

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.



M8

medium route from
Balsall Common

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



17 miles via Balsall Street,
Beausale & Wroxall

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

Route M8

Balsall Common to Beausale & Wroxall

Distance: 17 miles (100-130 mins).

Start: Balsall Common Library, Kenilworth Road. Balsall Common CV7 7EL, SP238772.

Route Summary: A pleasant ride mainly on quiet country lanes. There is a short section on the busier A4177 but this road is relatively quiet on Sundays.

Refreshments: Although there are the usual range of shops and pubs in **Balsall Common** there are none along the route. However teas are normally served on summer Sunday afternoons in **Wren Hall at Wroxall**.

Parking: There is free off-street parking behind the library. Vehicle access is from Station Road.

The Route

A From outside the library go L and then L at the roundabout into **Station Road**. Turn first L down **Green Lane**. At the end of the lane joint the path L through the park. Continue SO along the path, past the playground until you reach the road.

B At the road turn L. At the end of **Lavender Hall Lane** turn R onto the main road and after 100 yards L into **Wooton Green Lane**. Follow this narrow lane until the end and turn L.

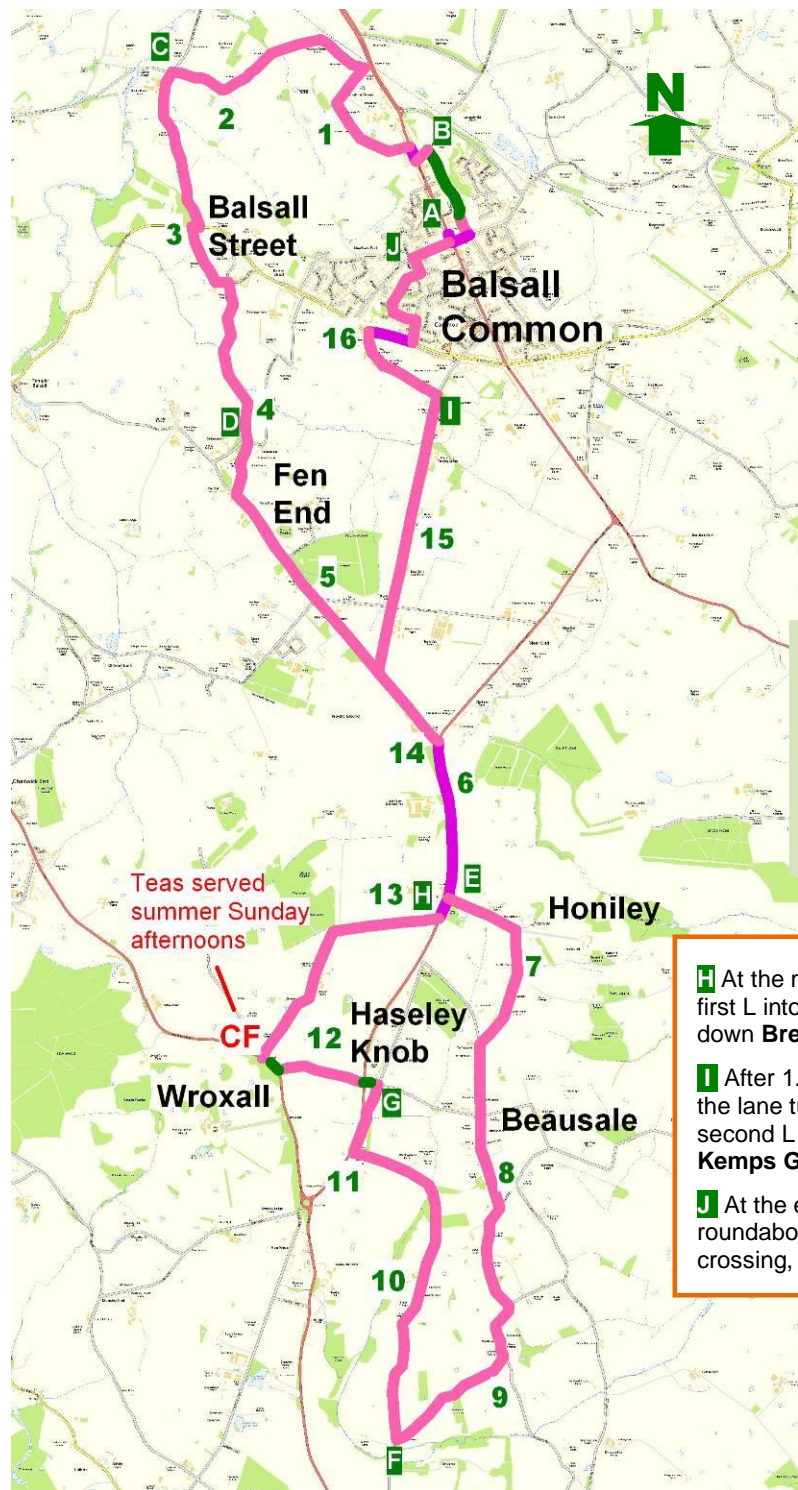
C At the crossroads turn L towards **Balsall Common**. At the end of the lane turn R and immediately L into **Magpie Lane**. At the end turn R.

D At the crossroads go SO and at the end of the lane turn L. Follow the road until the A4177 and turn R towards **Honiley**.

E After 0.75 miles turn L. Follow the lane until the end and turn L. After the end of turn R towards **Hatton** then after 0.7 miles next R.. Follow this lane for 1.5 miles.

F At the end of the lane turn R by **Millstream Pigs**. At the end turn R to **Haseley Knob**.

G At the next crossroads go L to **Wroxall** past a 'no through road' sign and at the end go through the gap in the fence to reach the main road (A4177). Cross with care into the lane opposite. Go SO for 0.3 miles to reach another main road (A4141). **This is a busy road and you are advised to walk R along the footpath for 150 yards and turn R into Manor Lane, passing Wren Hall on the L (teas served summer Sunday afternoons)**. Go SO until the end of the lane.



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Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- PH** Public House
- CF** Café or tearoom
- Notable church
- Access to canal or river.

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

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.

H At the main road (A4177) turn L and after 1 mile turn first L into **Honiley Road** towards **Fen End**. Turn next R down **Brees Lane** towards **Balsall Common**.

I After 1.25 miles turn L into **Frog Lane**. At the end of the lane turn R and first L into **Kemps Green Rd**. Turn second L into **Stoneton Crecent** and third L back into **Kemps Green Rd**.

J At the end of the road turn R. Just before the roundabout bear L to cross the road at the Pelican crossing, returning to the library.