check out the Facebook page before you pass by.

→ www.facebook.com/VelowerkstattETH

4 Bike rental Züri rollt

You can rent Züri rollt bikes free of charge at central locations in downtown Zurich. Züri rollt is an initiative of the Asylum Organization Zurich (AOZ) and promotes the social and professional integration of around 100 people from all over the world. All you need is an ID and a deposit of CHF 20.

→ www.aoz.ch/zuerirollt

5 Second-hand bike market

If you want to buy a second-hand bike, the Pro Velo bike market on Zurich's Helvetia-platz is the place to go. It does not take place too often. But when it does, you should set your alarm clock and go as early in the morning as possible to make a good deal before others do.

→ www.pro-velo.ch/de/angebote/veloboersen

6 Public transportation pass

Did you know that your ZVV public transport pass also lets you use local boats and cable cars? Find out now about the various offers in the City of Zurich, like the boat cruise from the Landesmuseum to Bürkliplatz, Seilbahn Rigiblick, or the Dolderbahn, and enjoy the beautiful views and natural landscapes.

→ www.zvv.ch/zvv/en/home.html

7 Track 7 travel card

Feel like discovering Switzerland by train? Track 7 is an additional card to the Half-Fare travel card, referenced on the SwissPass. For just CHF 129 a year, it entitles passengers up to the age of 25 to travel on any train in 2nd class between 7:00 pm and 5:00 am. It is valid for the entire SBB network as well as numerous private transport companies.

→ www.sbb.ch/en/travelcards-and-tickets/railpasses/track-7.html

8 Car sharing or rental

In Switzerland, car-sharing is quite common. With around 3000 cars at 1500 stations, Mobility is the country's largest provider. Employees and students at ETH Zurich are entitled to a free four-month trial subscription. With no monthly fees charged, you only pay for time and distance traveled. Once you have registered, you can reserve a car online through the app or over the phone at any time of the day. Nine different vehicle categories are available. When renting a car or transporter from Europcar, make sure to benefit from the negotiated rates for employees and students of ETH Zurich as well.

→ www.ethz.ch/services/en/service/eth-card/functions.html

9 Flixbus

Switzerland lies in the heart of Europe. From Zurich, many destinations can be reached by bus. Through the Flixbus network, you can travel to 28 European countries. Even though bus travel is already a relatively ecological way to travel, Flixbus also offers the option of making a contribution to climate protection when buying your ticket.

→ www.flixbus.ch

! Air travel

Did you know that air travel has a significant impact on the environment? At ETH Zurich, international air travel has accounted for around 60 percent of all CO₂ emissions in recent years. We are working on it: challenge accepted!

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

10 Student Sustainability Commission (SSC)

The Student Sustainability Commission at ETH Zurich is the first point of contact for student engagement in the field of sustainability. If you would like to get involved in university politics, event management, or other projects, the SSC will give you a warm welcome.

→ ssc.ethz.ch/en

11 Sustainability Week Zurich

The Sustainability Week (NHW) is an award-winning project of students from the five institutions of higher education in the Canton of Zurich: ETHZ, UZH, ZHdK, ZHAW, and PHZH. Since 2013, the third week of each spring semester is devoted to sustainability at all of these institutions. A rich program awaits you. All events are public and free of charge. Since 2018, Sustainability Week has been staged in 12 cities all over the country.

→ www.nachhaltigkeitswoche.ch

12 Seed City garden

Seed City is a student-run community garden on Campus Hönggerberg. On this area of about 1200m², you will find an oasis of biodiversity, inviting you to learn, get your hands dirty, relax, and celebrate. Check out the annual program.

→ www.seedcity.ch/garden

13 Community centers

Zurich's community centers (GZ) are socio-cultural institutions for the city's residents. The 17 centers play a distinctive role in Zurich's social fabric. Go there to join festivals, concerts, or markets, or simply to spend a cosy afternoon with coffee and cake. Community centers are the ideal place if you want to mingle with the local population.

→ www.gz-zh.ch

14 SwitzerlandMobility app

Fancy a hike with spectacular alpine panoramas? The free SwitzerlandMobility app is the standard app for everyone who enjoys being outdoors – whether in summer or winter.

→ www.schweizmobil.ch/en/summer.html

WASTE

15 Züri-Sack

In Zurich, the «polluter pays» principle applies to household waste. If you produce less waste, you also pay less for its disposal. The white-blue Züri-Sack (Zürich bag), which must be used for household waste, is available at retailers like Coop or Migros with volumes of 17, 35, 60, or 110 liters.

16 Recycling app

Correct garbage disposal in Switzerland is a science in itself. The free Sauberes Zürich app contains information and tips for the simple and ecological disposal of waste. It includes all waste collection times in the City of Zurich (sorted by zip code), and thanks to the individually adjustable reminder function, you will never miss a date again.

→ www.erz.ch

17 Sustainable grocery shopping

A large part of our individual environmental impact is associated with consumption. Many of Zurich's shops tackle this matter by avoiding products from faraway places or unnecessarily packaged food. You can shop «waste-free» at Chez Mamie at Schaffhauserstrasse 74, Foifi at Schiffbaustrasse 9b, Eva's Apples in Weinbergstrasse 168, or Bachsermärt at Badenerstrasse 171. Also try Alnatura's organic supermarket in Löwenstrasse 31 for a wide range of sustainable products.

→ www.chezmamie-biovrac.ch/nos-magasins/zurich
→ www.foifi.ch
→ www.evas-apples.ch
→ www.bachsermaert.ch
→ <https://alnatura.migros.ch>

EATING & DRINKING

18 Vegetarian and vegan restaurants

On campus, sustainability is also very important when it comes to eating and drinking. There is a vegetarian alternative in every canteen and restaurant on campus. The Rämi 59 canteen at Rämistrasse 59 even serves vegan alternatives on a daily basis.

→ www.ethz.ch/en/campus/getting-to-know/cafes-restaurants-shops.html

19 Reusable cups

Many of the coffee suppliers on campus support the use of your own re-usable cup. Some even give a small discount on the drink. If you don't have a cup yet, head to the ETH Store to buy the stylish KeepCup.

→ www.eth-store.ch

20 Climate programme

Based on the results of several studies conducted in campus canteens, ETH Zurich launched a climate programme in 2018. In partnership with the catering companies on site, ETH Zurich intends to reduce the CO₂eq footprint of catering operations over the next years.

→ www.ethz.ch/en/the-eth-zurich/sustainability/campus/environment/food.html

21 Ässbar bakery

Given the stunning fact that one third of all food in Switzerland ends up as waste, Ässbar bakery has taken a resolute stand: In cooperation with various bakeries, baked goods and pâtisserie from the previous day are sold at a substantially reduced price. Good for the environment, and good for your budget.

→ www.aess-bar.ch

22 Too Good To Go app

Too Good To Go is an app with which you can purchase excess food from restaurants or bakeries at a highly reduced price. Cupcakes from the shop window, sushi off the conveyor belt, or Tibetan momos – simply chose and buy your meal through the app and then pick it up in the shop. Because food belongs on the plate and not in the trash.

→ www.toogoodtogo.ch

23 Bring your own lunchbox

Some restaurants, takeaways, and food trucks in the vicinity of the campus appreciate it when you drop by with your Tupperware lunchbox. Not only can you enjoy the tasty food in an environmentally friendly way, but if the weather is right, you can take it with you to the park.

24 The world's oldest vegetarian restaurant

Haus Hiltl at Sihlstrasse 28 opened in 1898 and is therefore the oldest vegetarian restaurant in the world. Today, the restaurant operates more than a half a dozen branches in the city. In addition to Hiltl, Tibits or Samses are other vegetarian restaurants with a very wide range of creative culinary offerings.

→ www.hiltl.ch/en

25 Weekly local markets

There are 11 regional markets in Zurich every week in six different locations. There you will find a large variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, spices, plants, flowers, mushrooms, fish, meat, bread, various delicacies, and much more – all of which is fresh produce from the region!

→ www.zuercher-maerkte.ch

26 Drinking water

Water from public fountains and tap water at home is of very high quality throughout Switzerland. Unless indicated otherwise, it can be consumed without hesitation. Did you know that the environmental impact of tap water is around 300 times lower than the impact of bottled mineral water?

27 Supermarket bargains

Just before closing time, many supermarkets in Switzerland offer products that are about to expire at up to 50 percent of the original price. This is not only good for the environment, but also for your wallet.

SHOPPING & CONSUMPTION

28 Flea market

Zurich's flea markets offer a broad and diverse range of high-quality antiques and curios. The flea market held on Bürkliplatz on Saturdays between May and October is situated at a very prominent location, just by the lake. The Kanzlei flea market close to Helvetiaplatz also takes place on Saturdays, but throughout the year and irrespective of the weather.

→ www.buerkli-flohmarkt.ch
→ www.flohmarktkanzlei.ch

29 AMIV Bastli and Repair Cafés

Bastli is the electronics laboratory of the Academic Association of Mechanical and Electronical Engineers (AMIV). Organized by students for students, it offers free workplaces and tools to implement your own projects and ideas or to repair something. No previous knowledge is required. But check their website first to ensure someone will be there. Also, have a look at the various Repair Cafés in Zurich and environs.

→ www.bastli.ethz.ch
→ www.repair-cafe.ch

30 Brockenhaus

The concept of the Brockenhaus («Brocki» for short), or second-hand store, has a long tradition in Switzerland. If you're looking for vintage furniture, old vinyls, books, or second-hand clothes, this is the right place for you. In the Canton of Zurich alone, there are over 75 Brockenhäuser. They differ in size and, of course, in what they have to offer. Individualists will get their money's worth.

→ www.brockisearch.ch

31 FREITAG store

What started as an idea in a shared apartment in Zurich is now a world-renowned Swiss brand. The brothers Markus and Daniel Freitag achieved international cult status with their unique bags made of recycled truck tarps. The FREITAG flagship store is located at Hardbrücke in Zurich. Those who make it to the top of the container tower can enjoy a unique view across the city.

→ www.freitag.ch

32 Helvetas and other fair shops

Helvetas is an independent Swiss organization for development cooperation. It provides help for self-help in some 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. Products manufactured locally under fair conditions can be bought in the Fair Shop at Weinbergstrasse 24, from Mexican honey to Nepalese finger dolls. The proceeds are used to implement further development projects in the partner countries. You might also want to look into RRRevolve (Niederdorfstrasse 17), CIRCLE (Brunngasse 3), or Changemaker (Marktgasse 10), all of which are located in Zurich's old town.

→ www.fairshop.helvetas.ch
→ www.rrrevolve.ch
→ www.circleshop.net
→ www.changemaker.ch

33 Online market place

Do you need a second-hand bike? Or are you looking for a nostalgic lamp? tutti, the Swiss classifieds portal, is one of the largest websites in Switzerland. Their app is ideal for casual browsing. Both buying and selling on the tutti online marketplace is free, without transaction costs. You might also want to try Ricardo, one of the main online auction portals in Switzerland.

→ www.tutti.ch
→ www.ricardo.ch

34 WWF app

Do you need inspiration for a sustainable lifestyle? The very practical WWF app includes not only a shopping guide, seasonal cooking recipes, or concrete environmental tips, but also a footprint calculator to measure your environmental impact.

→ www.wwf.ch/de/nachhaltig-leben/wwf-ratgeber-app

35 Sharing is caring

You don't always have to buy everything new. With Swapooks, you can buy and resell used textbooks. On Sharely, you can borrow a drill or a camera for a small fee, from other private users. Lend your neighbors a ladder, a bike, or a beamer on Pumpipumpe. And if you need a dress for just one night out, then Kleihd is the right address for you.

→ www.swapooks.ch
→ www.sharely.ch
→ www.pumpipumpe.ch
→ www.kleihd.ch

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