

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](http://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.

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**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 25 riders. To get involved, just turn up and ride!

**Sunday Cycle Rides** take place most Sunday afternoons at 2 pm throughout the summer (1.30 pm and less frequently in winter) 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 in the summer there is a 5 or 6 mile **Taster Ride** along a "T" route like the one featured in this leaflet. A Taster Ride is an ideal introduction to Cyclesolihull rides, especially for new cyclists and children.

**Saturday Xtra rides** take place monthly starting at 10 am from different starting points. They are similar to the Sunday rides but about 25 miles long and follow the "XL" routes.

**Saturday Stretcher rides** are also monthly starting at 9.30 am from different starting points. They are faster rides of about 30 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 early May to mid August starting at 7 pm and follow the shorter "S" routes so are about 10 miles long.

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

For details of the current programme go to:

[www.cyclesolihull.org.uk](http://www.cyclesolihull.org.uk)

or pick up a copy of the **Cyclesolihull** ride programme on one of the rides.



**M18** medium route from  
**Castle Bromwich**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**16 miles via Castle Vale, New Hall Valley & Water Orton**

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

## Route M18 Castle Bromwich via New Hall Valley to Over Green & Water Orton

**Distance:** 16 miles (100-130 mins). **Start:** Castle Bromwich Parish Church, Chester Road B36 9DE, SP142899 adjacent to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens.

**Route Summary:** A varied ride using quiet suburban roads, off-road paths and country lanes to explore the area north of historic Castle Bromwich.

**Refreshments:** There is a pub at Over Green and a number of shops and other pubs en-route.

**Parking:** There is on-street parking at the start point.

### The Route

**A** From the church go R and follow the road to the mini-roundabout. Turn R down the stub of **Birmingham Rd**. At the end use the pelican to cross into **Heathland Ave**, turning first R into **Ashville Ave**. At the end turn R.

**B** Just before the end of the road go R onto the path across the grass and cross at the pelican, turning L into **Chipperfield Rd**. At the mini-roundabout turn R into **Shawsdale Rd**. Follow this road to the end and turn R. At the end of this road turn R again into **Kempston Rd**. Follow the road L around the far side of the grassed area and then R through the road closure. Follow the main path, heading towards the viaduct, eventually emerging onto the A452.

**C** Turn L along the footway, going under the M6 and cross at the first toucan. Continue L on the other side, over the railway and at the next toucan turn R down the path across the grass. At the path junction go R and then bear L to reach Cadbury Drive (*NOTE: due to current roadworks it is necessary to continue SO to join the path along Farnborough Rd, then first R into Avery Croft, L into Kendrick Croft to reach Cadbury Drive*).

**D** Just before the end of **Cadbury Drive** join the roadside path. At **Wellington Way**, by the shop, cross the main road and follow the wide path approximately SO (marked by black bollards) through the housing, emerging at the end of **Sheridan Walk**. Cross the road and go R, following the path to the first entrance of **Castle Vale Park**. Go through the park to the main exit opposite.

**E** Leave the park, cross the road and turn R onto the road side path. Turn first L into **Innsworth Drive** and follow the winding road to the end. At the mini-roundabout cross with care to the signed cycle route opposite.



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.

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### Key to Map

<b>A B</b>	Start and route reference point
1, 2	Mileage from start point
	Quiet road
	Busier road
	Cycle path
<b>PH</b>	Public House
<b>CF</b>	Café or tearoom
<b>SH</b>	Shop selling drinks, sweets etc
	Notable church
	Place of interest
	Water feature

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

**I** At the next road cross at the toucan and go L and R into **Reddicap Trading Estate** and first L into **Broomie Close** which lead to **Rectory Park**. Follow the main path, bearing R at the car park. At the road use the toucan and go L and R into **St Chad's Rd**. At the end go R and immediately L into **Churchill Rd** and join the roadside cycle path.

**J** After 0.3 miles and after passing the shops, turn R into **Fowler Rd**. At the end turn R and L at the mini-roundabout into **Ox Leys Rd**. Follow this country lane. Pass over the A38 and turn immediately R into **Bulls Lane**. Follow this lane for 1 mile and turn R into **Wishaw Lane** (to visit the **Cock Inn** continue SO for 400 yards, returning to this junction). Follow this lane for about a mile passing under the pylons. On reaching the built up area turn first L into **Summer Lane**.

**K** At the end turn L to use the cycle lane over the **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal** and go SO at the traffic signals. At the large roundabout go SO (CAUTION busier road) towards **Water Orton**. Continue SO across the narrow bridge. At the end turn R, going over the railway by **Water Orton Station**.

**L** At the end turn R towards **Castle Bromwich** (if busy use zebra on L to cross). Follow this busier road for 1 mile, passing over the M6.

**M** Join roadside cycle path at **Park Hall Academy** and use the zebra to cross over and go next R into **Parkfield Drive**. Turn first L after the shops into **Beechcroft Rd** and 2<sup>nd</sup> R into **Kingsleigh Drive**. Go SO to return to the church and starting point.

**F** Cross the A38 at the pelican. Take the path L of the café across the **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal**. Turn first L into **Woodlands Farm Road**, following signs for National Cycle Network Route **534**.

**G** Cross the main road at the toucan and follow the cycle route R and next L into the park. Continue along the cycle route **534** for nearly 2 miles, crossing a road and a going under a railway.

**H** At the next road, cross to the path opposite and go L and R down the narrow path just before the bridge. Continue along the main path until a reaching a main path junction. Bear R along route **H** towards **Falcon Lodge**.