

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.



S5

short route from
Meriden

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



10 miles via Eaves Green,
Kinwalsey & Maxstoke

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

Route S5

Meriden to Kinwalsey & Maxstoke

Distance: 10 miles (60 to 75 mins).

Start: Meriden Green (with the village cross marking the 'Centre of England' and the cyclists' war memorial) CV7 7LN SP239823.

Parking: On-street around The Green.

Route Summary: An undulating route using mostly quiet country lanes, passing through Eaves Green, Kinwalsey (site of the John Wesley Oak), and Maxstoke (Priory Ruins).

Refreshments: Apart from the pubs and shops in and close to Meriden there are no other facilities on the route.

The Route

A With the shops behind you, leave the Green going L on to the main road.

B After 0.7 miles bear L onto **Old Road** and after passing the **Queens Head** pub, turn L into **Eaves Green Lane**. Bear R at the next junction and pass under the A45.

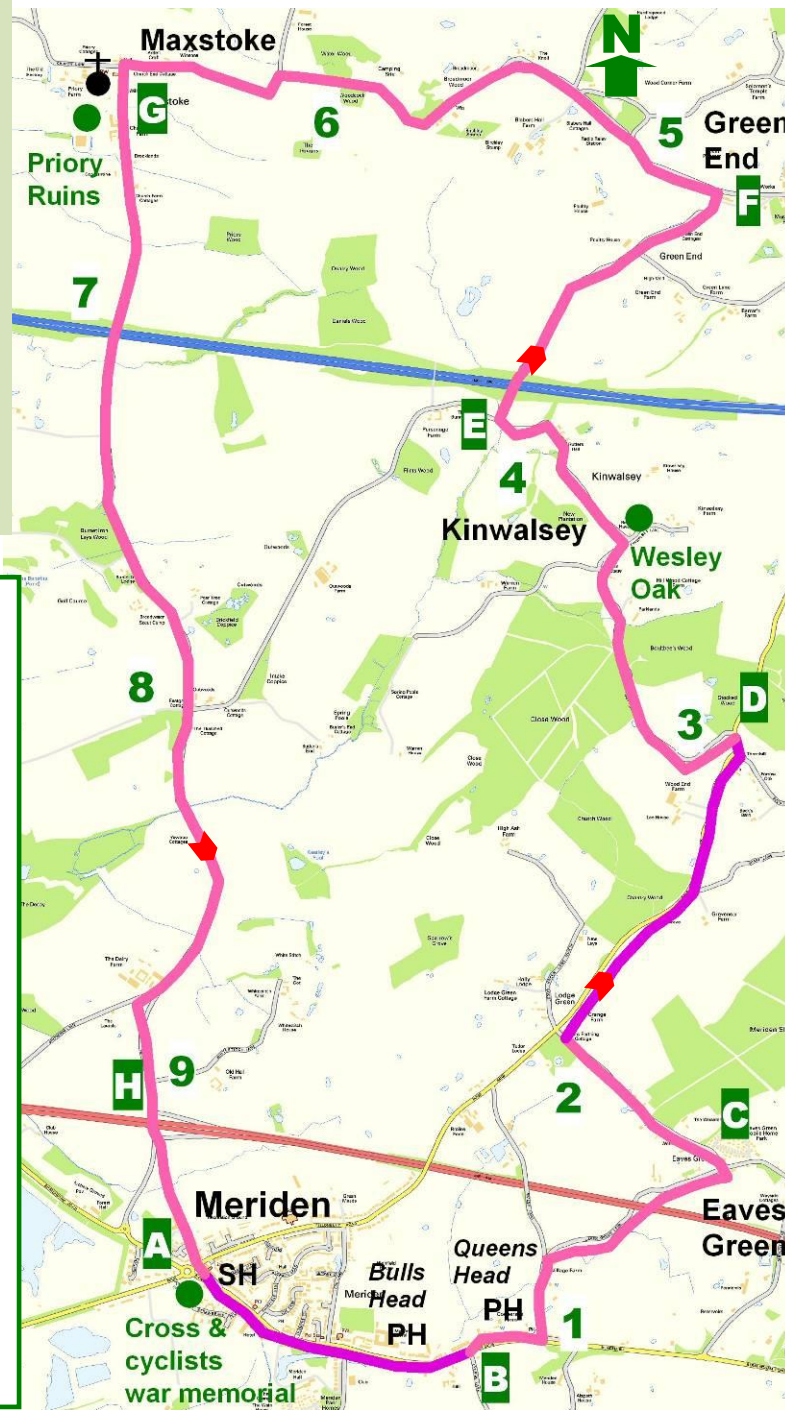
C At the end of the lane turn L into **Lodge Green Lane** towards **Fillongley**. At the end of the lane turn R onto the **B4102** towards **Fillongley**.

D After one mile turn L into **Kinwalsey Lane**. Follow this bendy lane for about one mile, passing the **John Wesley Oak** on the R. Here a plaque marks the stump of a large tree where the founder of Methodism is believed to have preached.





E At the sign to **Green End** turn R to pass under the motorway.

F At the end of the lane turn L following signs to **Maxstoke**.

G In 1.75 miles turn L by **Maxstoke Church**



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/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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To cycle this route, memorise the instructions between each reference point, relating the turns to the map. The place and road names in **bold** appear on signs along the route.

and the **Priory ruins** into **Maxstoke Lane** towards **Meriden** (continue SO for 100 yards to view the ruined priory gatehouse). After 0.7 miles go under the M6, eventually passing the **Forest of Arden Hotel**.

H After a further 1.2 miles, cross over the A45. At the roundabout turn L to **Meriden**. The Green is immediately ahead at the next roundabout.