

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 Programme** on one of the rides.

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



L5

long route from
Meriden

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



22 miles via Maxstoke, Corley & Kinwalsey

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

Route L5 Meriden to Arley & Corley

Distance: 22 miles (130 to 170 mins)

Start: Meriden Green (with the village cross marking the 'Centre of England' and the cyclists' war memorial) CV7 7LN SP239823.

Route Summary: A fairly hilly ride but the reward is great views and some very attractive quiet country lanes.

Refreshments: There are a few pubs en-route and it is possible to access the facilities at M6 Corley Services.

Parking: There is free on-street parking around Meriden Green.

The Route

A From the Green turn R towards the roundabout. Go SO towards **Maxstoke** and R at the next roundabout to **Maxstoke**. Follow the road for 2.6 miles, eventually passing under the M6.

B At the end turn L towards **Shustoke**. At the end of the road turn R towards **Fillongley**. Turn next L into a narrow lane and first L following the brown cycle route sign.

C At the end of the lane turn R towards **Shawbury**. Turn next L into **Pump Lane**, passing under the pylons. At the end go L towards **Shustoke**. At the end of this lane turn R, 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 R to **New Arley**. At the end turn R to **Fillongley**. Go under the railway and turn next L into the narrow **Tipper's Hill Lane**. At the end turn R to **Wood End**.

E At the **B4102** turn R to **Fillongley**, passing the **Weavers Arms** pub. Turn L at the next crossroads to **Wood End**. At the end go R then immediately L following the narrow lane towards **Bedworth**. Follow the lane until the end.

F Turn R at the junction of **Breach Oak Lane** and **Howe Green Lane** towards **Corley**. At the end turn R passing the entrance to the motorway service area and over the M6. Turn next R into **Rock Lane**. Follow the lane up the hill, turning next R to reach the **B4098** in Corley village.

G Turn R and immediately L by the church toward **Corley Moor**. Follow the road for 1.5 miles until it ends near the

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