

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



S15 short route from
Coleshill

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**11 miles via Shustoke,
Whitacre Heath and Hams
Hall**

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 S15

Coleshill to Whitacre Heath & Hams Hall

Distance: 11 miles (65-85 mins).

Start: Parkridge Road car park in Coleshill town centre B46 3NT SP199891.

Route Summary: A varied ride with a watery theme, crossing the Rivers Tame, Cole and Blythe (which merge nearby) and passing the popular picnic area at Shustoke Reservoir. Return is via the Hams Hall Distribution Park.

Refreshments: In addition to pubs and cafes in Coleshill, there are two pubs along the route and a shop in Whiteacre Heath.

The Route

A From the car park entrance go L and follow the road past the rear of **The Swan**. Turn first L into **Summer Road**. At the end of the road turn R into **High St** and first L into **Maxstoke Lane**. After 1 mile cross the **River Blythe** and go SO for a further mile towards **Maxstoke**.

B Turn next L into **Castle Lane**. After 1.5 miles, turn R into **Hollyland**. Follow the lane to the end and turn L into **The Green**.

C At the end turn L into **Coleshill Rd** passing the **Plough** and the entrance to **Shustoke Reservoir**. Turn next R and at the end R again towards **Whitacre Heath**. Continue SO for 1 mile.

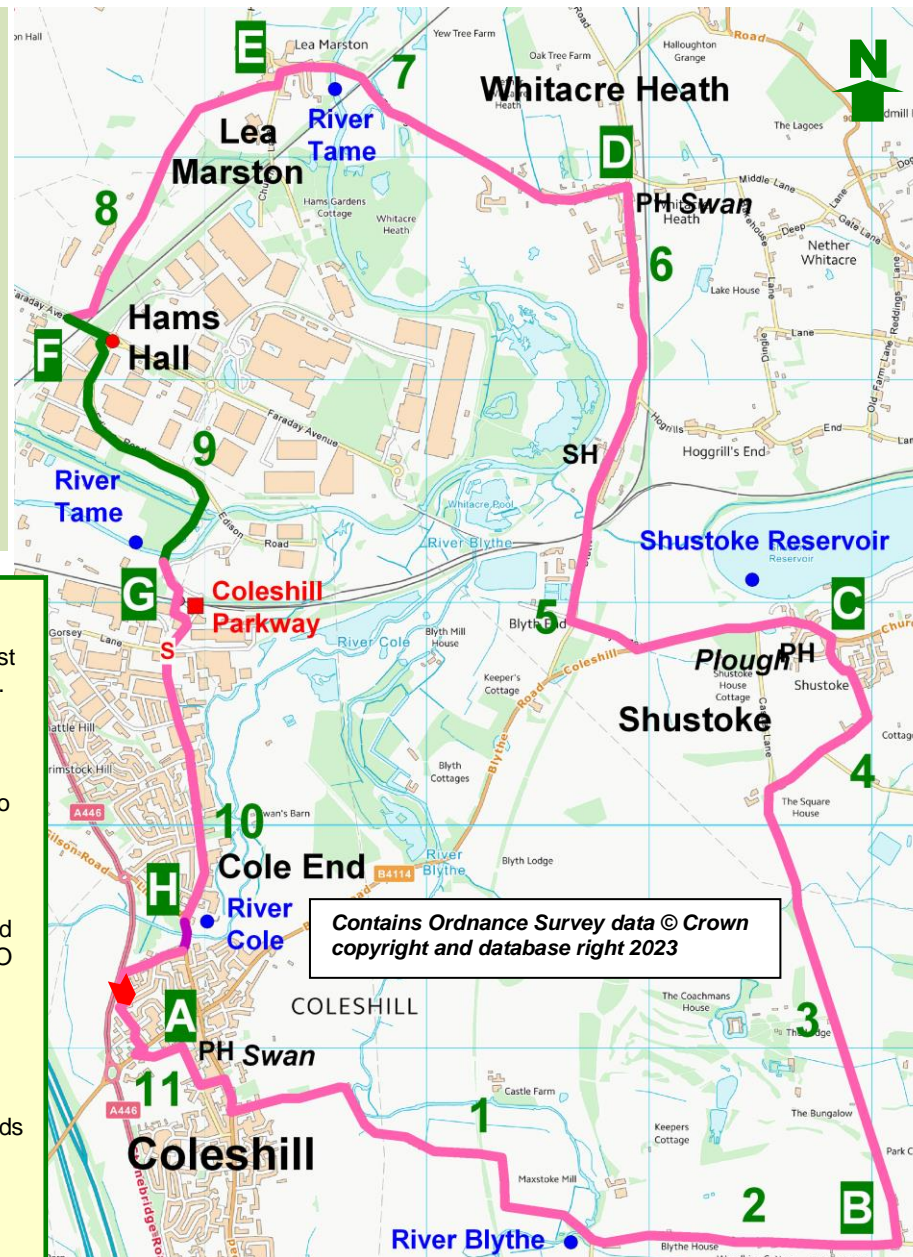
D Turn L opposite the **Swan Inn** into **Birmingham Rd** towards **Lea Marston**, eventually passing over a rail line and the **River Tame**.

E In the village turn L and then shortly afterwards R towards **Hams Hall**. Follow the road for 1 mile.

F At the dual carriageway turn L onto the cycle path, crossing the road just before the next roundabout. Follow the path R into **Edison Rd**. Continue along the cycle path until a path descends R, away from the road. At the bottom go R onto a rough road.

G At the end cross the **River Tame** and turn R. Use the cycle path to go over the bridge, passing **Coleshill Parkway** station. At the traffic lights go SO along **Station Rd**.

K At the end go L over the narrow bridge crossing the **River Cole** and then immediately R into **Old Mill Rd**. Follow this road until the end and turn R. At the end of **Colemeadow Rd** turn R and then immediately L into **Park Rd** to return to the start point.



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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
- Place of interest/water feature
- 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.