

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.



XL15 extra long route from
Coleshill

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**26 miles via Middleton,
Kingsbury W. Park & Hurley**

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

Route XL15

Coleshill to Middleton, Kingsbury W.P. & Hurley

Distance: 26 miles (130 to 195 mins)

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

Route Summary: A hilly ride reaching the quiet countryside around to Middleton Hall and Kingsbury Water Park, returning via Hurley.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs en-route, and cafes at Middleton Hall and the water park visitor centre.

Parking: There is free off-street parking at the start.

The Route

A From the car park go L and the R into **Park Rd.** At the end turn R then immediately L into **Colemeadow Rd.** Follow the road to the end and turn R. At the end turn L over the bridge and immediately R into **Station Rd.**

B Turn 4th L into **Temple Way** and at the end turn L into **Roman Way.** At the end turn L and immediately R. At the roundabout turn L and join the roadside cycle path. Follow this to reach the main road. At the traffic signals cross with care into **Watton Lane** and go under the motorway.

C Turn next L into **Gypsy Lane.** At the end turn R and first L into **Vicarage Lane.** Follow this to the end and turn R into **Plank Lane** and immediately L. Pass **The Digby** pub and turn L at the end and next R into **Marsh Lane**, passing the **railway station.** Turn next L to **Minworth**, soon crossing a very narrow bridge across the **River Tame.**




D At the roundabout go SO into **Water Orton Lane.** Go SO at the traffic signals, over the **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal** and immediately R into **Summer Lane.** At the end turn R and follow the lane for 1 mile. At the end go R into **Bulls Lane.** At the end by the **Cock Inn** turn L and immediately left again into **Grove Lane.** At the end turn L and next R into **Holly Lane.** Follow this lane, eventually passing over the M6 Toll.

E Cross the **A446** with care to the cut-through opposite and turn L into the lane. Follow this lane for a mile and turn first L into **Vicarage Hill.** Follow this lane, turning R at the **Green Man** into **Church Lane.** Continue SO through Middleton village to reach the

A4091. Cross with care into the grounds of **Middleton Hall.** Pass the car park for the **Courtyard Craft Centre** and turn R onto a wide track passing the **RSPB reserve.** Go SO for 1 mile (warning – a short section may be muddy in wet weather).

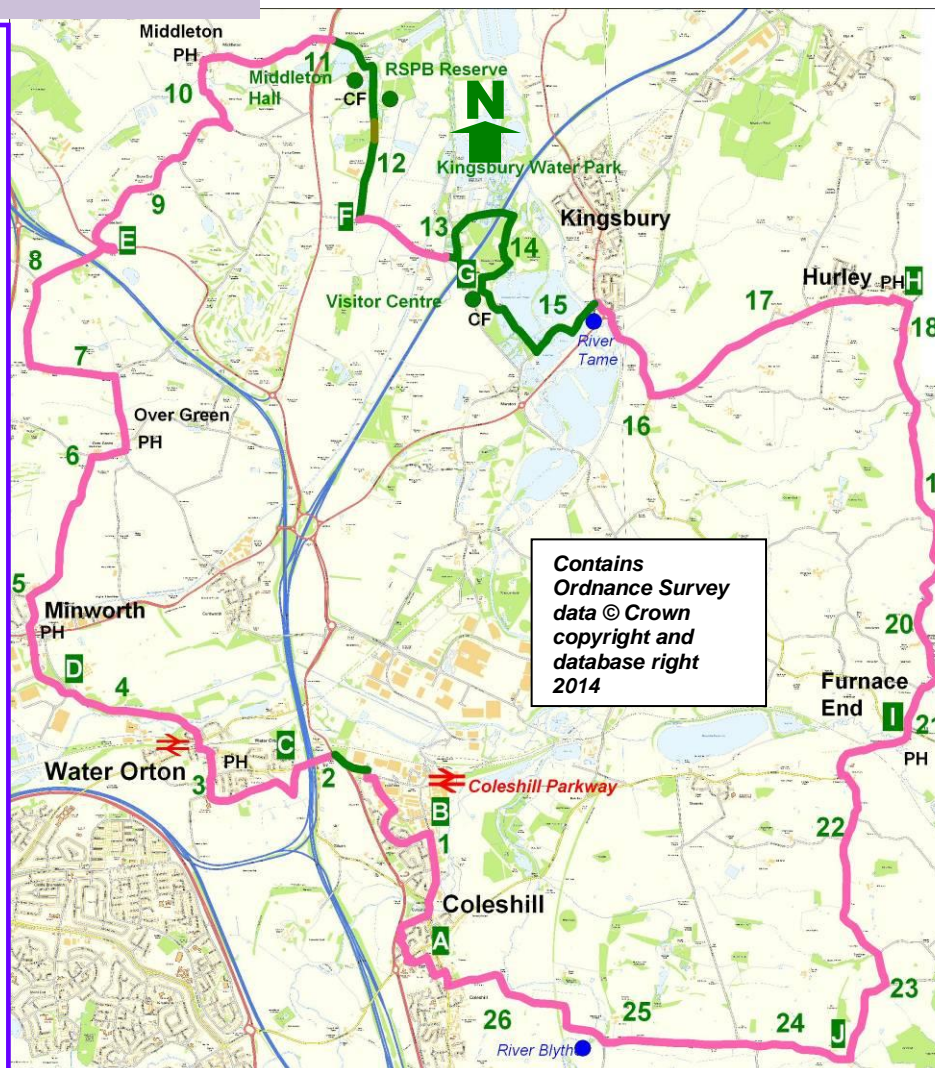
F At the end turn L. Pass over the **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal** and turn first L into **Kingsbury Water Park (Broomey Croft** entrance). Follow the access road to the end. Bypass the barrier and turn R onto a tarmac road which soon joins a wide path. Follow the main path towards **Far Leys** car park, going under the motorway. At the end

Key to Map

A E	Start and route reference point
1, 2	Mileage from start point
	Quiet road
	Busier road
	Cycle path
PH	Public House
CF	Café or tearoom
SH	Shop selling drinks, sweets etc
—	Notable church
●	Place of interest
	Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)

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.



turn R into the car park and R again on to a wide tarmac path. Follow this past the **narrow gauge railway**, crossing the track several times.

G At the end by the **Visitor Centre** turn L and follow the main tarmac path past the **Tamworth Sailing Club.** At the path junction turn L towards the **Jet Ski Club**, eventually reaching a bridge. Cross this and turn R at the main road. At the large roundabout go SO with care towards **Coventry (B4098).** Go under the railway and turn first L to **Hurley.** Follow the road for 1.5 miles through **Hurley** village.

H After the **Holly Bush** pub follow the road R and turn first R down a narrow lane. Follow the lane for 1.75 miles, turning 3rd R down an unsigned narrow lane. At the end turn R onto the **B4114** to **Furnace End.** At the crossroads go SO past the **Bull** pub, over the railway and turn next L into **Shawbury Lane.** After about 1.1 miles turn 2nd L into **Kinghill Lane.** At the end turn R and at the end of this lane turn R again into **Fillongley Rd.**

I Follow the road, crossing the **River Blythe**, back into Coleshill. At the end turn R and first L into **Summer Rd.** At the end turn R into **Parkfield Rd.** At the bend go SO to return to the car park.