

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.

## 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](http://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.



**S15** short route from  
**Coleshill**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**11 miles via Shustoke, Whitacre Heath & Hams Hall**

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

## Route S15

### Coleshill to Whitacre Heath & Hams Hall

**Distance:** 11 miles (65-85 mins).

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

**Route Summary:** A varied ride with a watery theme, crossing the Rivers Tame, Cole and Blythe (which merge nearby) and passing the popular picnic area at Shustoke Reservoir. Return is via the Hams Hall Distribution Park.

**Refreshments:** In addition to pubs and cafes in Coleshill, there are two pubs along the route and a shop in Whiteacre Heath.

### The Route

**A** From the car park entrance go L and follow the road R 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**. After 1 mile cross the **River Blythe** and go SO for a further mile towards **Maxstoke**.

**B** Turn next L into **Castle Lane**. After 1.5 miles, turn R into **Hollyland**. Follow the lane to the end and turn L into **The Green**.

**C** At the end turn L into **Coleshill Rd** passing the **Plough** and the entrance to **Shustoke Reservoir**. Turn next R and at the end R again towards **Whitacre Heath**. Continue SO for 1 mile.

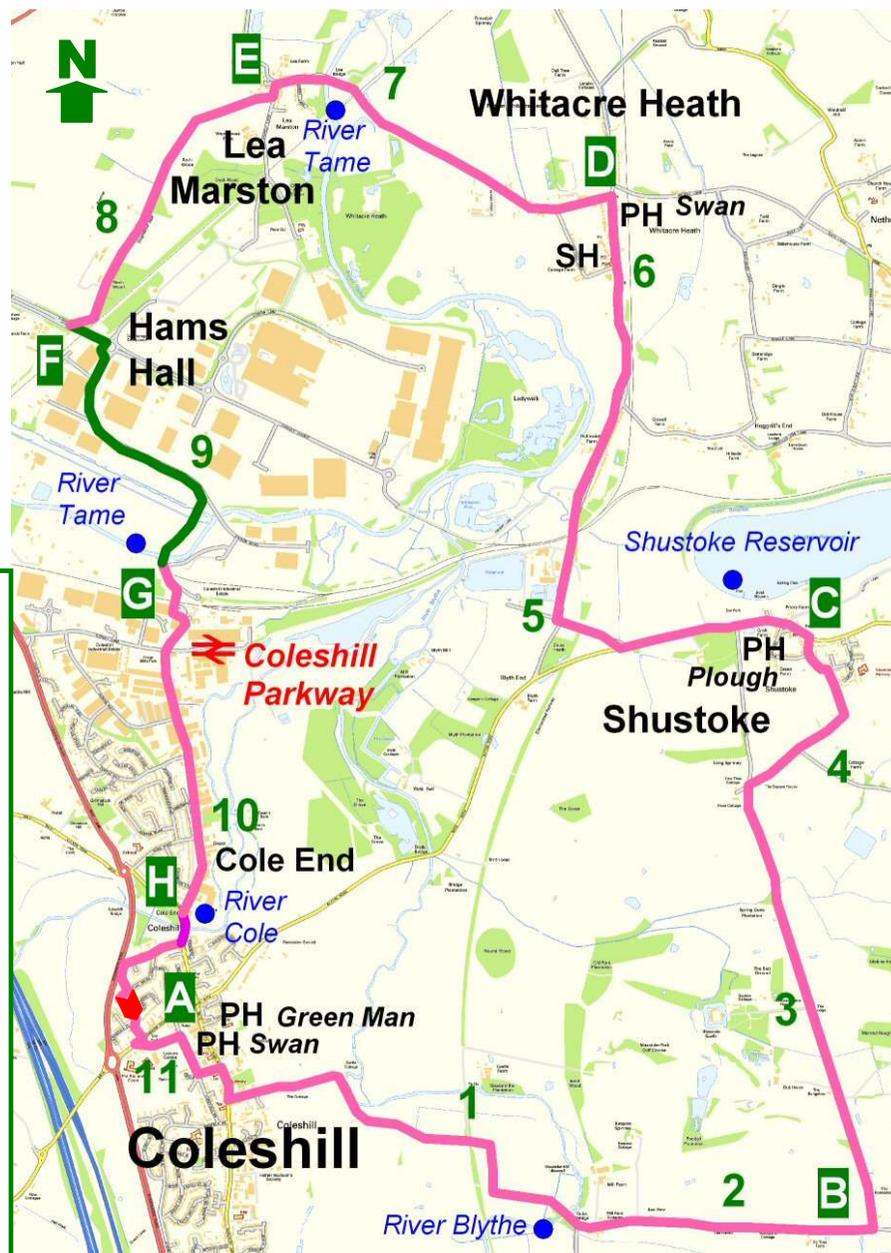
**D** Turn L opposite the **Swan Inn** into **Birmingham Rd** towards **Lea Marston**, eventually passing over a rail line and the **River Tame**.

**E** In the village turn L and then shortly afterwards R towards **Hams Hall**. Follow the road for 1 mile.

**F** At the dual carriageway turn L onto the cycle path, crossing the road just before the next roundabout. Follow the path R into **Edison Rd**. Continue along the cycle path until a path descends R, away from the road. At the bottom go R onto a rough road.

**G** At the end cross the **River Tame** and turn R. Use the cycle path to go over the bridge, passing **Coleshill Parkway**. At the traffic lights go SO along **Station Rd**.

**K** At the end go L over the narrow bridge crossing the **River Cole** and then immediately R into **Old Mill Rd**. Follow this road until the end and turn R. At the end of **Colemeadow Rd** turn R and then immediately L into **Park Rd** to return to the start point.



### Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
-  Quiet road
-  Busier road
-  Off road path – good surface
-  Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- PH** Public House
- 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 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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