

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.

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 and follow the "XL" routes.

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

or pick up a copy of the **Cyclesolihull** ride programme on one of the rides.



XL11 extra long route from
Hockley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**25 miles via Ullenhall,
Wootton Waven & Packwood**

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

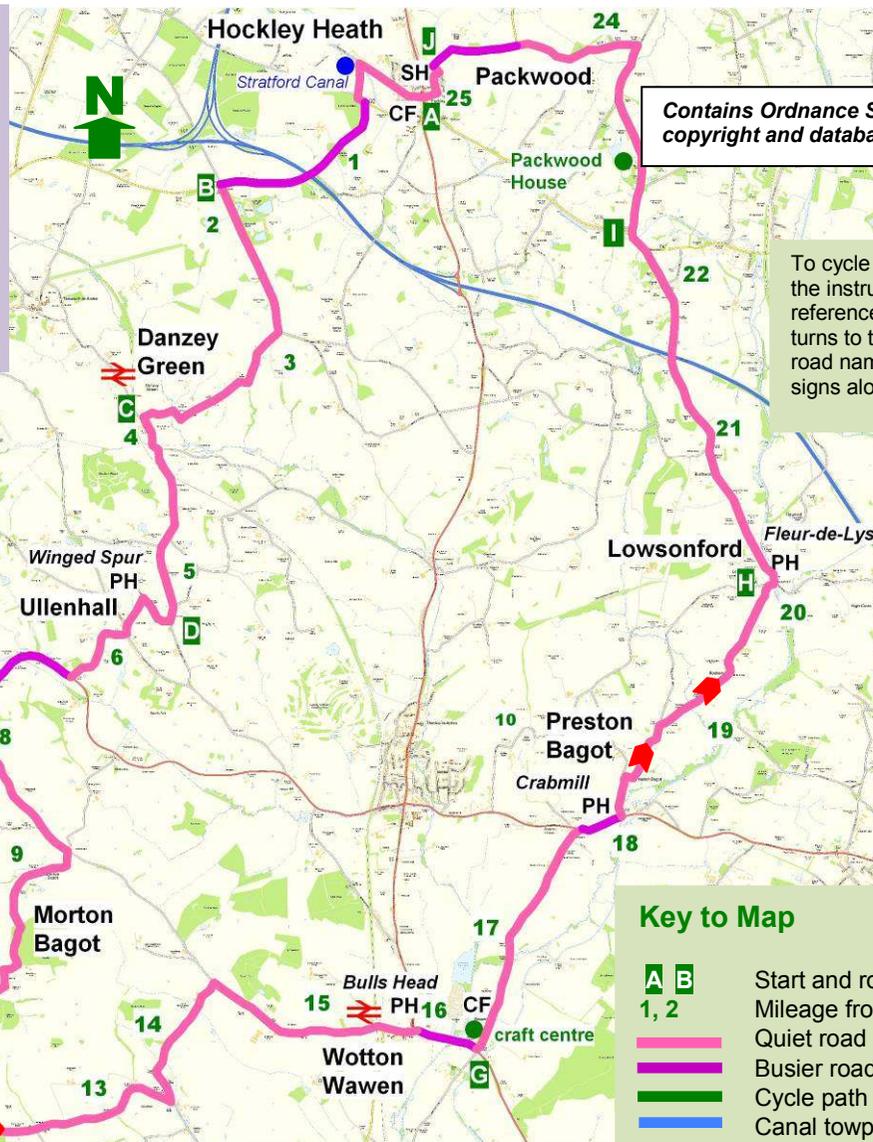
Route XL11 Hockley Heath to Ullenhall & Wootton Wawen

Distance: 25 miles (130-190 mins). **Start:** Hockley Heath Post Office B94 6QT SP153727

Route Summary: A ride on mainly quiet lanes through rolling countryside to Wootton Wawen. There are a few short sections on fairly quiet A roads.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs along the route and a café at Wootton.

Parking: There is on-street parking in nearby side roads. Please do not park in spaces provided for shoppers.



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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.

The Route

A From outside the post office go R down **School Rd** and after 0.5 miles turn L into **Sadlerswell Lane**. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and at the end of the lane turn L and then immediately R onto the **B4101** towards **Tanworth** eventually crossing the motorway.

B Turn next L into **Umberslade Road** towards **Kemps Green**. After 1.25 miles turn R into **Pigtrout Lane** towards **Danzey Green**. Follow the narrow winding road to the end.

C At the end of the lane turn L into **Danzey Green Lane** towards **Ullenhall**. Take the next R, again towards **Ullenhall**, going under the railway. Follow this lane for 1.1 miles.

D Turn next R into **Perry Mill Lane** and first L into **Watery Lane**. At the end of the lane go L and R into **Church Hill** passing **St Mary's Church**. At the **A4189** go R towards **Redditch**.

E After 1 mile turn L and L again at the crossroads to **Morton Bagot**. At the next crossroads go R again towards **Morton Bagot**. Follow this winding road for about 2 miles.

F At the end turn L and first L to **Shelfield**. After 2 miles turn first L to **Wawensmoor**. At the end go R towards **Wootton Wawen**. Follow the road, eventually passing under the railway to reach the **A3400** in **Wootton Wawen**. Turn R towards **Stratford** (caution busier road!) passing over the **River Aine** and the **Yew Tree Craft Centre**.

G Turn next L into **Pettiford Lane**. At the end turn R onto the **A4189** towards **Warwick** (caution busier road) and first L to **Preston Bagot**. Go next R to **Preston Fields**. Follow the narrow twisting lane for nearly 2 miles to **Lawsonford**.

H At the end turn R and immediately L towards **Hockley Heath**, passing the **Fleur de Lys** pub and eventually crossing the motorway.

I At the end turn L towards **Hockley Heath** and first R and first L to **Packwood House**. After passing the historic house take the

second turning L down **Vicarage Road** towards **Hockley Heath**. Follow this lane until the end where it joins the **B4101** on a sharp bend.

J Approaching the village turn L in to **Park View** and first R into **Meadow Close**. Just before the end turn R and go past the bollards to the path which leads to the service road opposite the start point.

Key to Map

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