

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.



M13 medium route from
Bentley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**17 miles via Kemp's Green,
Tapster & Chessetts Wood**

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

Route M13 Bentley Heath to Kemps Green & the Tapster Valley

Distance: 16 miles (95-120 mins). **Start:** Bentley Heath Recreation Ground car park B93 9BQ, SP165763

Route Summary: A route along mainly narrow country lanes, visiting the Kemps Green, the Tapster Valley and Chessetts Green.

Refreshments: There are shops near the start and two pubs en-route.

The Route

A Start in the car park at the Bentley Heath Recreation Ground. Go through the gap in the hedge and turn L on to the path that goes around the edge of the park until it enters the residential road. At the end of **Redhouse Close** turn R.

B At the end of the road turn R, going across the railway level crossing. Take the second turn L on to the path called **Conker Lane**. Go past the barriers to the end and turn L on to the road.

C At the mini-roundabout turn right into **Rodborough Road**. Follow this road and at the small roundabout turn R. At the crossroads turn L and go down the hill until you reach the main road. Turn R into **Grange Rd**.

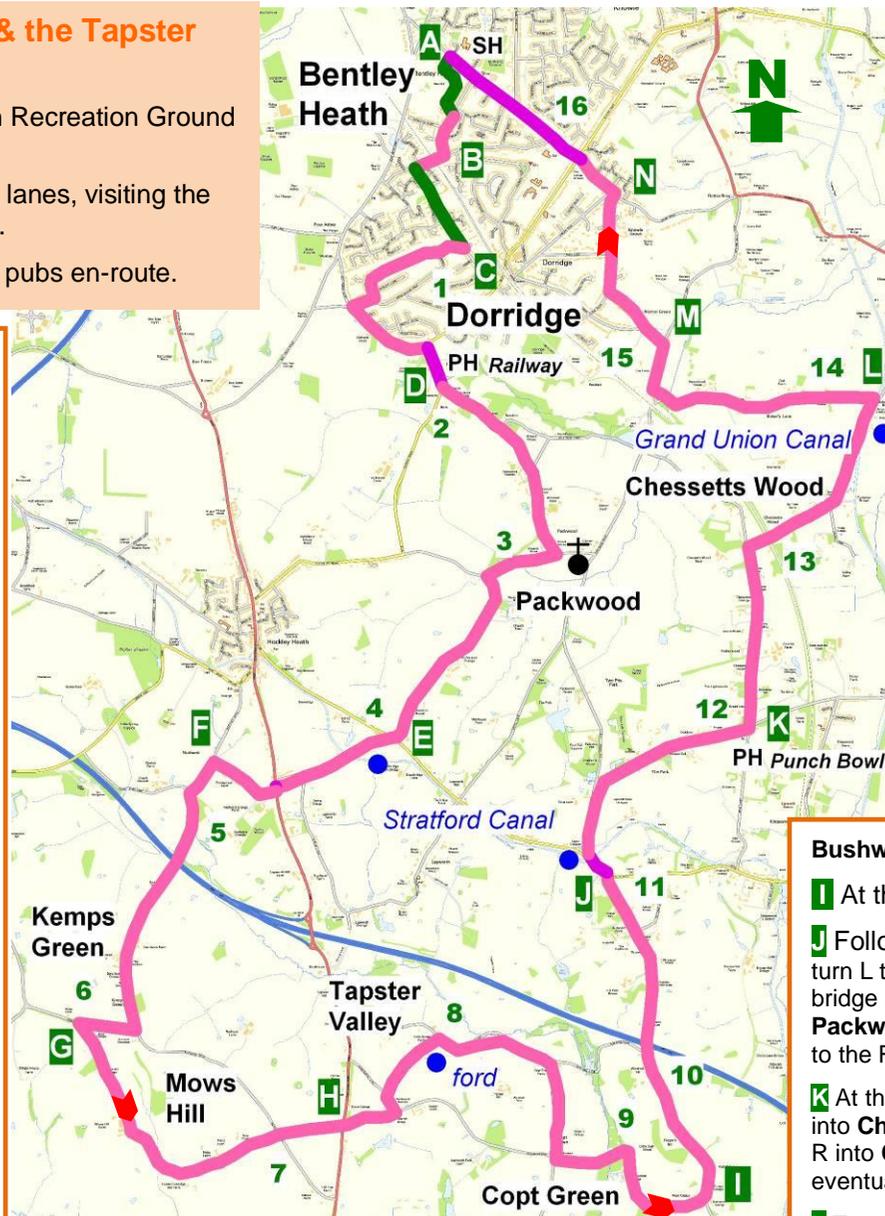
D Pass **The Railway pub** and turn first left into **Windmill Lane**. Follow the road until the end and turn R and first L into **Glasshouse Lane**, passing **St Giles Packwood Church** on the L.

E At the main road turn R on to the **B4439** and immediately L into **Wharf Lane**. Go over the narrow canal bridge and follow the road until you reach the main road (Stratford Road). Taking extra care turn L and then immediately R down **Nuthurst Grange Lane** (note you may find it easiest to dismount and use the footway L and cross this fast and busy road on foot).

F At the end of the lane turn L and bear L at next junction. Go over the motorway and at the end of the lane turn R towards **Kemps Green**.

G Turn first L into **Mows Hill Lane** and follow the narrow lane for a mile. At the next crossroads go SO.

H At a further crossroads (with the **A3400**) go SO toward **Lowsonford**, into **Bushwood Lane**. Take the first turning L into **Hole House Lane** and the next turning R towards the ford. Pass the ford (footbridge available) and take next turn R at **Yew Tree Farm**. At the end of the lane turn L into



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.

Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Cycle path
- ▶ Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- PH/CF** Public House/café or tearoom
- SH** 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.

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Bushwood Lane.

I At the end of road turn left towards **Lapworth**.

J Follow this road for 1.3 miles and at end of road turn L towards **Hockley Heath** going over the canal bridge and, taking extra care, turn first R towards **Packwood**. At the next junction follow the road around to the R towards **Baddesley Clinton**.

K At the crossroads next to the **Punch Bowl** pub turn L into **Chessetts Wood Lane**. After 0.75 miles turn next R into **Chapel Lane**. Follow the road to the end eventually coming alongside the **Grand Union Canal**.

L Turn L to **Darley Green**. At the end of the lane turn R, passing under the railway.

M Turn first L into **Blue Lake Rd**. At the end of the road turn R. Go up the hill to the roundabout.

N Turn L and at the next small roundabout go straight on into **Widney Rd** and follow the road past the shops to the Recreation Ground on your L.