

## 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 many of the quiet lanes 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. They 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 at [www.cyclesolihull.org.uk](http://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 5 and 15 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 Cyclesolihull routes will be followed with a mixture of ride lengths during each month. In autumn and winter there are more shorter rides to reflect the 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 weekly 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 from a varying start point. The rides are about 30 miles long, are at a faster pace and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

Cyclesolihull rides have a refreshment stop for 20 to 30 minutes. We recommend you bring your own refreshments on our rides but where possible the stop is at a pub or cafe.

**For the latest ride dates, routes and starting points download our current Ride Programme from:**

[cyclesolihull.org.uk](http://cyclesolihull.org.uk)



**S11**

short route from  
**Hockley Heath**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**11 miles via Packwood,  
Lowsonford and Copt Green**

*Have fun and get fit exploring your local area with this self-guided cycle ride using cycle paths and quiet roads. This guide contains a map and detailed directions to enable you to easily follow the route.*

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## Route S11 Hockley Heath to Packwood House & Lowsonford

**Distance:** 11 miles (65 to 85 mins).

**Start:** Stratford Rd, Hockley Heath, adjacent to the pelican crossing B94 6QT SP153727 //chosen.riders.paddle.

**Parking:** In the adjacent service road (weekends only) other nearby streets or at the recreation ground (please do not use parking outside local shops).

**Route Summary:** A ride along mainly narrow country lanes, passing historic Packwood House, to the canal-side hamlet of Lowsonford, returning via Copt Green and Nuthurst.

**Refreshments:** In addition to facilities in Hockley Heath, the canal-side **Fleur-de-Lys** pub the midpoint of the ride.

### The Route

**A** From the westside of **Stratford Rd**, cross the main road at the pelican into the service road (on your L) and go R. Turn L onto the path between the houses. Join the residential road and at the end turn L along **Meadow Close** and at the end turn L again.

**B** At the main road turn R. After 0.5 mile turn R at the sharp left-hand bend into **Vicarage Rd**. Go SO to the end of the road.

**C** Turn R towards **Lapworth**. Continue SO, eventually passing **Packwood House** and at the end go R. towards **Lapworth**. At the next junction bear left, again to **Lapworth**, and L again onto the **B4439**, passing over the **Stratford Canal**.

**D** After 200 yards turn R with care into **Lapworth Street**, towards **Lowsonford**. Go SO for 2 miles until you reach the **Fleur de Lys** pub in **Lowsonford**. This is a good place to access the

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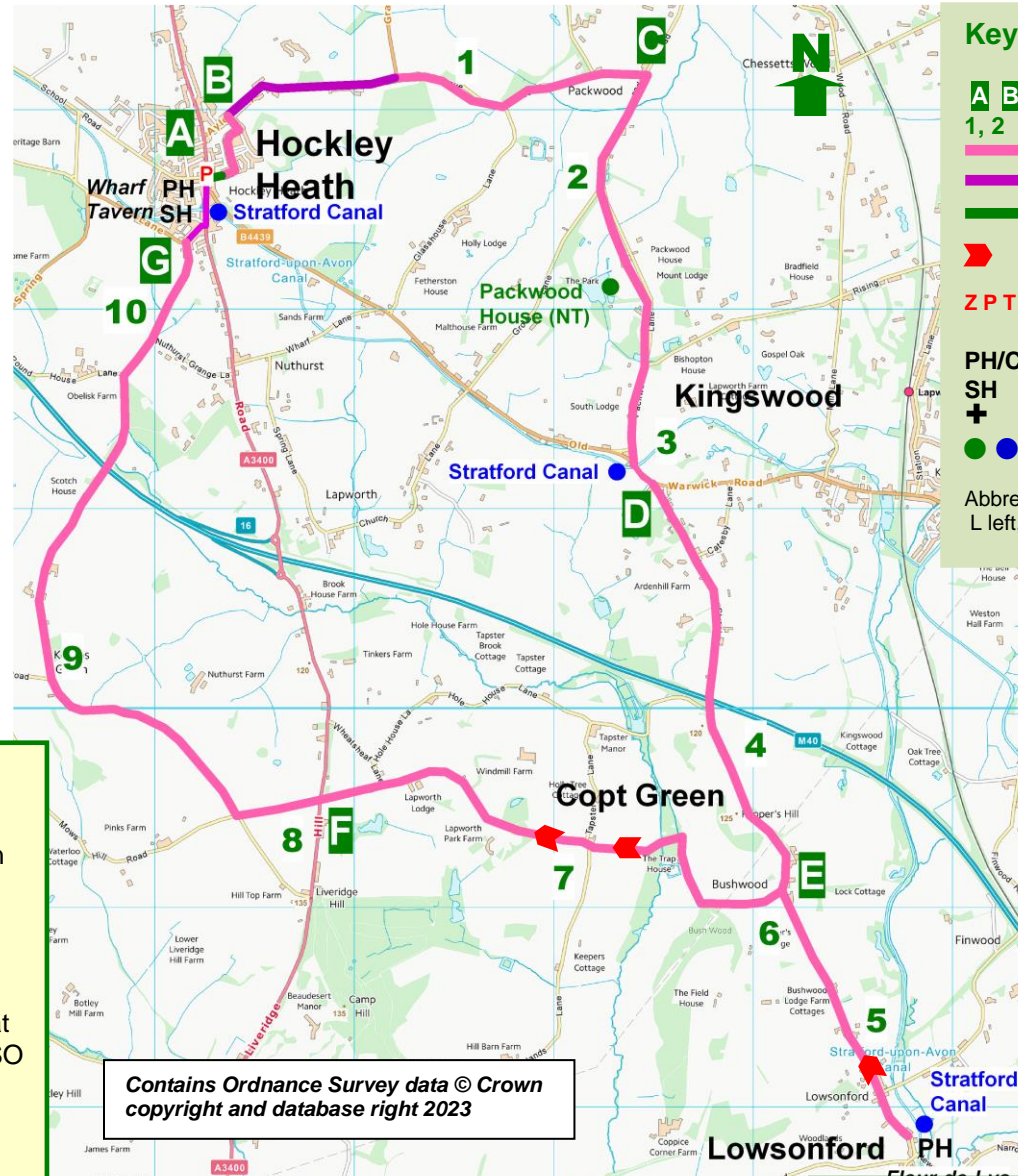
**Stratford Canal.**

**E** Turn R from the pub and retrace your route for 0.75 miles and turn first L towards **Henley**. Follow this narrow winding lane SO for 1.75 miles.

**F** At the crossroads with the **A3400** go SO towards **Earlswood** and at the next crossroads

turn R. After 0.75 mile turn first R towards **Hockley Heath**. Go SO for 1.5 miles, passing over the motorway, until you reach the end of **Nuthurst Lane** by the church.

**G** Turn R with care (caution poor visibility!) and then L on to the **A3400** for 200 yards to return to the start point on the L.



### Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Traffic-free path
- ▶ Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- Z P T S** ● Zebra/pelican/toucan/ signals/ roundabout
- 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.

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.