

## 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.



**XL11** extra long route from  
**Hockley Heath**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**25 miles via Ullenhall,  
Wootton Waven & Packwood**

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

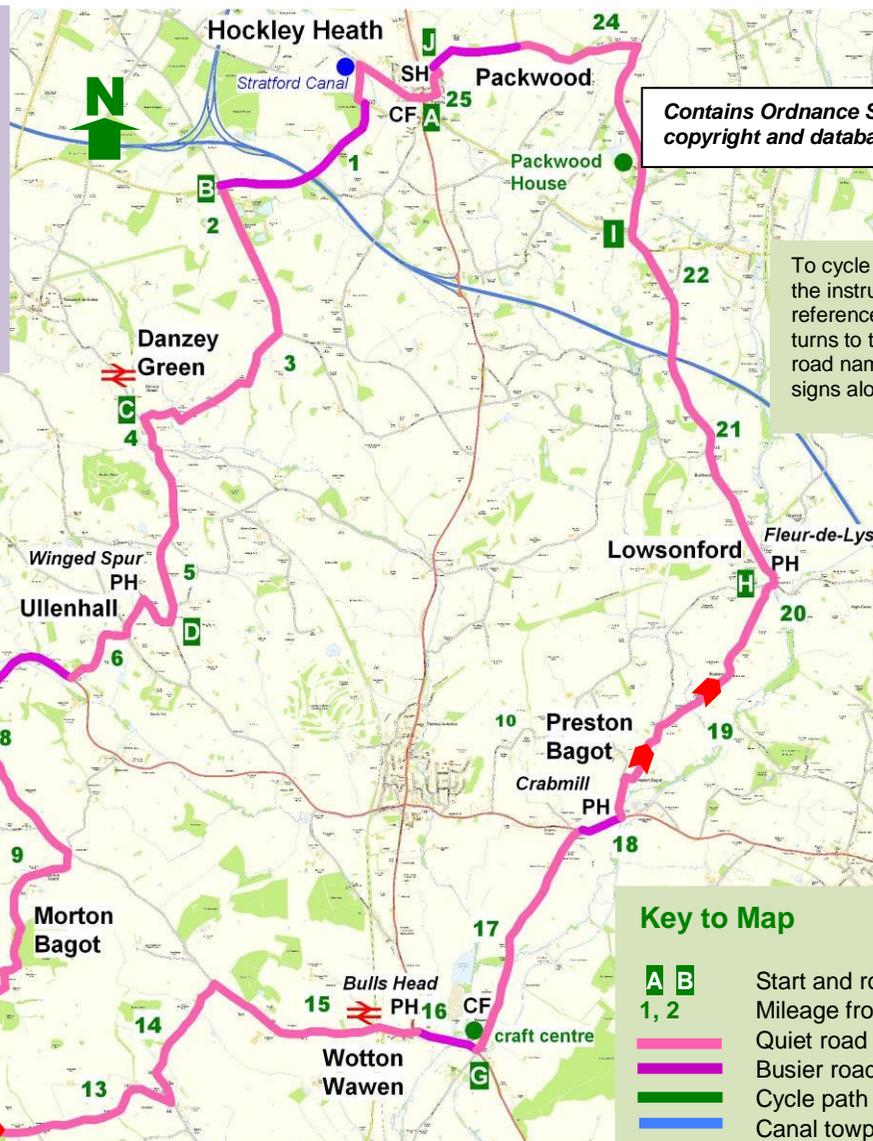
## Route XL11 Hockley Heath to Ullenhall & Wootton Wawen

**Distance:** 25 miles (130-190 mins). **Start:** Hockley Heath Post Office B94 6QT SP153727

**Route Summary:** A ride on mainly quiet lanes through rolling countryside to Wootton Wawen. There are a few short sections on fairly quiet A roads.

**Refreshments:** There are a number of pubs along the route and a café at Wootton.

**Parking:** There is on-street parking in nearby side roads. Please do not park in spaces provided for shoppers.



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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.

### The Route

**A** From outside the post office go R down **School Rd** and after 0.5 miles turn L into **Sadlerswell Lane**. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and at the end of the lane turn L and then immediately R onto the **B4101** towards **Tanworth** eventually crossing the motorway.

**B** Turn next L into **Umberslade Road** towards **Kemps Green**. After 1.25 miles turn R into **Pigtrout Lane** towards **Danzey Green**. Follow the narrow winding road to the end.

**C** At the end of the lane turn L into **Danzey Green Lane** towards **Ullenhall**. Take the next R, again towards **Ullenhall**, going under the railway. Follow this lane for 1.1 miles.

**D** Turn next R into **Perry Mill Lane** and first L into **Watery Lane**. At the end of the lane go L and R into **Church Hill** passing **St Mary's Church**. At the **A4189** go R towards **Redditch**.

**E** After 1 mile turn L and L again at the crossroads to **Morton Bagot**. At the next crossroads go R again towards **Morton Bagot**. Follow this winding road for about 2 miles.

**F** At the end turn L and first L to **Shelfield**. After 2 miles turn first L to **Wawensmoor**. At the end go R towards **Wootton Wawen**. Follow the road, eventually passing under the railway to reach the **A3400** in **Wootton Wawen**. Turn R towards **Stratford** (caution busier road!) passing over the **River Aine** and the **Yew Tree Craft Centre**.

**G** Turn next L into **Pettiford Lane**. At the end turn R onto the **A4189** towards **Warwick** (caution busier road) and first L to **Preston Bagot**. Go next R to **Preston Fields**. Follow the narrow twisting lane for nearly 2 miles to **Lowsonford**.

**H** At the end turn R and immediately L towards **Hockley Heath**, passing the **Fleur de Lys** pub and eventually crossing the motorway.

**I** At the end turn L towards **Hockley Heath** and first R and first L to **Packwood House**. After passing the historic house take the

second turning L down **Vicarage Road** towards **Hockley Heath**. Follow this lane until the end where it joins the **B4101** on a sharp bend.

**J** Approaching the village turn L in to **Park View** and first R into **Meadow Close**. Just before the end turn R and go past the bollards to the path which leads to the service road opposite the start point.

### Key to Map

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|------------|---|
| <b>A B</b> | Start and route reference point                 |
| 1, 2       | Mileage from start point                        |
|            | Quiet road                                      |
|            | Busier road                                     |
|            | Cycle path                                      |
|            | Canal towpath                                   |
|            | Significant hill climb (in direction of travel) |
| <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.