Big Blue Cycles Frequently Asked Questions and Info Sheet

Big Blue Cycles sounds like a really neat program. What’s the catch?

No catch. All you need to do to be eligible is to be a current UK or BCTC student, live in UK housing, and be willing to sign a car-free commitment. If you receive a Big Blue Cycle, you will be required to participate in a bike education class and sign a liability waiver that includes details of your financial responsibility should the bicycle be lost or damaged due to your negligence.

How does the selection process work?

Just sign up at www.uky.edu/sustainability/1617BBCapp. If the number of students interested exceeds the number of bikes in the fleet, a drawing will be done to determine who receives the bikes. Students who had a 2015-2016 vehicle parking permit will be given first consideration.

When is the deadline to apply for a Big Blue Cycle for the 2016-2017 academic year?

The deadline to apply for a Big Blue Cycle is midnight on Friday, July 22, 2016. Apply at www.uky.edu/sustainability/1617BBp.

When will I be notified if I have been selected to get a Big Blue Cycle?

Students selected to receive the Big Blue Cycles will be notified by Friday, July 29, 2016. In the event that students selected in the lottery process decline the opportunity for a Big Blue Cycle, alternate names will be drawn.

If I am selected to receive a bike, when and where will I be able to pick it up?

The bicycles will be available for pick-up from the Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library & Repair Shop. You will receive an email with additional details by Friday, July 29, 2016.

I’m worried that I won’t be selected to get a Big Blue Cycle and that my first choice of motor vehicle parking will sell out. What should I do?

No problem! You may purchase the vehicle permit and, if selected to get a Big Blue Cycle, return the permit to Parking and Transportation Services. You will receive a full refund, provided you return the permit before classes begin.

I have already purchased a vehicle parking permit. Am I still eligible for the BBC lottery?

Yes, absolutely. As discussed above, you may return your vehicle parking permit for a refund if we select your name through the lottery process. You must return your vehicle parking permit to Parking and Transportation Services before picking up your Big Blue Cycle.
What happens if I change my mind and decide that I need a motor vehicle in Lexington? How does that work?

The Big Blue Cycle program is a year-long commitment to be car-free. Returns will be considered on a case-by-case basis only. If you believe that the use of a motor vehicle will be beneficial to you at some point during the academic year, the Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library semester-long check-out program may be a better fit for your needs.

What is involved in the education requirement, and what is the deadline to fulfill it?

The education requirement will be taught by League of American Bicyclists-certified instructors and will cover safe cycling practices, campus and city bike regulations, program requirements and local resources. Multiple dates will be offered in late August and early September. You will be required to sign up for one of the classes when you pick up your Big Blue Cycle. Failure to register for and complete one of these courses will result in you forfeiting your bicycle.

What happens if my BBC needs maintenance during the year?

The Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library will perform all maintenance on the Big Blue Cycles. Simply bring the bicycle to the WWBL Repair Shop during their open hours and trained mechanics will get the bike rolling smoothly again.

I really want to get a bike. Are there other options for checking out a bike on campus if I am not selected to receive a Big Blue Cycle?

Glad you asked! Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library offers weekly and semester-long check-outs. The semester-long check-outs are also done through a lottery process. Lottery entries for fall semester will be accepted from June 2016 through end of August 2016. If you would like to improve your chances of getting a bike for campus use, you may enter both the Big Blue Cycles and Wildcat Wheels lotteries.

I am moving out of UK housing. Can I keep the Big Blue Cycle for the remainder of the year?

Unfortunately, no. If you no longer live in UK housing, you are not eligible for a Big Blue Cycle and must return the bike, lock and key. However, you would still have the option of getting a semester or weekly bike through Wildcat Wheels.

My bike was stolen. What should I do?

If your bicycle is stolen, you will need to file a police report immediately and email wildcatwheels@gmail.com within 24 hours to explain what happened.

If your bicycle was properly locked up with the WWBL-issued lock, you will not be financially liable for the cost of replacement. If the bicycle was unsecured at the time it was stolen or was locked up with a non-WWBL issued lock, you will receive an invoice for the cost of replacement of the bicycle.