

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.



L15

long route from
Coleshill

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**23 miles via Devitts Green
Kingsbury WP & Lea Marston**

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

Route L15 Coleshill to Kingsbury Water Park & Lea Marston

Distance: 23 miles (140 to 175 mins)

Start: Park Road car park, Coleshill town centre B46 3LA SP199890.

Route Summary: A ride of contrasts, using very quiet narrow lanes to visit **Kingsbury Water Park** and returning on cycle paths through the Hams Hall Distribution Park.

Refreshments: The only refreshments directly en-route are at Kingsbury Water Park.

Parking: There is ample free off-street parking at the start.

The Route

A From the car park entrance go L and follow the road R past the rear of the **The Swan**. Turn first L into **Summer Road**. At the end of the road turn R into **High St** and first L into **Maxstoke Lane**. After 1 mile cross the **River Blythe** and go SO for a further mile towards **Maxstoke**.

B Turn next L into **Castle Lane**. After 1.5 miles, turn R into **Hollyland** and R again into **Moat House Lane**.

C At the end of this narrow winding lane, turn L and then first R into **Daw Mill Lane**. At the next junction go SO down the hill, going under the railway and past the coal mine.

D At the main road go R and after 150 yards turn L towards **Old Arley**. After 0.7 miles, turn L into **Wood Lane** towards **Ballards Green**. Follow this narrow winding lane until the end. Turn R and follow this lane for about 1.5 miles, going SO at the triangular junction.

E At the end of the lane, by the **church**, turn L. After 0.3 miles turn R towards **Birchley Heath** (CAUTION the turn is uphill at a blind bend). Turn next L towards **Bentley**.

F At the end of this narrow lane turn L onto the **B4116** and then immediately R towards **Hurley**. Follow the winding lane for about 2 miles. At the end turn R towards **Hurley** and **Kingsbury** and then first L, following the brown cycle route sign. At the next junction go SO.

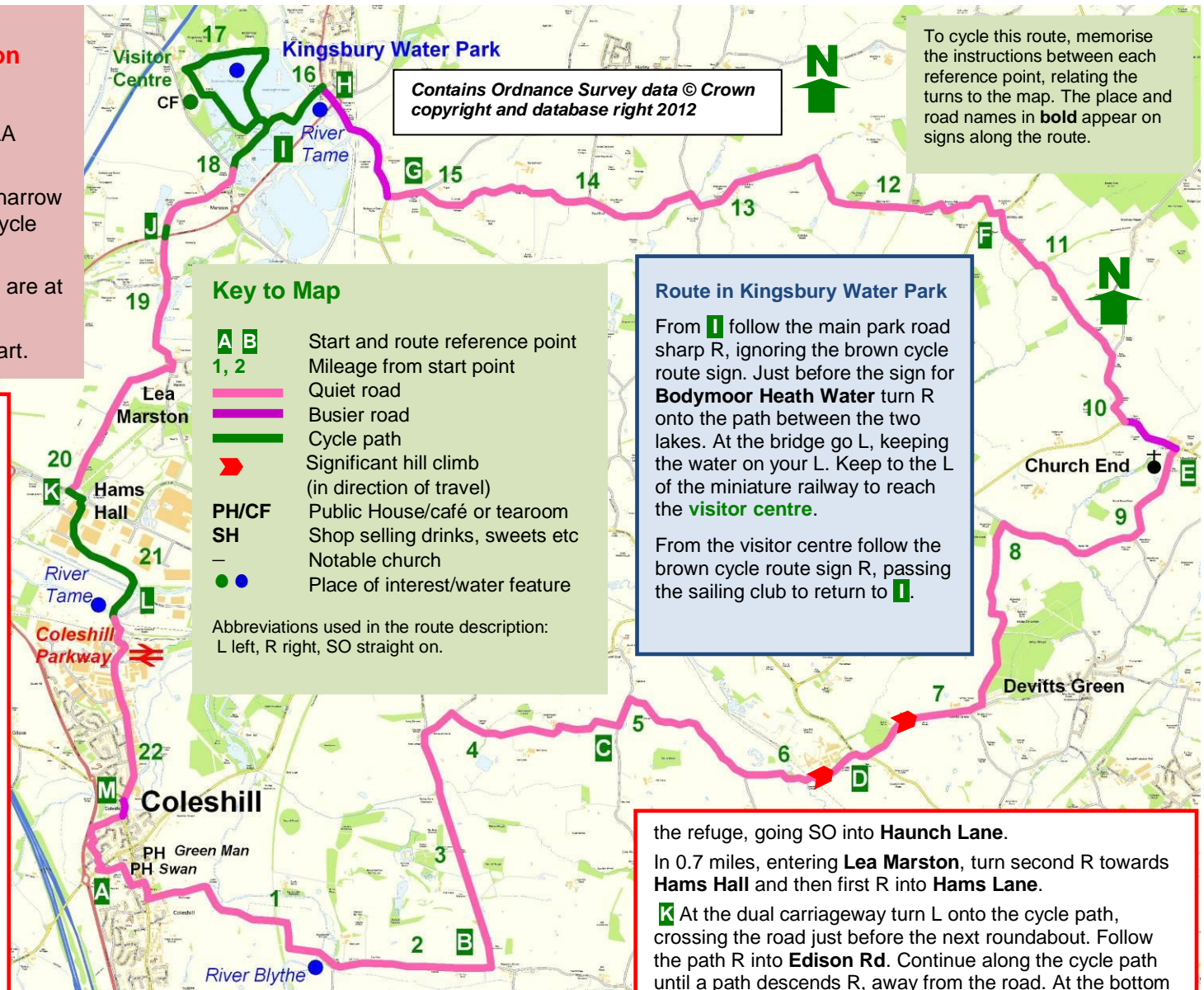
G At the end of the lane turn L, following the brown cycle route sign. At the main road turn R towards **Kingsbury**. Pass under the railway and go SO at the roundabout towards **Tamworth** (CAUTION – busy junction).

H After 200 yards turn L into the closed **Kingsbury Road**. Cross the bridge and enter **Kingsbury Water Park**. Go SO to where the main park road bends sharply to the R. See

blue inset for a short circular route in the park via the **visitor centre**. To leave the park, continue at **I**.

I Follow the cycle route towards **Pine Pool**. Bear R on to the narrow cycle path to rejoin the closed road. At the end of **Kingsbury Rd** turn L and then R into **(Old) Kingsbury Road**. Follow the lane past the small green to the end.

J Go through the road closure and cross the main road at



the refuge, going SO into **Haunch Lane**.

In 0.7 miles, entering **Lea Marston**, turn second R towards **Hams Hall** and then first R into **Hams Lane**.

K At the dual carriageway turn L onto the cycle path, crossing the road just before the next roundabout. Follow the path R into **Edison Rd**. Continue along the cycle path until a path descends R, away from the road. At the bottom go R onto a rough road.

L At the end cross the **River Tame** and turn R. Use the cycle path to go over the bridge, passing **Coleshill Parkway**. At the traffic lights go SO along **Station Rd**.

M At the end go L over the narrow bridge and then immediately R into **Old Mill Rd**. Follow this road until the end and turn R. At the end of **Colemeadow Rd** turn R and then immediately L into **Park Rd** to return to the start point.

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.

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