

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.

**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 (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\* there is a 5 or 6 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 Xtra rides** take place monthly starting at 9.30 am from different starting points. They are similar to the Sunday rides but about 25 miles long. **Saturday Stretcher rides** are also monthly starting at 9.30 am from different starting points. They are faster rides of about 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 early May to late August starting at 7 pm and following 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.



L9

long route from  
**Cheswick Green**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**22 miles via Forhill, Tanworth & Earlswood**

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



## Route L9 Cheswick Green to Forhill & Tanworth

**Distance:** 22 miles (135 to 170 mins)

**Start:** Cheswick Green Village Shops B90 4JA, SP127756

**Route Summary:** A fairly hilly ride into the narrow lanes and countryside of north Worcestershire.

**Refreshments:** There are several pubs en-route.

**Parking:** There is ample free parking behind the shops in Cheswick Green

### The Route

**A** From outside the shops turn L and L again past the **Saxon** pub into **Coppice Walk**. At the end of the road turn R and immediately R again into **Tanworth Lane** for 0.3 miles, and then first L into **Lady Lane**.

**B** Turn first R into **Braggs Farm Lane** and at the end go L and R into **Cleobury Lane**. At the end go R then L into **Birchy Leasowes Lane**.

**C** At the end of the lane turn R into **Tilehouse Lane** and then first L into **Houndsfield Lane**. Follow this road under the railway and through the ford (footbridge available). Go SO for about 1.5 miles, passing two crossroads. Just before passing under the A435 turn R into **Batemans Lane**.

**D** At the end turn L towards **Headley Heath**. At the end turn R and first L into **Bell Green Lane**. At the end of the lane turn L on to **Icknield Street** towards **Wythall**. At the end of the road turn L and then first R following the cycle route sign to **Redditch**.

**E** Keeping the **Peacock** pub on your R, go straight ahead down the narrow lane (caution - steep downhill gradients!), going SO (along **Icknield St**) at the next junction. Follow the very narrow lane a further 1.8 miles passing under the M42 on the way.

**F** At the end of the lane go L towards **Beoley** and immediately L onto **Lilly Green Rd**. After about a mile turn R into **Billesley Lane** (do not go over the motorway) and then first R into **Seafeld Lane**.

**G** After 1 mile turn R at the crossroads towards **Bransons Cross** and follow the lane until the end. Turn L onto the **B4101** for 300 yards and then L again into the narrow **Cherry Pick Lane**. At the end of this lane turn R.

This lane leads back on to the **B4101**.

**H** Turn L and with extra care take the second exit on the roundabout towards **Tanworth**, passing under the **A435**. Ignoring the slip road to **Evesham**, take the next R turn into **Blind Lane**. Follow the lane until the crossroads and turn L to **Tanworth**. Follow this road for 0.5 miles into the village.

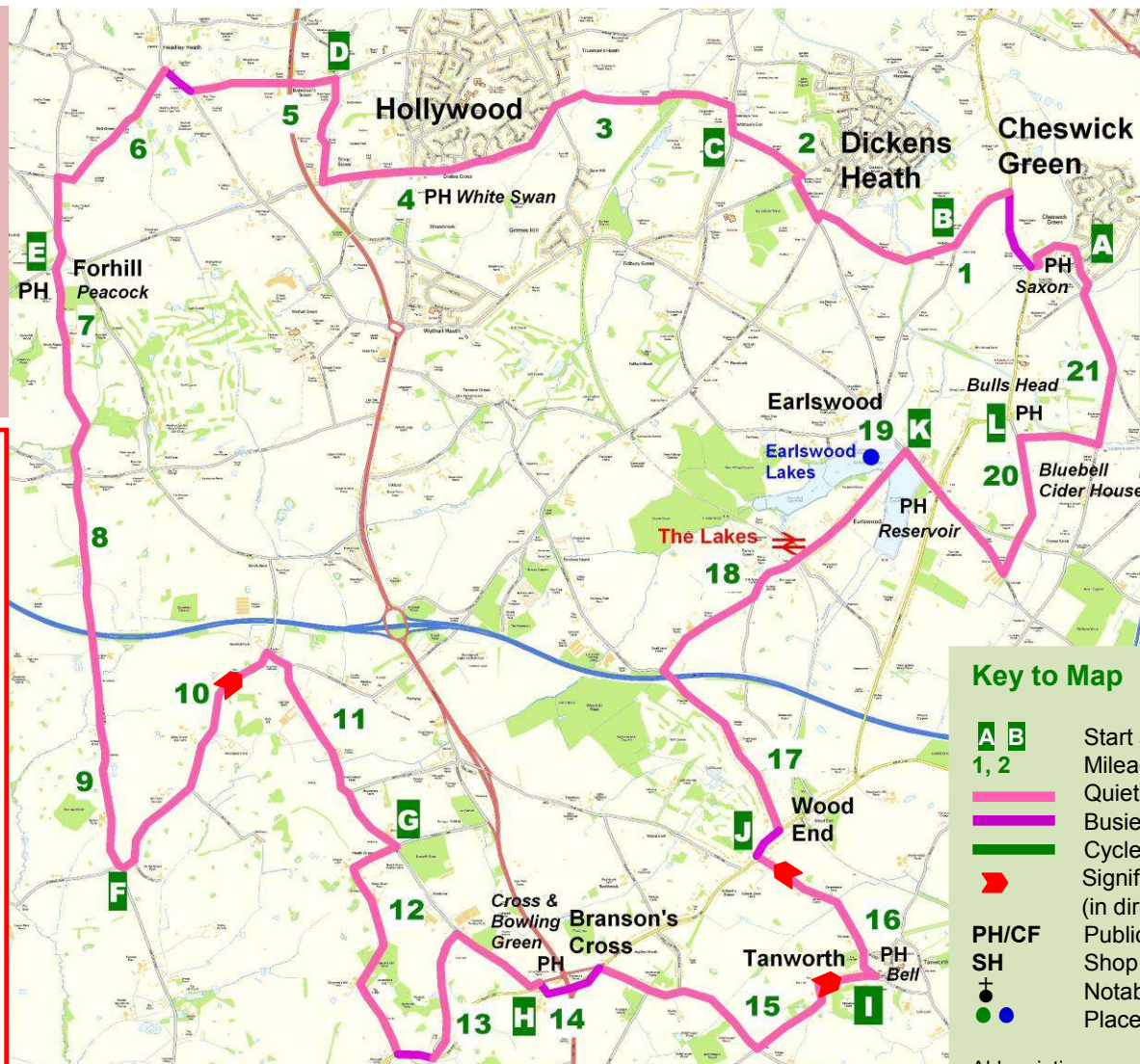
**I** As you enter the village turn R to visit **The Bell** pub (100 yards) and the church or L to continue with the route.

**J** On reaching the **B4101** turn R towards **Hockley Heath** and, after 200 yards, L into **Poolhead Lane**. Follow the lane over the M42 and turn immediately R. Continue past the rail station

to **Earlswood Lakes**.

**K** At the end of the lane turn R along the dam. Join the road below the dam and then go SO at the crossroads and turn second L. At the crossroads go SO.

**L** Turn next R by the **Bull's Head**. At the end turn L past the **Blue Bell Cider House**. Follow the road for 0.5 miles. Turn R at the crossroad to **Cheswick Green** and first L to return to the shops straight ahead.



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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### Key to Map

<b>A B</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.