

Cycle**Solihull** 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 Cycle**Solihull** 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 Cycle**Solihull** 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 Cycle**Solihull** which is a voluntary organisation which aims to encourage people in the Solihull area to cycle more. Cycle**Solihull** organises free cycle rides, promotes routes like this one and provides information about cycling.

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Cycle**Solihull** rides

Cycle**Solihull** 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 Cycle**Solihull** 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 Cycle**Solihull** 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.

Cycle**Solihull** 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



M9

medium route from
Cheswick Green

Cycle**Solihull**

Explore your borough by bike



**17 miles via Earlswood Lakes,
Tanworth and Ullenhall**

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 M9

Cheswick Green to Ullenhall & Tanworth

Distance: 17 miles (100-130 mins). **Start:** **Cheswick Green Village Shops** B90 4JA, SP127756
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Route Summary: A varied ride, mainly on very quiet roads, going between the lakes at Earlswood en-route to Tanworth and Ullenhall.

Refreshments: There are several pubs, a café and a shop on the route.

Parking: There is ample parking at the shops in Cheswick Green.

The Route

A From outside the shops turn R. At the end of the road turn R into **Creynolds Lane** and at the crossroads L into **Illshaw Heath Rd**. At the next junction follow the road, bearing R into **Waring Greens Rd**. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and turn immediately R (by the **Blue Bell Cider House**) into **Lime Kiln Lane**.

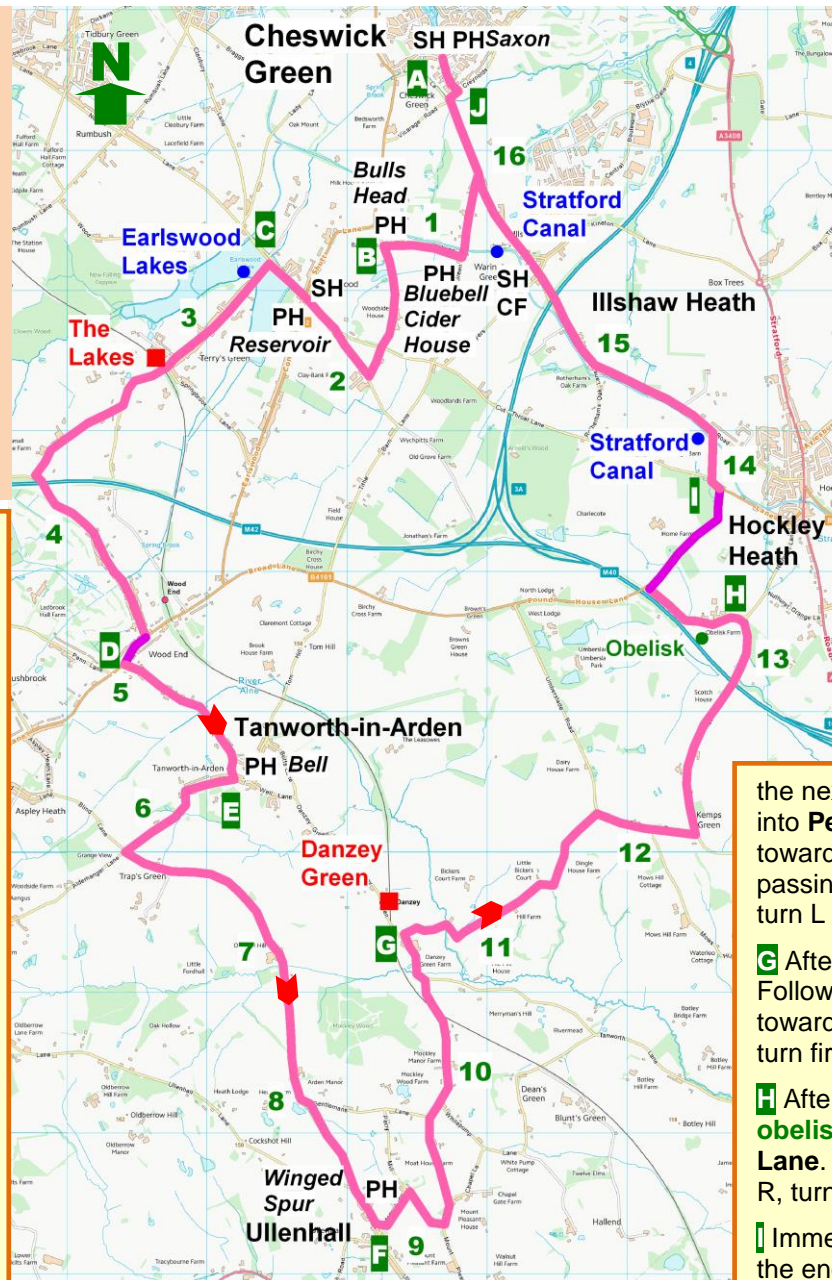
B At the end of the lane turn L by the **Bull's Head**. Go SO at the next crossroads and turn R at the end of the lane. Cross the **B4102** near the **Reservoir** pub and then immediately bear L onto the narrow road along the reservoir dam.

C Turn L to join the road passing between the two lakes and follow this road, passing **The Lakes rail station**, for 1.4 miles. At the end turn L over the motorway and continue until you reach the **B4101**.

D Turn R towards **Tanworth** and follow the B road for 200 yards before turning L towards **Tanworth**.

E Approaching the village turn R into **Bates Lane**, towards **Ullenhall**. At the next crossroads turn L into **Forde Hall Lane**. Follow the road for 2 miles. At the end of the road turn L into **Ullenhall Street** and follow the road into **Ullenhall** village.

F Just beyond the **Winged Spur** pub turn L. Turn L at



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

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| A B | Start and route reference point |
| 1, 2 | Mileage from start point |
| | Quiet road |
| | Busier road |
| | Traffic-free path |
| | Path with rough surface |
| | 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:
L left, R right, SO straight on.

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the next 'Give Way' and at the end of the lane turn R into **Perry Mill Lane**. At the end of the lane turn L towards **Deans Green**. Follow this road for 1.2 miles, passing under the railway, and at the end of the lane turn L into **Danzey Green Lane**.

G After 400 yards turn first R into **Pig Trot Lane**. Follow this lane for 1.2 miles until the end. Turn R towards **Henley**. Ignore the turning on the R and then turn first L towards **Hockley Heath**.

H After crossing the motorway go first L. Pass the **obelisk** and on reaching the **B4101** turn R into **Spring Lane**. After 0.6 miles, as the road bends sharply to the R, turn L into **Cut Throat Lane**.

I Immediately turn R. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and at the end of the lane turn L. Keep going SO under the motorway. At the crossroads by the café and bakery go SO into **Illshaw Heath Rd**. At the end of the lane bear R to continue on **Illshaw Heath Rd**.

J At the crossroads turn R towards **Cheswick Green** and first L to return to **Cheswick Green** village centre.