

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 many of the quiet lanes 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. They 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 at www.cyclesolihull.org.uk.

This is one of a series of cycle ride 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 5 and 15 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 CycleSolihull routes will be followed with a mixture of ride lengths during each month. In autumn and winter there are more shorter rides to reflect the reduced daylight hours. Our shorter 'S' routes are an opportunity to try a CycleSolihull ride without going very far and are an ideal introduction to the rides, especially for new cyclists and children.

Evening Explorer Rides are weekly 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 from a varying start point. The rides are about 30 miles long, are at a faster pace and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

CycleSolihull rides have a refreshment stop for 20 to 30 minutes. We recommend you bring your own refreshments on our rides but where possible the stop is at a pub or cafe.

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

cyclesolihull.org.uk



M11

medium route from
Hockley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



17 miles via Ullenhall, Henley and Lawsonford

Have fun and get fit exploring your local area with this self-guided cycle ride using cycle paths and quiet roads. This guide contains a map and detailed directions to enable you to easily follow the route.

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Route M11 Hockley Heath to Ullenhall & Henley

Distance: 17 miles (100-130 mins). **Start:** Hockley Heath at the pelican crossing B94 6QS SP153727 ///chosen.riders.paddle

Route Summary: A varied ride to historic Henley, with the option of a section on the Stratford Canal towpath. There is a short length on the busier but still reasonably quiet A4189 at Henley.

Refreshments: There are pubs in Ullenhall and Lowsonford plus a full range of facilities in Henley.

Parking: There is on-street parking in nearby side and service roads. Please do not park in spaces provided for shoppers.

The Route

A Turn R down **School Rd** and after 0.5 miles turn L into **Saddlers Well Lane**. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and at the end of the lane turn L and then immediately R onto the **B4101** towards **Tanworth**.

B Immediately before the motorway, turn L down **Spring Lane**. Go up the steep hill, past the **obelisk** and at the end of the lane turn R. Follow the lane over the motorway.

C At the end of the lane turn R towards **Kemps Green**. Pass **Mow Hill Lane** on the L and after 400 yards turn L down **Pig Trot Lane** towards **Danzez Green**.

D At the end of the lane turn L into **Danzez Green Lane** towards **Ullenhall**. Take the next R, again towards **Ullenhall**, going under the railway. Go next R down **Gentlemens Lane** and next L turn into **Perry Mill Lane**.

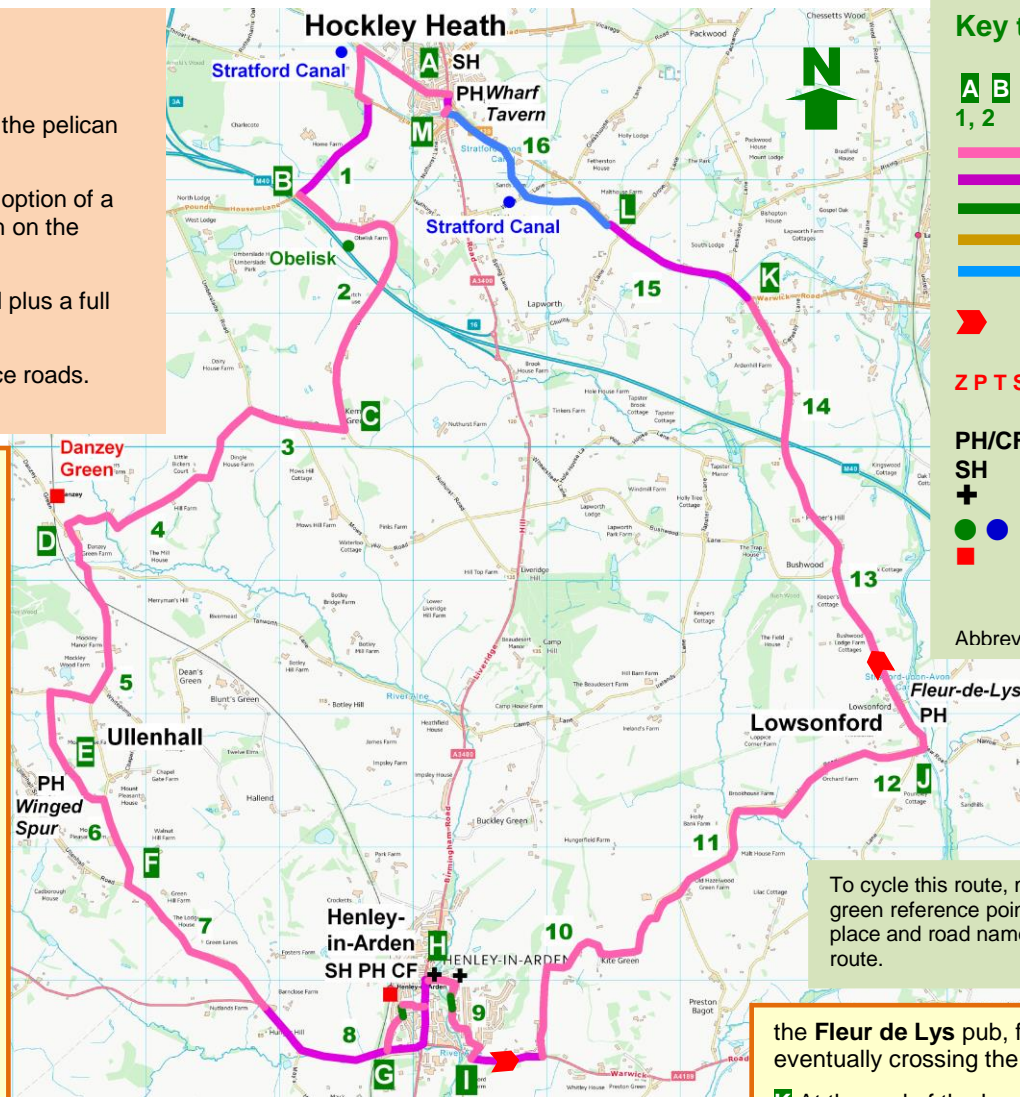
E For the **Winged Spur** pub (400 yards) go next R down **Watery Lane** and at the end of the lane turn right and then right again at the **War Memorial**. Otherwise continue SO along **Perry Mill Lane**. At the end turn R to Henley.

F At the end turn L to Henley. After 0.9 miles turn L onto the **A4189**, eventually passing under the railway.

G For a quiet route into Henley, turn first L into **Brook End Drive**. Turn next R by the green and then L into the access road to the garages. Join the narrow path on the R and go through the gap on the R (NOT into **Milking Lane**) which leads to a residential road (**School Lane**). Follow this road down to the **Henley Ice Cream shop and tearoom**.

Otherwise continue along the **A4189**. At the traffic signals turn L into the **High St**.

H Continue SO, turning R down the side of **St John's**



Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Traffic-free path
- Path with rough surface
- Canal towpath
- Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- Z P T S** • Zebra/pelican/toucan/ signals/ roundabout
- PH/CF** Public House/café or tearoom
- SH** Shop selling drinks, sweets etc
- +** Notable church
- ● Place of interest/water feature
- Rail station near the route

Abbreviations used in the route description:

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

the **Fleur de Lys** pub, follow the road for 2.3 miles eventually crossing the motorway.

K At the end of the lane turn L on to the **B4439** towards **Hockley Heath** (CAUTION – busier road).

L After 0.5 miles there is a crossroads. Go SO and, after 50 yards, turn L through the gap onto the **Stratford Canal** towpath. Turn R (canal on your L).

M After 1.1 miles go under bridge 25 and then R into the car park behind the **Wharf Tavern**. At the main road turn L and the start point is a short distance on the L.

Alternative road route avoiding canal towpath

From **L** continue along the road for 1 mile. Turn R at the **A3400**. The start point is a short distance on the L.

Church further up the High Street. Pass **St Nicholas' Church** on the L and follow the road around to the R into **Aine Close**. At the end of the road use the short footpath link SO to reach another residential road. Follow this, eventually going around to the L. At the end of **Riverside Gardens** turn R. At the end of **Meadow Rd** turn R again.

I At the main road (**A4189**) turn L. Ascend the short steep hill (**Blackford Hill**) and take the next turn L into **Edge Lane** towards **Kites Green**. Follow this winding lane for 2.8 miles to **Lowsonford**, ignoring all the side roads.

J At the end of the lane turn L towards **Rowington**. Passing