

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.



M14

medium route from
Shirley

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**15 miles via Hollywood,
Forhill & Dickens Heath**

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

Route M14 Shirley to Hollywood & Forhill

Distance: 15 miles (90-115 mins). **Start:** Shirley Park (park car park behind Aldi supermarket) B90 3AG. SP118792.

Route Summary: A varied ride via Hollywood into the countryside and narrow lanes of Worcestershire around Forhill. There are a few steep hills in this area.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs on the route and shops a short distance off route in Hollywood and Dickens Heath.

Key to Map

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| 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 | Public House |
| CF | Café or tearoom |
| SH | Shop selling drinks, sweets etc |
|  | Notable church |
|  | Place of interest |

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

The Route

A Start in the car park behind Aldi. Go through the gap in the hedge and follow the cycle path to the L through the park. At the end of the path turn right on to the residential road (Grenville Rd). Follow the road to the end and turn L then first R into **Hazeloak Rd**.

B At end of the road turn R and first L into Loxley Avenue. Follow the road to the end. Turn left into Neville Road and then immediately R to reach the main road. Turn R and go under the railway bridge.

C At the end of **Bills Lane** turn L. Turn next R just before **The Drawbridge** pub (take extra care with this turn). Cross the **Stratford Canal** bridge bearing L. At the end of the lane turn left.

D Take the next turning on the R into **Truemans Heath Lane** towards **Hopwood** and **Wythall**. After 0.75 miles go SO at the roundabout by the Jet garage. Take the first turning R into **May Lane**.

E At the end of the road go SO past the **Pack Horse** pub. At next crossroads go SO, soon passing over the A435. At the end of **Packhorse Lane** turn R towards **Kings Norton** on to **Middle Lane** and then first L into **Bell Green Lane** toward Northfield.

F At the end of the lane turn L on to **Icknield Street** towards **Wythall**. At the end of the road turn L and then first R following the cycle route sign to **Redditch**.

Immediately turn R keeping **The Peacock** pub on your L. Go down the steep hill.

G Bear L at the next two junctions and follow the road for a mile. At the end of **Watery Lane** turn L.

H Follow the road, past the crossroads and **The Coach and Horses** pub then up a short very steep hill to a crossroads. Carry SO.

I Take first L into **Chapel Lane** towards the large church. Follow the road R and at the end of the lane turn L passing the cemetery.



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L At the end turn L and then first right into **Tythebarn Lane**.

M Follow the road until it bends to the R. From here bear L to continue along **Tythebarn Lane** which becomes a cul-de-sac. Go through the road closure at the **Stratford Canal** bridge, and turn L on to the cycle path. Follow this path, turning L past the **Miller and Carter** pub into **Tanworth Lane** and then L at the next junctions (still **Tanworth Lane**).

N Turn first L into **Stretton Rd**. Follow the road past the supermarket.

O At the end turn R and then first L into **Shottery Rd**. At the end turn L and then immediately R in to **Portia Avenue**.

P At the main road turn R and immediately L into **Shirley Park Rd**. At the end of the road turn R and rejoin the outward cycle path through **Shirley Park** back to the car park.

J At the small roundabout turn R into the very narrow **Willmore Lane**. Go over bridge and turn L. At end of the lane turn R into **Silver Street** towards **Drakes Cross**.

K Go SO at the crossroads next to the **White Swan**. After 0.75 miles cross **Hollywood Lane** continuing along **Houndsfield Lane** towards **Shirley**, crossing the ford and going under the railway.