

## 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.



**M18** medium route from  
**Castle Bromwich**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**16 miles via Castle Vale, New Hall Valley & Water Orton**

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

## Route M18 Castle Bromwich via New Hall Valley to Over Green & Water Orton

**Distance:** 16 miles (100-130 mins). **Start:** Castle Bromwich Parish Church, Chester Road B36 9DE, SP142899 adjacent to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens.

**Route Summary:** A varied ride using quiet suburban roads, off-road paths and country lanes to explore the area north of historic Castle Bromwich.

**Refreshments:** There is a pub at Over Green and a number of shops and other pubs en-route.

**Parking:** There is on-street parking at the start point.

### The Route

**A** From the church go R and follow the road to the mini-roundabout. Turn R down the stub of **Birmingham Rd**. At the end use the pelican to cross into **Heathland Ave**, turning first R into **Ashville Ave**. At the end turn R.

**B** Just before the end of the road go R onto the path across the grass and cross at the pelican, turning L into **Chipperfield Rd**. At the mini-roundabout turn R into **Shawsdale Rd**. Follow this road to the end and turn R. At the end of this road turn R again into **Kempston Rd**. Follow the road L around the far side of the grassed area and then R through the road closure. Follow the main path, heading towards the viaduct, eventually emerging onto the A452.

**C** Turn L along the footway, going under the M6 and cross at the first toucan. Continue L on the other side, over the railway and at the next toucan turn R down the path across the grass. At the path junction go R and then bear L to reach Cadbury Drive (*NOTE: due to current roadworks it is necessary to continue SO to join the path along Farnborough Rd, then first R into Avery Croft, L into Kendrick Croft to reach Cadbury Drive*).

**D** Just before the end of **Cadbury Drive** join the roadside path. At **Wellington Way**, by the shop, cross the main road and follow the wide path approximately SO (marked by black bollards) through the housing, emerging at the end of **Sheridan Walk**. Cross the road and go R, following the path to the first entrance of **Castle Vale Park**. Go through the park to the main exit opposite.

**E** Leave the park, cross the road and turn R onto the road side path. Turn first L into **Innsworth Drive** and follow the winding road to the end. At the mini-roundabout cross with care to the signed cycle route opposite.



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.

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### Key to Map

<b>A B</b>	Start and route reference point
1, 2	Mileage from start point
	Quiet road
	Busier road
	Cycle path
<b>PH</b>	Public House
<b>CF</b>	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.

**I** At the next road cross at the toucan and go L and R into **Reddicap Trading Estate** and first L into **Broomie Close** which lead to **Rectory Park**. Follow the main path, bearing R at the car park. At the road use the toucan and go L and R into **St Chad's Rd**. At the end go R and immediately L into **Churchill Rd** and join the roadside cycle path.

**J** After 0.3 miles and after passing the shops, turn R into **Fowler Rd**. At the end turn R and L at the mini-roundabout into **Ox Leys Rd**. Follow this country lane. Pass over the A38 and turn immediately R into **Bulls Lane**. Follow this lane for 1 mile and turn R into **Wishaw Lane** (to visit the **Cock Inn** continue SO for 400 yards, returning to this junction). Follow this lane for about a mile passing under the pylons. On reaching the built up area turn first L into **Summer Lane**.

**K** At the end turn L to use the cycle lane over the **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal** and go SO at the traffic signals. At the large roundabout go SO (CAUTION busier road) towards **Water Orton**. Continue SO across the narrow bridge. At the end turn R, going over the railway by **Water Orton Station**.

**L** At the end turn R towards **Castle Bromwich** (if busy use zebra on L to cross). Follow this busier road for 1 mile, passing over the M6.

**M** Join roadside cycle path at **Park Hall Academy** and use the zebra to cross over and go next R into **Parkfield Drive**. Turn first L after the shops into **Beechcroft Rd** and 2<sup>nd</sup> R into **Kingsleigh Drive**. Go SO to return to the church and starting point.

**F** Cross the A38 at the pelican. Take the path L of the café across the **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal**. Turn first L into **Woodlands Farm Road**, following signs for National Cycle Network Route 534.

**G** Cross the main road at the toucan and follow the cycle route R and next L into the park. Continue along the cycle route 534 for nearly 2 miles, crossing a road and a going under a railway.

**H** At the next road, cross to the path opposite and go L and R down the narrow path just before the bridge. Continue along the main path until a reaching a main path junction. Bear R along route **H** towards **Falcon Lodge**.