

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.



L11

long route from
Hockley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



21 miles via Tanworth,
Lowsonford & Packwood

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

Route L11 Hockley Heath to Tanworth and Lowsonford

Distance: 21 miles (125 to 160 mins)

Start: Hockley Heath Post Office on Stratford Road B94 6QT, SP153727.

Parking: There is on-street parking in nearby side roads and a service road. Please do not park in spaces used by visitors to open shops.

Route Summary: A very rural ride via quiet lanes to Tanworth-in-Arden and Rowington Green, returning via Packwood.

Refreshments: There are several pubs along the route.

The Route

A From outside the post office go immediately R into **School Road**. Follow this road for about 1 mile and turn L into narrow Rotherhams Oak Lane passing over the **Stratford Canal**. At the end of the lane turn R eventually passing under the motorway

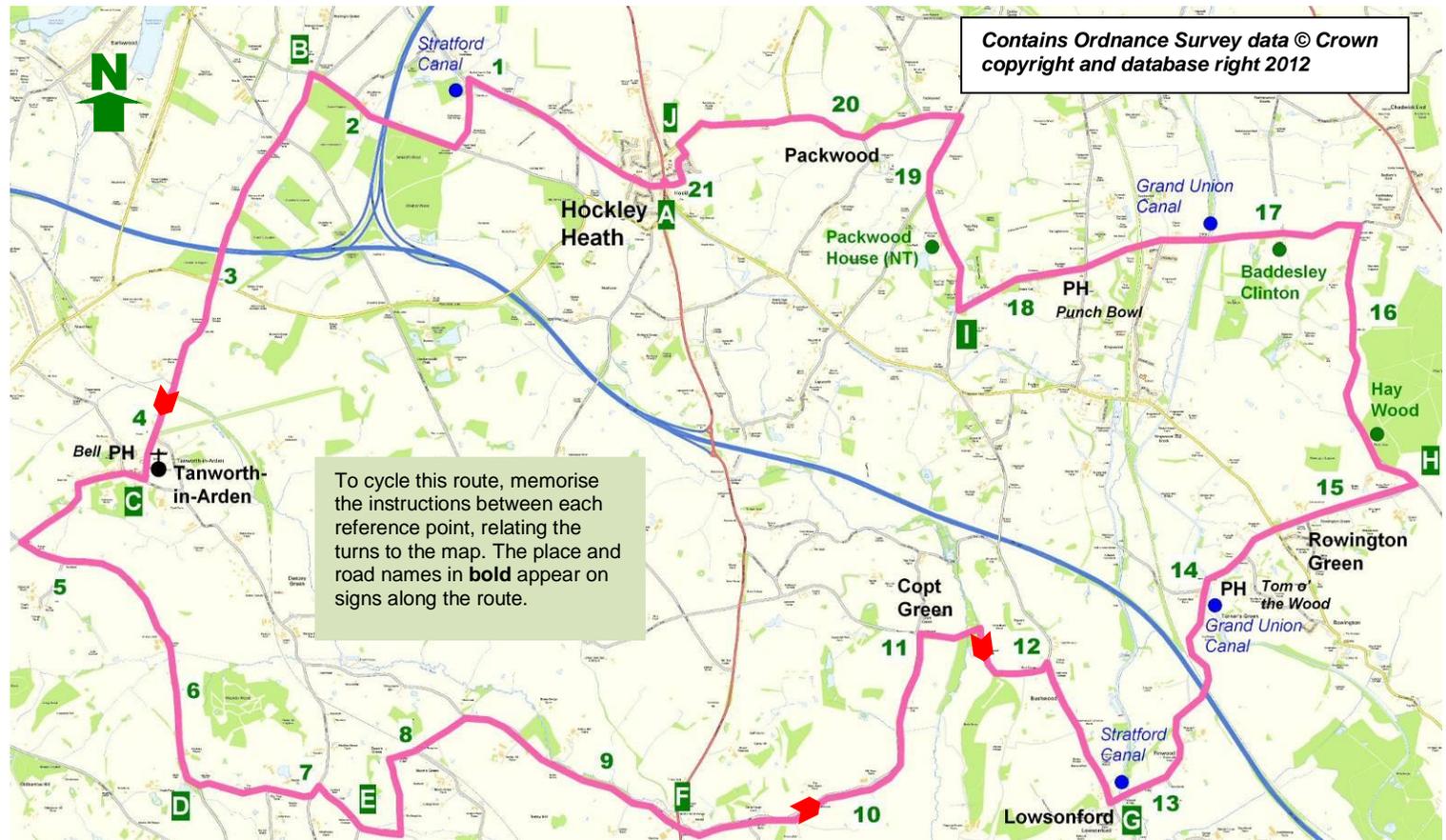
B At the crossroads turn L towards **Tanworth**. Continue SO, eventually passing over the motorway. At the crossroads with the **B4101**, go SO into **Tom Hill**.

C Follow the signs to **Tanworth** village centre, turning R by the church. Take the first L into **Bates Lane**. At the next crossroads turn L into **Forde Hall Lane** towards **Ullenhall**. Follow this road for 1.5 miles

D Turn first L into **Gentlemans Lane**. Follow the lane towards **Danzey Green** and at the end turn L and then immediately R into a narrow lane.

E At the next junction bear L and follow the winding road, eventually passing under a railway. Follow this lane to the end. Turn R towards **Henley** and follow the road for 1 mile, eventually reaching the **A3400**.

F Go SO at the **A3400**, by the **Finest Catch** fish restaurant, into **Camp Lane**. Follow this hilly winding road for about two miles, eventually reaching a staggered crossroads with another lane. Go R into **Bushwood Lane**. At the end of the lane



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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.

turn R towards **Lowsonford**.

G In **Lowsonford** turn first L to **Rowington**, passing over the **Stratford Canal**, motorway and railway. Continue over the **Grand Union Canal**, passing **Tom o' the Wood** pub. At the **B4439** go SO.

H At the end of the lane turn L towards **Chadwick End**. Continue SO for 1.25 miles passing **Hay Wood**. At the next turn L to Lapworth. Go SO for nearly 2 miles, passing **Baddesley Clinton (NT)** and the **Punch Bowl** pub.

I Turn next R towards **Packwood House (NT)**. 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

A B	Start and route reference point
1, 2	Mileage from start point
	Quiet road
	Busier road
	Cycle path
	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.