

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.

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



S13

short route from
Bentley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



11 miles via Packwood, Kingswood and Chessetts Wood

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 S13

Bentley Heath to Packwood & Kingswood

Distance: 11 miles (65-85 mins).

Start: Bentley Heath Recreation Ground car park, Widney Road B93 9BQ, SP165763

Route Summary: A ride along mainly quiet country lanes, passing historic Packwood House, to Kingswood (now normally called Lapworth because of the rail station of that name).

Refreshments: There are three pubs along the route and shops in Bentley Heath.

The Route

A Start in the car park at the **Bentley Heath Recreation Ground**. Go through the gap in the hedge and turn L on to the path that goes around the edge of the park until it enters the residential road. At the end of **Redhouse Close** turn R.

B At the end of the road turn R, going across the railway level crossing. Take the second turn L on to the path called **Conker Lane**. Go past the barriers to the end and turn L on to the road.

C At the mini-roundabout turn right into **Rodborough Rd**. Turn first L into **Woodchester Rd** and next L into **Kingscote Rd**. At the end of the road turn R.

D Turn next L, by the **Railway** pub into **Windmill Lane**. Turn first L into **Mill Pool Lane**. At the end of the lane turn R into **Packwood Rd**. Follow this road for 1.5 miles, passing **Packwood House** (National Trust).

E At the end turn L to **Baddesley Clinton**. At the next crossroads turn R by the **Punchbowl**, to **Lapworth** eventually crossing the **Stratford Canal** on a narrow bridge. At the main road turn L.

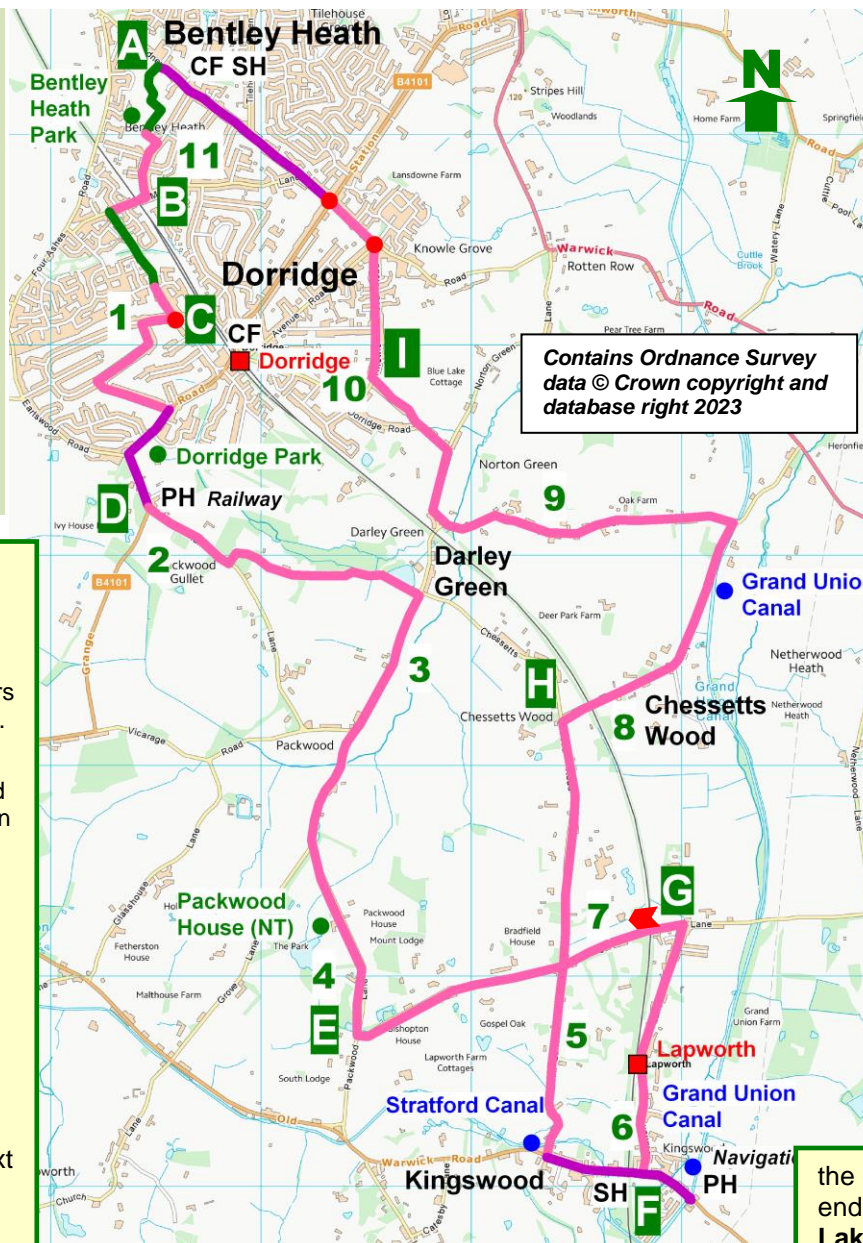
F Go under the railway and turn next L into **Station Lane** (to visit the **Navigation** canalside pub go SO for 300 yards and then retrace your route and turn R into **Station Lane**).

G After passing **Lapworth** rail station, turn L at the end towards **Hockley Heath**. At the next crossroads (by the **Punchbowl**) turn R to **Chessetts Wood**.

H Turn first R into **Chapel Lane**. After 1 mile turn L at

the end of the lane (by the canal bridge). At the end of **Bakers Lane** turn R and first L into **Blue Lake Rd**.

I At the end turn R into **Knowle Wood Rd**. At the end turn L at the roundabout. At the next roundabout go SO into **Widney Rd**. Go SO, passing the shops and turn L into the park car park.



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
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- Rail station

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

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