

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 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 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 ridden during each month. In autumn and winter there are more shorter rides to reflect reduced daylight hours. One Sunday of the 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 points. 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 about 30 minutes at a family-friendly pub or tearoom.

For ride date, routes and starting points download our current Ride Programme from:

www.cyclesolihull.org.uk

or pick up a copy on one of the rides.



S10

short route from
Solihull Lodge

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**12 miles via Headley Heath,
Forhill & Hollywood**

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

Route S10 Solihull Lodge to Forshaw and Hollywood

Distance: 12 miles (70-90 mins). **Start:** Daisy Farm Park car park, Maypole Lane B14 4PJ, SP087786.

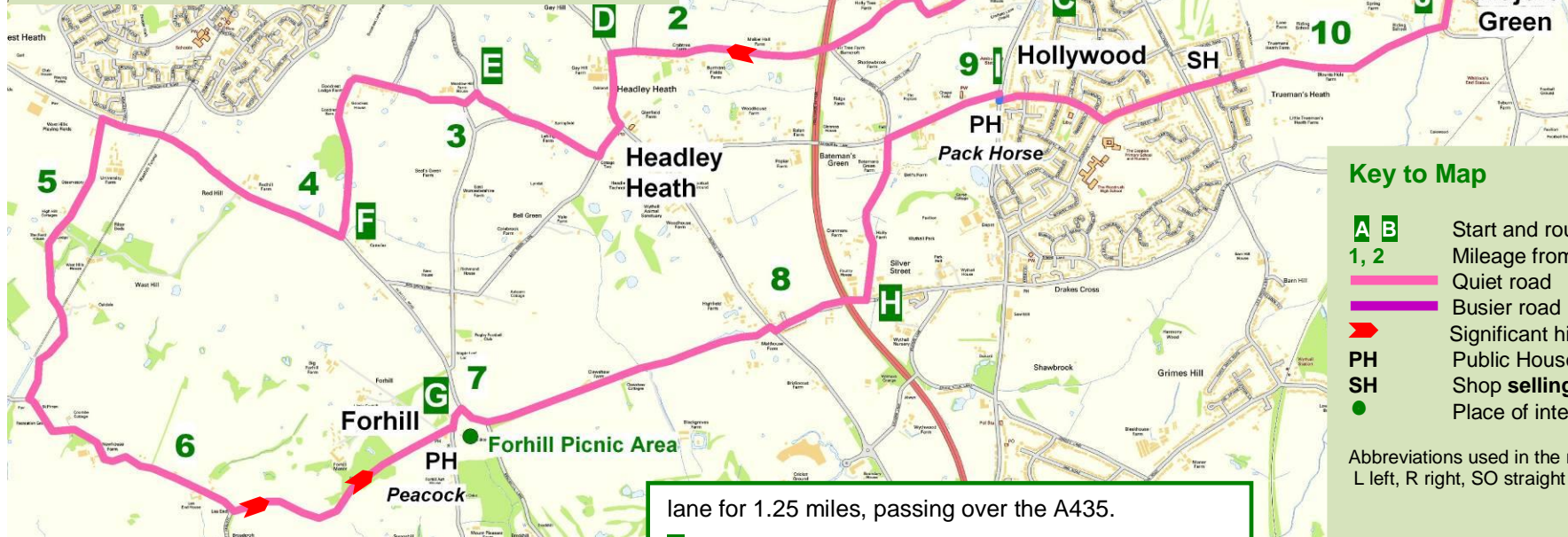
Route Summary: A fairly hilly ride into rural Worcestershire via mainly quiet lanes.

Refreshments: There are pubs in Forhill and Hollywood.

Parking: There is parking at the park playground.

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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.



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
- SH** Shop **selling** drinks, sweets etc
- Place of interest

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

The Route

A From the car park cross the main road into **Westfield Avenue**. Turn first R into **Westcroft Way** and first R again into **Ashdale Drive**.

B At the end turn R and immediately L into **Heath Rise**. At the end turn L onto the main road (Highters Heath Lane). At the end turn L again on to **Alcester Road**.

C After a 0.5 miles turn R into **Dark Lane** (less experienced cyclists may find it easier to turn L in to the parallel service road after Hollywood Lane and then turn R and L into Dark Lane). Follow this winding

lane for 1.25 miles, passing over the A435.

D At the end turn L and first R into **Bell Green Lane** towards **Northfield**. After 150 yards turn R into **Headley Heath Lane**.

E At the end turn L and then R into **Grimpits Lane**. Follow the narrow lane to the end and turn L. Continue for 0.5 miles.

F At the end of the lane turn R towards **Hopwood**. Go SO for 0.75 miles, and turn next L into **Wast Hills Lane**. Go SO down a steep hill and at the end turn L. Go SO at the next junction towards **Forhill** climbing a steep hill to reach **The Peacock** pub.

G Turn L here and then immediately R towards **Wythall**. After 1 miles go SO at the staggered crossroads into **Silver Street** and pass under the

A435.

H Turn first L into **Batemens Lane**. At the crossroads turn R into **Packhorse Lane** towards **Truemans Heath**.

I At the **Pack Horse** pub go SO into **May Lane** towards **Shirley**. At the end turn L and then go SO at the mini-roundabout next to the petrol station. Follow this road for 0.75 miles into **Majors Green**.

J At the end of the road turn L into **Peterbrook Rd** towards **Highters Heath**. Follow the road for 1 mile to the end and turn L on to the main road (**High St**). The starting point is 0.5 miles on your R.