

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 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 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 ridden during each month. In autumn and winter there are more shorter rides to reflect 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 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 points. 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 about 30 minutes at a family-friendly pub or tearoom.

For ride date, routes and starting points download our current Ride Programme from:

www.cyclesolihull.org.uk

or pick up a copy on one of the rides.



S19

short route from
Olton

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**12 miles via Solihull town centre,
Catherine-de-Barnes & Elmdon**

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

Revised 2019 edition

Route S19 Olton to Solihull and Catherine-de-Barnes

Distance: 12 miles (70-90 mins). **Start:** Olton Park Brackleys Way B92 8QE SP141826.

Route Summary: A varied, largely urban, ride using mainly quiet roads, park paths and off-road cycle routes.

Refreshments: There are a number of cafés and pubs along the route.

Parking: Ample on-street parking along Brackleys Way.

The Route

A Facing the park go L along **Brackleys Way** past the **education centre** and join the narrow path at the end (please give way to pedestrians). At the end of the path turn L into the residential road. At the staggered crossroads turn R into **Castle Lane**.

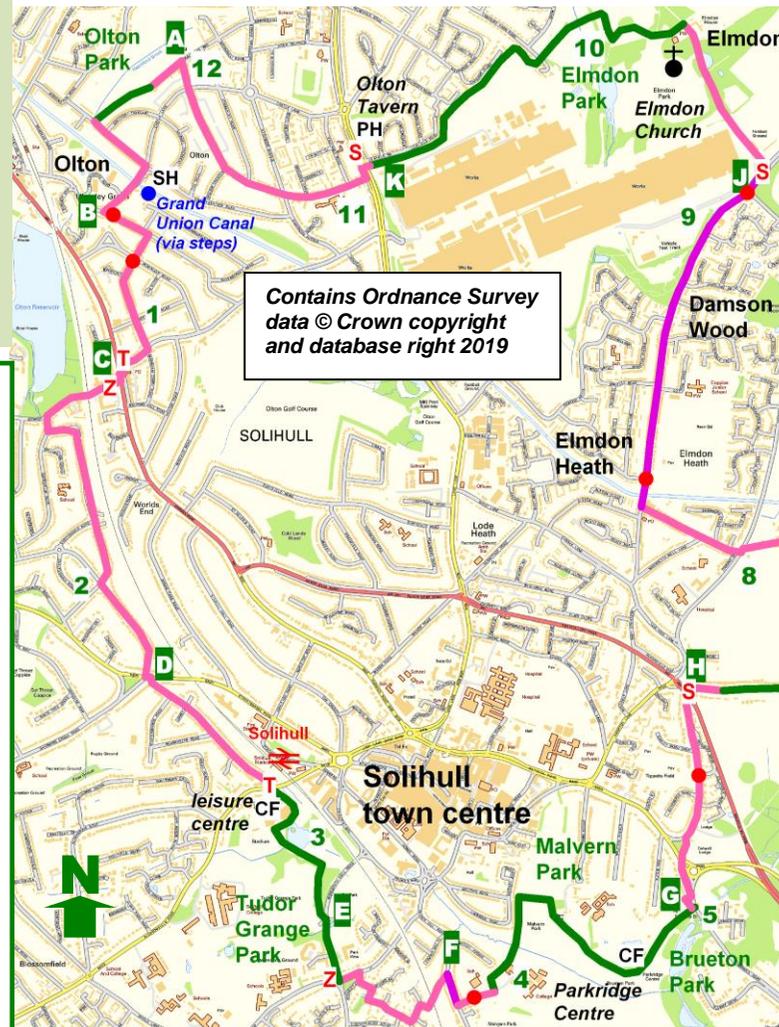
B At the mini-roundabout turn L into **Ulverley Green Rd** and first R into **Bourton Rd**. Go SO at the mini-roundabout and SO at the first crossroads. At the next crossroads with **Dove House Lane** turn R.

C At the main **Warwick Rd** bear left to use the pelican crossing and join **Grange Rd** opposite on your L at the zebra crossing. Turn second L into **Greswolde Rd** and immediately L into **Bryanston Rd**. At the crossroads turn L into **Stonor Park Rd**.

D At the main road turn L and immediately R into **Dorchester Rd** (caution! this junction can be busy). At the end turn L to use the toucan to cross onto the cycle path opposite. Follow the path around the L side of the leisure centre and to the R of the lake. At the next path junction turn L over the bridge and follow the path past the playground and, turning R, the cycle circuit.

E Leave the park, going SO along the new roadside cycle path. Cross at the zebra and turn L at the next roundabout. Go first R and then turn R, L, and R following the signed cycle route along **Huntley Drive**. Leave the cycle route where it turns R into **Mayfield Close**. Instead go L and turn R onto the narrow path beyond **Langford Croft**. At the end turn L and follow the path under the railway to join **Hillfield Rd**.

F At the main road turn R and, after 100 yards, L into the **6th Form College**. Just before the gatehouse go L on to the cycle path which leads into **Malvern Park**. At the main path junction turn R passing the tennis courts on your L. Follow the path for 0.5 miles passing the **Parkridge Wildlife Centre**, eventually reaching the **Brueton Park** car park.



for 1 mile passing a mini-roundabout.

J At the large roundabout outside the **JLR** entrance (caution busier junction!) go SO and then immediately L after the traffic lights towards **St Nicholas Church**. Turn next L by the church into the **Elmdon Park** car park. Follow the wide path down into the park (caution steep hill!), bearing R at the bottom and L past the playground. Cross the quiet road into the narrow path opposite. This recently improved path varies in width so please give way to pedestrians as necessary). Follow this path for about 0.6 miles.

K On reaching the main road turn L across the **JLR** entrance and use the signals to cross the dual carriageway into **Rodney Rd** which eventually becomes **Summerfield Rd**. Continue along Summerfield Rd and at the next crossroads go SO to return to the start point.

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.

G Leave via the vehicle exit and go L and immediately L again into the stub of the old **Warwick Rd**. At the end use the cycle path and central island to cross the main road and reach Marsh Lane. Continue R up Marsh Lane going SO at the roundabout.

H At the traffic signals go SO into **Hampton Lane** and join the roadside cycle path on the L for 0.3 miles before rejoining the carriageway. Turn next R into **Ravenshaw Lane**. *Caution busier road – you may find it easier to bear L into Field Lane and cross Hampton Lane from there.* Go next L into the narrow lane. At the end of Berry Hall Lane turn L to eventually rejoin Hampton Lane.

I Go SO into **Lugtrout Lane** (to visit the **Boat Inn** divert R for 100 yards). Continue SO for 1 mile. Cross (caution – busier road!) Damson Parkway to the gap opposite, following the continuation of the lane. At the end turn R, passing over the **Grand Union Canal**. Go SO

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 |
| Z P T S ● | Zebra/pelican/toucan/ signals/ roundabout |
| | Significant hill climb (in direction of travel) |
| PH/CF | Public House/ café or tearoom |
| SH | Shop selling drinks, sweets etc |
| — | Notable church |
| ● ● | Water feature/place of interest |

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