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Introduction
Polaris House is home to the UK’s Research Councils, with employees also based at North Star House along with colleagues from BT and the British Computer Society. The offices are located in the North Star area of Swindon, ideally situated just north of the railway station.

On foot
Polaris House is directly linked to Swindon’s railway station, and RUK Employees and their visitors are allowed through the station, through the turnstiles and across the bridge. Pedestrians can also access the site from Polaris Way or the Western Flyer, and be on the site from the town centre within 5-10 minutes.

North Star House is also approximately a ten minute walk from Swindon railway and bus stations. There is access from the Western Flyer route or rail users can get an access permit to use the bridge to get to the site.

You can plan your walking routes at www.walkit.com/swindon and check out how long it will take and how many calories you can burn.

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By bus
There are bus stops on North Star Avenue, where Thamesdown Transport’s Service 115 and 15a provide a frequent link to North Swindon or the bus station.

A short walk to Whitehouse Road accesses Thamesdown Transport’s service 11 to North Swindon or south to Old Town/East Wichel. Other services run from the bus station and Fleming Way, ten minutes’ walk from North Star.

For details of buses, times and routes use our journey planner at www.swindontravelchoices.org.uk or call Traveline on 0871 800 22 33.

A variety of ticket options are available, which you can buy on the bus (no change given), and smartcards are also available for Thamesdown Transport services from the office on Fleming Way.

By car
Transport Direct can provide you with directions to North Star. The postcode is SN2 1BS. Using this postcode for the purposes of satellite navigation may be slightly inaccurate.

www.transportdirect.co.uk

Visitor parking on site is limited and needs to be prearranged. You must park in the area designated for the company you are visiting. Blue badge holders can park in designated disabled spaces in the visitor car park. There is additional pay and display car parking at the Long Stay rail station car park, or the Oasis Leisure Centre.

By bicycle
There are many cycle routes leading to North Star and secure cycle parking is available around the campus.

Locked cycle sheds are available for staff at both North Star House and Polaris House. Staff ID badges are used for access at Polaris House, but you will need a key to access the shed at North Star House (see the facilities team for the company you work for).

Showers, changing rooms and lockers are available in both premises. If you would like a map of cycle routes in Swindon, e-mail info@swindontravelchoices.org.uk.

Don’t have a bike? Employees based at Polaris House and Electra House can borrow a bike for a few months for free to try out cycling to work. See www.swindontravelchoices.org.uk for details.

Real time bus information
To find out when the next bus is due, text the bus stop code (found on the bus stop flag) or the map to 84588.

* Text cost 25p plus your standard message rate.

Contacts and Links
Swindon Bicycle User Group (BUG)
www.cycletheswan.org.uk
Sustrans
www.sustrans.org.uk
CTC (Cyclists Touring Club)
www.ctc.org.uk/swindon
Swindon Road Club
www.swindon-rc.co.uk
Mountain Biking Swindon
www.mbswindon.co.uk

Cycliroutes
www.cycliroutes.net
British cycling
www.britishcycling.org.uk
National Bike Week
www.bikeweek.org.uk
Thamesdown Transport
www.thamesdown-transport.co.uk
Stagecoach buses
www.stagecoachbus.co.uk/swindon

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