

## 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](http://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](http://www.cyclesolihull.org.uk)

or pick up a copy on one of the rides.



**L9**

long route from  
**Cheswick Green**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**22 miles via Forhill, Tanworth & Earlswood**

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



## Route L9 Cheswick Green to Forhill & Tanworth

**Distance:** 22 miles (135 to 170 mins)

**Start:** Cheswick Green Village Shops B90 4JA, SP127756

**Route Summary:** A fairly hilly ride into the narrow lanes and countryside of north Worcestershire.

**Refreshments:** There are several pubs en-route.

**Parking:** There is ample free parking behind the shops in Cheswick Green

### The Route

**A** From outside the shops turn L and L again past the **Saxon** pub into **Coppice Walk**. At the end of the road turn R and immediately R again into **Tanworth Lane** for 0.3 miles, and then first L into **Lady Lane**.

**B** Turn first R into **Braggs Farm Lane** and at the end go L and R into **Cleobury Lane**. At the end go R then L into **Birchy Leasowes Lane**.

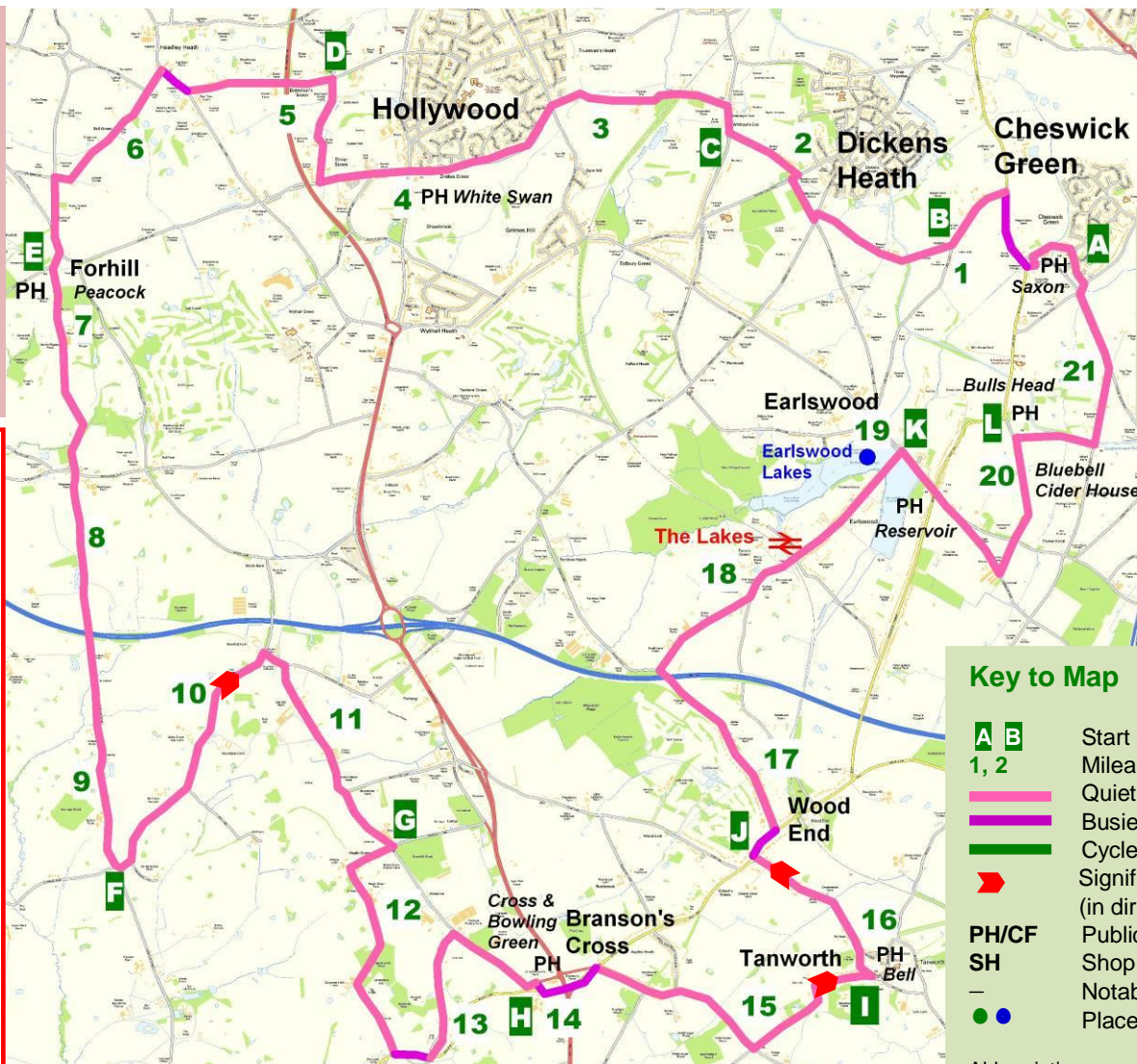
**C** At the end of the lane turn R into **Tilehouse Lane** and then first L into **Houndsfield Lane**. Follow this road under the railway and through the ford (footbridge available). Go SO for about 1.5 miles, passing two crossroads. Just before passing under the A435 turn R into **Batemans Lane**.

**D** At the end turn L towards **Headley Heath**. At the end turn R and first L into **Bell Green Lane**. At the end of the lane turn L on to **Icknield Street** towards **Wythall**. At the end of the road turn L and then first R following the cycle route sign to **Redditch**.

**E** Keeping the **Peacock** pub on your R, go straight ahead down the narrow lane (caution - steep downhill gradients!), going SO (along **Icknield St**) at the next junction. Follow the very narrow lane a further 1.8 miles passing under the M42 on the way.

**F** At the end of the lane go L towards **Beoley** and immediately L onto **Lilly Green Rd**. After about a mile turn R into **Billesley Lane** (do not go over the motorway) and then first R into **Seafield Lane**.

**G** After 1 mile turn R at the crossroads towards **Bransons Cross** and follow the lane until the end. Turn L onto the **B4101** for 300 yards and then L again into the narrow **Cherry Pick Lane**. At the end of this lane turn R.



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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### Key to Map

<b>A B</b>	Start and route reference point
<b>1, 2</b>	Mileage from start point
	Quiet road
	Busier road
	Cycle path
	Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
<b>PH/CF</b>	Public House/café or tearoom
<b>SH</b>	Shop selling drinks, sweets etc
	Notable church
	Place of interest/water feature

Abbreviations used in the route description:  
L left, R right, SO straight on.

This lane leads back on to the **B4101**.

**H** Turn L and with extra care take the second exit on the roundabout towards **Tanworth**, passing under the **A435**. Ignoring the slip road to **Evesham**, take the next R turn into **Blind Lane**. Follow the lane until the crossroads and turn L to **Tanworth**. Follow this road for 0.5 miles into the village.

**I** As you enter the village turn R to visit **The Bell** pub (100 yards) and the church or L to continue with the route.

**J** On reaching the **B4101** turn R towards **Hockley Heath** and, after 200 yards, L into **Poolhead Lane**. Follow the lane over the M42 and turn immediately R. Continue past the rail station

to **Earlswood Lakes**.

**K** At the end of the lane turn R along the dam. Join the road below the dam and then go SO at the crossroads and turn second L. At the crossroads go SO.

**L** Turn next R by the **Bull's Head**. At the end turn L past the **Blue Bell Cider House**. Follow the road for 0.5 miles. Turn R at the crossroad to **Cheswick Green** and first L to return to the shops straight ahead.