

Many women enjoyed cycling. They couldn't easily cycle wearing long skirts so they wore a new style of trousers called bloomers. Some people thought bloomers were very shocking!

In 1895, Annie Londonderry became the first woman to cycle around the world.

She didn't pedal all the way. She also travelled by ship, train and carriage and did the trip in 73 days.



**WOW!**  
facts

Annie was cycling round the world for a bet of \$20,000.

## 2. Track racing

Track cycling takes place in an indoor track called a velodrome. The track surface is made of wood.

In older velodromes the sides were not very steep but modern velodromes have very steep slopes.

A brand new velodrome was built in London for the 2012 Olympic Games.

