

Moscow Commuters Go Car-Free Tuesday

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Moscow will join other cities around the globe in celebrating World Car-Free Day on Tuesday, with authorities appealing to Muscovites to take public transportation, walk or ride a bicycle to work, news reports said.

The city's transportation department plans to go car-free by closing its employee parking lots for the day, Ekho Moskvyy radio reported.

The city is offering free snacks to those who decide to cycle to work, the report said. Volunteers will be handing out fruit, chocolates, bottles of water and souvenirs to cyclists near the Trubnaya and Taganskaya metro stations, Ekho Moskvyy reported.

Moscow has been celebrating Car-Free Day since 2008 — an effort designed to convince Muscovites that getting around the city can be comfortable even without the constant use of a car, a transportation department spokesperson said, Ekho Moskvyy reported.

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