

Cycling is a great way to keep fit whilst at the same time getting from A to B or exploring your local area.

The **Cyclesolihull** routes in this series of leaflets will take you along most of the network of quiet lanes 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.

You can cycle the routes alone or with family and friends, or join other people on one of the regular **Community Cycle Rides**.

CycletoSolihull Day



A chance to join other cyclists in Solihull town centre for a cycling afternoon. Join one of the special rides or simply head to the town centre on your bike. For details of this year's event go to:

www.cycletosolihullday.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 community rides, publicises routes and provides information about cycling.

Community Cycle Rides

Cyclesolihull offers regular opportunities to join with others to ride the routes in this series of leaflets. The rides are organised by volunteers and typically attract between 10 and 30 riders. To get involved, just turn up and ride!

Sunday Cycle Rides take place most Sunday afternoons at 2 pm throughout the summer* starting from one of a number of different starting points. "S" (short) routes are about 10 miles long, "M" (medium) routes about 15 miles long and "L" (long) routes about 20 miles long. On the second Sunday of the month* there 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.

Saturday Stretcher Rides take place twice-monthly* on Saturdays, starting at 9.30 am from one of 6 different starting points. They are 20 to 35 miles long and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

Evening Explorer Rides are on a midweek evening from mid-May to early August starting at 7 pm from one of 12 different starting points. They follow the shorter "S" routes so are about 10 miles long.

Refreshment Stops All Cyclesolihull rides have an en-route refreshment stop of about 30 minutes at a family-friendly pub or tearoom.

For details of the current programme go to:

www.cyclesolihull.org.uk

or pick up a copy of the **Cyclesolihull 'Ride Together'** leaflet on one of the rides.

* There is a reduced programme rides from November to February with Sunday rides starting at 1.30 pm.



M15

medium route from
Coleshill

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**14 miles via Maxstoke,
Furnace End & Nether Whitacre**

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

Route M15

Coleshill to Furnace End & Nether Whitacre

Distance: 14 miles (85-105 mins). **Start:** Parkridge Road car park in Coleshill town centre B46 3NT SP199891.

Route Summary: A very rural ride, using mainly very quiet narrow lanes to visit the hamlets and villages of North Warwickshire including Maxstoke, Furnace End and Nether Whitacre.

Refreshments: In addition to the facilities in Coleshill there are a few pubs along the route but no shops.

Parking: There is free off-street parking at the start point. There is an alternative car park in Church Hill, B46 3AD.

The Route

A From the car park entrance go L and follow the road past the rear of the **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**.

B After 1 mile cross the **River Blythe** and turn immediately R into **Arnolds Lane**. Follow this lane to the end and turn R to **Maxstoke**. Go through the village, passing the church and go next L into **Bentley Lane**.

C At the end of the lane turn L towards **Shustoke** and first R into a narrow lane. Take the **THIRD** narrow lane L (Tower Lane). Passing under the pylons, at the end of the lane, turn L towards **Shustoke**. Follow the lane SO towards **Shustoke**, ignoring the turning L to **Shawbury**.

D At the next (unsigned) junction turn L. After 1 mile, at the end of **Daw Mill Lane** turn R going AWAY from **Maxstoke**. At the **B4114** turn R towards **Over Whitacre**. Pass **The Bull at Furnace End** and go SO at the crossroads with the **B4098** towards **Atherstone**.

E Turn first L down **Pound Lane** and first R into **Botts Green Lane**. At the next junction go SO towards **Hurley**. Ignore the next turning L to **Whitehouse Farm**.

F Turn next L towards **Nether Whitacre** eventually passing the **Dog Inn**. At the crossroads with the **B4098** go SO towards **Whitacre Heath** and SO at the next crossroads down **Deep Lane** towards **Hoggrills End**.

G At the end of the lane turn L towards **Coleshill** and at the end of **Bakehouse Lane** turn R. Follow the winding lane to the end and turn R into **Hoggrills End Lane** towards **Coleshill**.

H Crossover the railway and bear L towards **Coleshill** on to

Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
-  Quiet road
-  Busier road
-  Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- PH** Public House
-  Notable church
-  Access to canal or river.

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.

Station Road. Follow the road for 0.75 miles to reach the **B4114**.

I Turn R towards Coleshill. Follow the road for 1.3 miles, crossing the **River Blythe**. At the crossroads in Coleshill (by the **Green Man** pub) go SO into **Birmingham Road**. Either turn first L into **Parkridge Rd** or at the first zebra crossing turn L onto the short length of footpath leading back into the Park Road car park.

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