

Cyclesolihull Routes

Cycling is a great way to keep fit whilst at the same time getting from A to B or exploring your local area.

This series of routes, developed by Cyclesolihull will take you along most of the network of quiet lanes, roads and cycle paths in and around Solihull, introducing you to some places you probably didn't even know existed!

The routes have been carefully chosen to avoid busier roads so are ideal for new cyclists and children learning to cycle on the road with their parents.

You can cycle the routes alone, with family and friends, or join other people on one of the regular Cyclesolihull rides.

Route Lengths and Route Numbers

There are over 50 routes in this series which are grouped by distance using a route letter:

T (Taster) routes are about 5 miles.

S (Short) routes are about 10 miles.

M (Medium) routes are about 15 miles.

L (Long) routes are about 20 miles.

XL (Extra Long) routes are about 25 miles.

The route number indicates the starting point – for example routes S2, M2 and L2 all start from Knowle. There are over twenty different starting points. A full list is available from www.cyclesolihull.org.uk.

This is one of a series of cycle route leaflets produced by Cyclesolihull which is a voluntary organisation which aims to encourage people in the Solihull area to cycle more. Cyclesolihull organises free cycle rides, promotes routes like this one and provides information about cycling.

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Cyclesolihull Rides

Cyclesolihull offers regular opportunities to join with others to ride many of the routes in this series of leaflets. The rides are organised by volunteers and typically attract between 10 and 20 riders. To get involved, just turn up and ride!

Sunday Cycle Rides take place most Sunday afternoons at 2 pm from April to September and at 1.30 pm from October to March. One of the routes will be followed with a mixture of route lengths being ridden during each month. In autumn and winter there are more shorter rides to reflect the reduced daylight hours. One Sunday each month in spring and summer the ride is a 5 mile **Taster Ride**. This is an opportunity to try a Cyclesolihull ride without going very far and is an ideal introduction to the rides, especially for new cyclists and children.

Evening Explorer Rides are on a midweek evening from early May to mid-August starting at 7 pm. These rides all follow the shorter "S" routes so are about 10 miles long.

Saturday Stretcher Rides take place weekly on most Saturdays, starting at 9.30 am. They are about 30 long, are at a faster pace and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

All Cyclesolihull rides have an en-route refreshment stop of 20-30 minutes at a family-friendly pub or tearoom.

For ride dates, routes and starting points download the current Ride Programme from:

www.cyclesolihull.org.uk

or pick up a copy on one of the rides.



L1

long route from
Dorridge

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



21 miles via Little Shrewley,
Lowsonford & Copt Green

Have fun and get fit exploring your local
area with this self-guided cycle ride.

Route L1 Dorridge to Little Shrewley and Lowsonford

Distance: 21 miles (125 to 160 mins)

Start: Dorridge Railway Station B93 8JA SP169749.

Parking: There is free parking for rail users at the station, on-street along Dorridge Road and behind the shops (entrance off Avenue road). Please note there are time limits Monday to Saturday daytime.

Route Summary: A pleasant ride along quiet lanes which passes **Baddesley Clinton** (National Trust).

Refreshments: In addition to facilities in Dorridge there are several pubs along the route.

The Route

A From outside the **Dorridge railway station**, go L down Station Approach, turning L at the end. After 0.5 miles turn L after the **Railway** pub down **Windmill Lane**. Turn first L down narrow **Mill Pool Lane**.

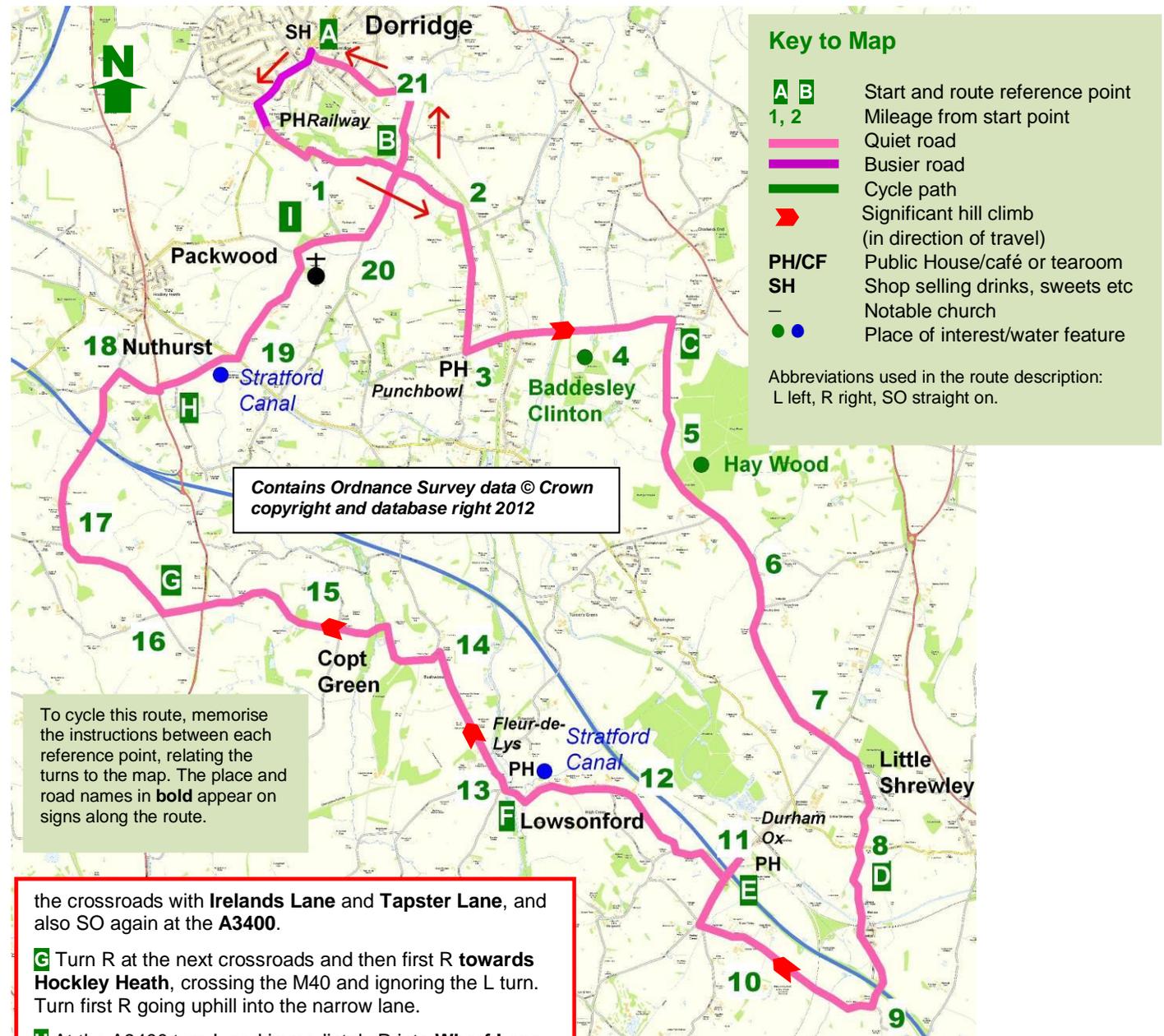
B At the crossroads go SO into **Chesetts Wood Rd** and follow the road for 1.5 miles. At the next crossroads turn L by the **Punch Bowl** towards **Baddesley Clinton**. Follow the road for a mile, passing the entrance to the **National Trust** property.

C Take the next turn R towards **Mousley End**. Follow this road for nearly three miles ignoring the side roads until reaching a crossroads. Go SO into **Stoney Lane** towards **Little Shrewley**. After 200 yards turn R into **Mill Lane** towards **Little Shrewley**.

D At the crossroads with the **B4439** go SO into **Station Rd** passing **Hatton railway station**. Cross the M40 and turn immediately R into **Pinley Rd**. Follow the road for 1.5 miles passing under the railway. At the crossroads turn R towards **Shrewley**.

E To visit the **Durham Ox pub** (200 yards) go SO over the motorway. Afterwards return to this point and turn R. Otherwise turn L before the M40. Bear R at the next junction, following signs to **Lowsonford**, eventually passing over the **Stratford Canal**.

F Follow the road towards **Lapworth**, passing the **Fleur-de-Lys** pub. After 1 mile turn first L towards **Henley**. Go SO at



To cycle this route, memorise the instructions between each reference point, relating the turns to the map. The place and road names in **bold** appear on signs along the route.

the crossroads with **Irelands Lane** and **Tapster Lane**, and also SO again at the **A3400**.

G Turn R at the next crossroads and then first R towards **Hockley Heath**, crossing the M40 and ignoring the L turn. Turn first R going uphill into the narrow lane.

H At the A3400 turn L and immediately R into **Wharf Lane**. CAUTION this can be a busy road – you may find it easier to cross the road and use the opposite footpath for a few yards L to reach the turn. On reaching the B4439 turn R and then immediately L towards **Packwood**. Follow the lane to the end passing **Packwood Church** on the R.

I Turn R and follow the lane to the end. Turn L towards **Knowle**. After 0.5 miles pass under the railway and turn first L into **Blue Lake Rd** and then L again into **Dorridge Rd** which returns you to **Dorridge railway station**.