

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 25 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 Programme** on one of the rides.

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



S11 short route from
Hockley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**11 miles via Packwood,
Lowsonford & Copt Green**

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

Route S11 Hockley Heath to Packwood House & Lawsonford

Distance: 11 miles (65 to 80 mins).

Start: Hockley Heath PO B94 6QT SP153727.

Parking: In the service road opposite the post office (please do not use the parking for local shops).

Route Summary: A ride along mainly narrow country lanes, passing historic Packwood House, to the canal-side hamlet of Lawsonford, returning via Copt Green and Nuthurst.

Refreshments: In addition to facilities in Hockley Heath, the Fleur-de-Lys pub is next to the **Stratford Canal** in Lawsonford and is the midpoint of the ride.

The Route

A From the **Post Office**, cross the main road into the service road (on your L) and go R. Turn L onto the path between the houses. Join the residential road and at the end turn L along **Meadow Close** and at the end turn L again.

B At the main road turn R. After 0.5 mile turn R at the sharp left-hand bend into **Vicarage Rd**. Go SO to the end of the road.

C Turn R towards **Lapworth**. Continue SO, eventually passing **Packwood House** and at the end go R. towards **Lapworth**. At the next junction bear left, again to **Lapworth**, and L again onto the **B4439**, passing over the **Stratford Canal**.

D After 200 yards turn R with care into **Lapworth Street**, towards **Lawsonford**. Go SO for 2 miles until you reach the **Fleur de Lys** pub in **Lawsonford**. This is a good place to access the **Stratford Canal**.

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E Turn R from the pub and retrace your route for 0.75 miles and turn first L towards **Henley**. Follow this narrow winding lane SO for 1.75 miles.

F At the crossroads with the **A3400** go SO towards **Earlswood** and at the next crossroads turn R. After 0.75 mile turn first R towards

Hockley Heath. Go SO for 1.5 miles, passing over the motorway, until you reach the end of **Nuthurst Lane** by the church.

G Turn R with care (caution poor visibility!) and then L on to the **A3400** for 200 yards to return to the **Post Office** on the L.



Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Cycle path
- ▶ Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- PH/CF** Public House/café or tearoom
- SH** 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.

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.