

Travelling
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At some point in our lives, all of us have travelled. But which are the best ways to travel? Let's be fun and start with the slowest methods, then build things up.

Crawling: Surely the most useless way of getting around on the list (or is it?) But for the sake of balance, let's weigh up the basically non-existent pros and plentiful cons...

Pros: Crawling is a moderately good workout. If you do crawl, you are much more likely to spot and avoid dog poo.

Cons: If you don't avoid dog poo, you will possibly get a load of it in your face. If that wasn't bad enough, people creeping on the ground look really stupid, if not crazy. Not only is doing so slower than walking, it will ruin your clothes and overall sense of style. Crawlers are also harder to spot by vehicles and are consequently more likely to be run over. They are also ridiculously easy to mug.

Walking: Not a silly way of moving at all. Many people even prefer the method to cars. But why?...

Pros: Walking is one of the best ways to appreciate nice scenery on the go. Apart from the food you need as fuel, it is free, too. Furthermore, I can't imagine any ways you could get a parking ticket if you do go for a ramble. Speeding tickets are out of the question.

Cons: Walking is a form of exercise, but only barely. Additionally, don't even think about going over 25 miles, even for fun.

Jogging/running: A popular pastime for many. Certainly more popular than the very rare crawling method. But is it all that it's cracked up to be?

Pros: 'Super walking' IS exercise. If you do choose to get beefed up in this way, you can later treat yourself to a huge pizza as a reward. And you shouldn't get fat. Unlike when you go to the gym, running is also free.

Cons: It's completely knacker. It's basically torture. It is the easiest way to trip up in this list, so far.

Cycling: Speed! We are in speed town, now. Especially if whizzing downhill. But is the adrenaline worth it? Read on...

Pros: Biking is easier than running, yet faster? That doesn't sound right. Unlike on foot, you can do tricks with your BMX or whatever. (Well you can do backflips on foot I suppose, but you'd look weird if you did that in the street).

Cons: In contrast to being on foot, you really should use a helmet if you are cycling. Not the end of the world, but a bit annoying. If you crash, at the very least expect some pain.

Ferrying: Now we are entering paid territory. But for good reason. Ferries are fun. Right?

Pros: Yes, ferries are fun. There's lots to do in the super boats. You can go in arcades, have a wander, etc.

Cons: There are no cons in the world of ferries.

Car-ing: Cars are one of the most popular modes of transport in this article. So they're all good?

Pros: With everything from Skodas to Ferraris you have the freedom to go wherever you want (on land). (And at the cost of petrol, tax, insurance, etc.)

Cons: You REALLY don't want to crash your automobile. They're somewhat pricey, too. Whilst most of them easily have the potential to break the speed limit, doing so is against the law. Why some are built to do well over it can linger on the mind somewhat.

Motorbiking: More taxed freedom!

Pros: You can wheel your two-wheeler past heavy traffic and get on with your day.

Cons: You are about 50 million times more likely to die on a motorbike than in a car.

Helicoptering: Now we move onto transportation that is a little less available. But pretty damn quick!

Pros: Helicopters are excellent for catching crooks. I'm sure you get a smug satisfaction when easily overtaking regular traffic, too. Furthermore, mankind has wanted to fly for many centuries. Now we can, let's celebrate that. :0

Cons: Choppers are notoriously hard to control. However, that does make them less prone to being 'helicopter jacked'. Unfortunately, they are certainly not practical for travelling to work, the shops, etc.

Light aircrafting: We're in the air, again. This time going just a little bit faster.

Pros: Mini aeroplanes have the same advantages as helicopters, but doing cool manoeuvres is easier in them. Just make sure you're above a heavily populated area when doing so, so lots of people can see you.

Cons: They're even less practical than helicopters, as there are basically no places to land the things other than on runways. You could try landing on a road but if so, you're most likely going to jail/cause a lot of trouble.

Jumbo Jetting: We're getting into serious speed, now. Don't get too excited, though. Boeings and such accelerate and decelerate so slowly, you can barely feel them moving.

Pros: They're great for travelling long distances. If you know what you're doing, you can dive and make your passengers fly in zero g.

Cons: Such a practice is strongly condemned in most situations.

Space Shipping: Now we're going into obscure territory...

Pros: Space boats are great for real adventure seekers. The g force felt when they take off easily surpasses that of most rollercoaster rides.

Cons: They are known for exploding on takeoff. Space can also get VERY boring after a few months.

Ok, that was the relatively sane transportation reviewed. Now we go a bit avant-garde and are forced to use our imaginations...

Carrier Pigeoning: Imagine what it would be like to be taken somewhere by thousands of carrier pigeons. Would it be good? Let's find out...

Pros: Getting pulled up by birds is perhaps the funniest way to travel in this document. You'll also get nice views of your surroundings. Even more so than when walking.

Cons: It's extremely impractical and risky. Telling the animals where to go may not be possible.

N1 Starfighting: We're getting more technologically advanced, now. So advanced we're probably going many hundreds of years into the future...

Pros: N1 Starfighters have class 1 hyperdrives. I don't know what that means, but I'm sure they're very speedy as Star Wars fans seem to be very excited about them.

Cons: They don't exist yet, but there are plenty of space films to watch if you like to fantasise.

And that's all from me, again! What was YOUR favourite option? Please don't say 'crawling', I don't have any patience for silly people. Unless you mean it. You weirdo. Bye!