Facilities and Services

A Local bicycle guide will help and guide you in and around the beautiful Phobjikha Valley for exploring the country's largest and most significant wetland and natural winter habitat of the endangered Black Neck crane.



How your contributions help

Your contribution will help in improving rural livelihood, Phobjikha community development and conservation of the natural habitat of the endangered Black-Necked Cranes.



Distribution of Revenue	Percentage
Local Guide Services	40%
Conservation Fund	10%
Community Fund	10%
Bicycle Fund	40%



Equipment

Bicycle Type	Numbers
Trek 4300 series	7
Limer Helmet	7
Zefal Water Bottle	7

Rates

Bicycle rental charges	Nu
Full day rate/bike	1,500
Half day rate/bike	900
2-hour rate/bike	600

Discounts

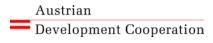
Discount beneficiaries	Discount on rate/bike
Expatriates and Bhutanese	10%
Bhutanese Students	50%

Enjoy the ride and the beautiful landscapes of Phobjikha valley!

For further information and booking please visit: www.rspnbhutan.org or www.abto.org.bt

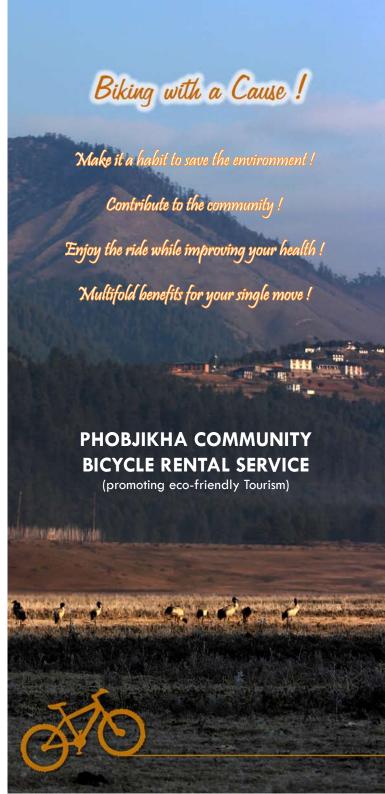
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Background



The bicycle rental service is initiated to promote Bicycle Tourism as an eco-friendly innovative tourism product for the benefit of the Phobjikha community in an effort to also protect the habitat of the endangered Black-Necked cranes.

The project was designed to complement and add value to the Community Based Sustainable Tourism Project (CBST) implemented by RSPN.

The financial assistance for the Bicycle Tourism project was provided by the **Austrian Coordination Office** (**ACO**) under their Small Project Grants and implemented by ABTO taking the lead in collaboration with RSPN.



Ownership

The bicycle rental service is owned and managed by the

Phobjikha Community involving trained Local Guides to run the facility and services.



Biking Trails

Currently two biking trails are ready for use and more biking trails are being developed in and around the valley, some even crossing to the next valley like *Gogona*, following the existing farm roads.

Trail 1: Lawa La - Phobjikha Biking Trail



On the trail you descend towards the valley biking along the grassy hill sides and lush forest. Further down you



will come across the magnificent Gangtey Monastery overlooking the wide open valley. You will then bike amidst blue pine forest before coming across a school. Stop for a while to enjoy the valley from the bottom of the valley before riding towards the Black-Necked Crane Visitor Center.

Trail 2: Tabading - Kilkorthang Biking Trail



Experience a loop around the southern Phobjikha valley. This trail takes you through the hamlets, meadows, forest, across spring waters and river. As you ride you will find that the snaking river changes its pattern and size downstream. You will find another large beautiful valley hidden in the lower area: the Lawog Valley.

