

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.



**L15**

long route from  
**Coleshill**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**23 miles via Devitts Green  
Kingsbury WP & Lea Marston**

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

## Route L15 Coleshill to Kingsbury Water Park & Lea Marston

**Distance:** 23 miles (140 to 175 mins)

**Start:** Park Road car park, Coleshill town centre B46 3LA SP199890.

**Route Summary:** A ride of contrasts, using very quiet narrow lanes to visit **Kingsbury Water Park** and returning on cycle paths through the Hams Hall Distribution Park.

**Refreshments:** The only refreshments directly en-route are at Kingsbury Water Park.

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

### 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** and R again into **Moat House Lane**.

**C** At the end of this narrow winding lane, turn L and then first R into **Daw Mill Lane**. At the next junction go SO down the hill, going under the railway and past the coal mine.

**D** At the main road go R and after 150 yards turn L towards **Old Arley**. After 0.7 miles, turn L into **Wood Lane** towards **Ballards Green**. Follow this narrow winding lane until the end. Turn R and follow this lane for about 1.5 miles, going SO at the triangular junction.

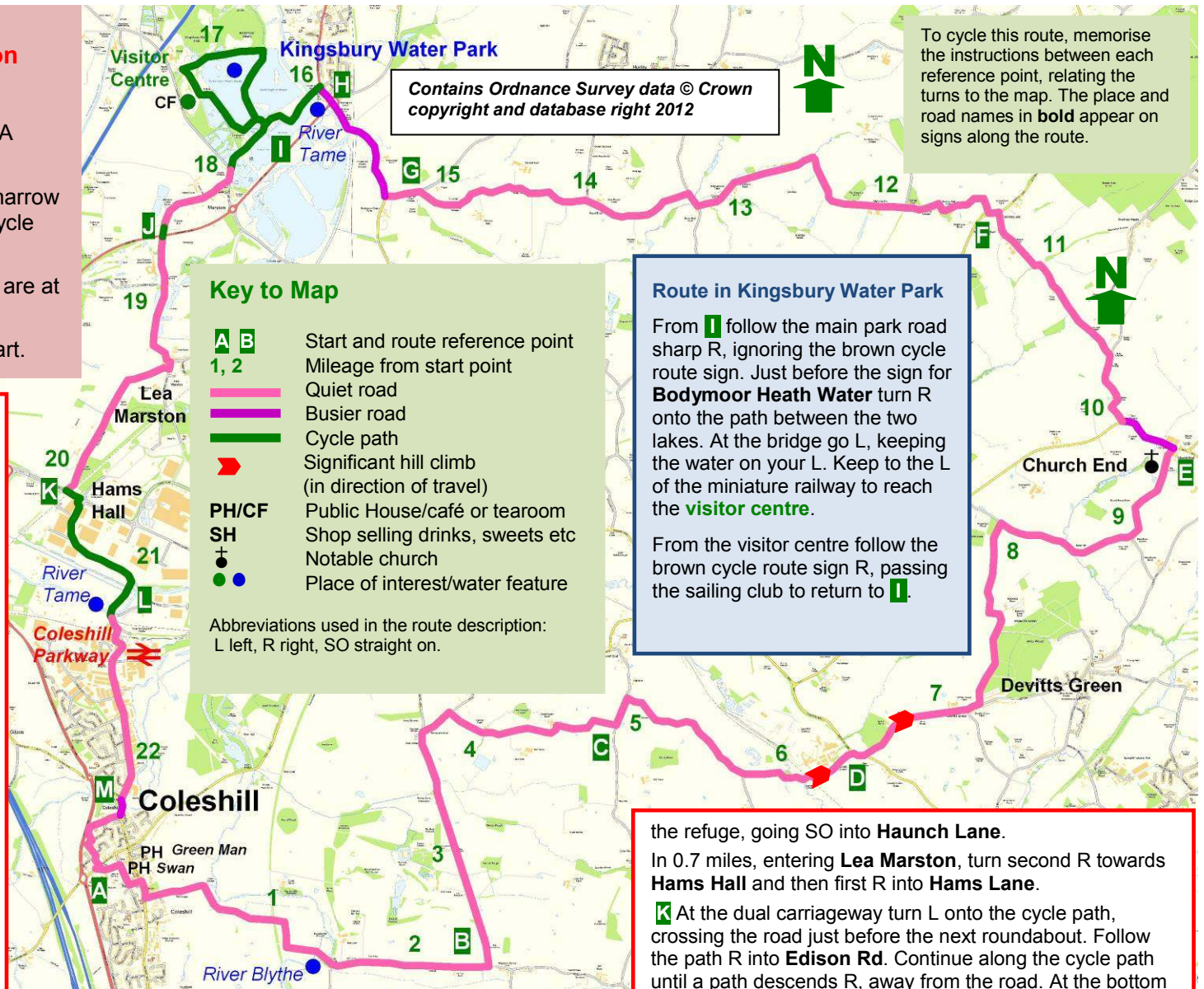
**E** At the end of the lane, by the **church**, turn L. After 0.3 miles turn R towards **Birchley Heath** (CAUTION the turn is uphill at a blind bend). Turn next L towards **Bentley**.

**F** At the end of this narrow lane turn L onto the **B4116** and then immediately R towards **Hurley**. Follow the winding lane for about 2 miles. At the end turn R towards **Hurley** and **Kingsbury** and then first L, following the brown cycle route sign. At the next junction go SO.

**G** At the end of the lane turn L, following the brown cycle route sign. At the main road turn R towards **Kingsbury**.

Pass under the railway and go SO at the roundabout towards **Tamworth** (CAUTION – busy junction).

**H** After 200 yards turn L into the closed **Kingsbury Road**. Cross the bridge and enter **Kingsbury Water Park**. Go SO to where the main park road bends sharply to the R. See



blue inset for a short circular route in the park via the **visitor centre**. To leave the park, continue at **I**.

**I** Follow the cycle route towards **Pine Pool**. Bear R on to the narrow cycle path to rejoin the closed road. At the end of **Kingsbury Rd** turn L and then R into **(Old) Kingsbury Road**. Follow the lane past the small green to the end.

**J** Go through the road closure and cross the main road at

the refuge, going SO into **Haunch Lane**.

In 0.7 miles, entering **Lea Marston**, turn second R towards **Hams Hall** and then first R into **Hams Lane**.

**K** 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.

**L** 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**.

**M** At the end go L over the narrow bridge 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.

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.

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