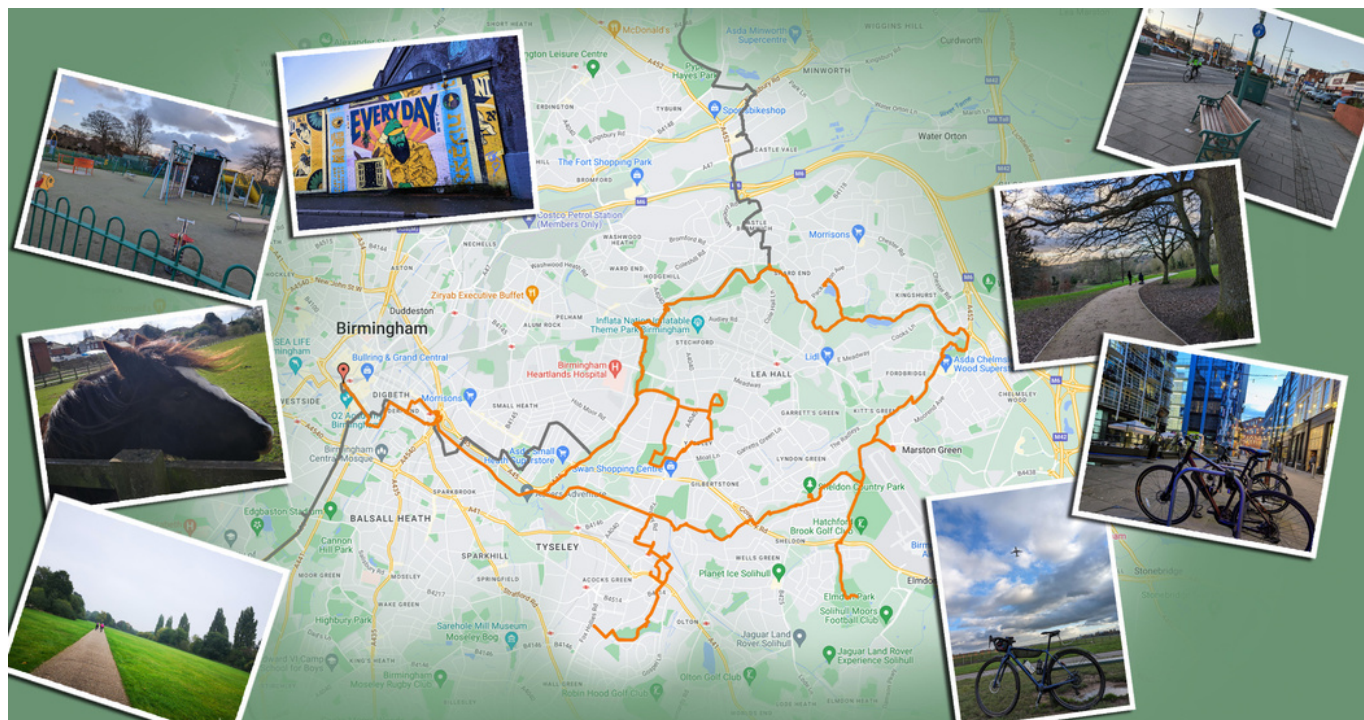




69wards - Route 10



City Centre - Yardley - Birmingham Airport - Acocks Green

Start/Finish: New Street Station,
Hill Street Entrance

Distance: 37 miles

Average cycle time: 4 hrs

Average Walk time: 14hrs

An almost completely traffic free route from Birmingham city centre using shared paths, greenways, canal towpaths and parks. This is a fantastic route for all the family. Taking you out to see the planes at the airport viewing area with lots to explore along the way including visitor attractions, heritage sites, adventure playgrounds and shops, there's something for everyone!

Highlights:

- Hippodrome Theatre
- Grand Union Canal
- Blakesley Hall
- St Edburgha's Church
- Babb's Mill Lake
- Airport Viewing Area
- Fox Hollies Leisure Centre

Green spaces:

- Oaklands Park
- Old Yardley Park
- Kingfisher Country Park
- Meriden Park
- Elmdon Park
- Sheldon Country Park
- Westley Vale
- Fox Hollies Park

Pitstops & toilets:

- Grand Central
- Swan Shpping Centre
- Chelmsley Wood
- Old Rectory farm
- Acocks Green Shops

View the full route in detail by clicking the links below and follow using gps via Komoot, the route finding and navigation website/app, or Google Maps.

[**Komoot**](#)

[**Google Maps**](#)



Route Description



This is a lovely route, starting in the city centre, you are soon on the Grand Union Canal which shortly joins the Cole Valley route. Miles of lush green space taking you out to Babbs Mill Lake. We recommend stopping to enjoy views and connect with nature. On the way you have the option to divert off this path on a little loop to explore Yardley via quiet roads. Stops include heritage site, Blakesley Hall. Old Yardley Park & St Edburgha's Church, the Swan Shopping Centre and Oaklands Recreation Ground. A little further on Glebe Farm Library and Shard End community centre are also worthy pit stops.



This shared path continues and provides lovely views as you pass through Kingfisher and Sheldon Country Park. Highlights along the way include Meriden Park with its adventure playground, Chelmsely Wood shopping centre and the fantastic airport viewing area. Enjoy great views of the planes as you pass by the end of the runway before continuing to Elmdon Park, slightly off the route but worth a visit, You will then pass Old Rectory Farm & tea room, a lovely place for a little refreshment stop_

After Lyndon playing fields you will come to some steep steps with a narrow ridge to wheel bicycles leading to the canal towpath, this may be difficult for some people. There is access using an alternative path via Woodcock Lane North and Cambridge Way. Using the gravel path to the right explore Acocks Green and the surrounding area. Highlights on this loop include, bird mural by Anatomix, Westley Vale Millennium Green, Acocks Green high-street with lots of shops and fab public space with planters and benches, as well as Fox Hollies Park and Leisure Centre. After this loop you rejoin the Grand Union Canal all the way back to the City Centre the way you came, via Bradford Street the cycle way. If walking this section at start and finish it may be better if you walk along Digbeth High street.

Key places to join/leave the route

- Yardley
- Shard End or Babbs Mill Lake
- Chelmsley Wood

Access the route vis public transport

- **Train Stations:** New Street, Bordesley, Small Heath, Stechford, Marston Green, Acocks Green, Olton, Hall Green
- **Bus Routes:** 60, 97, 14, 11

Accessing The Route

Our routes are designed to be self-guided, accessible by bike or foot and well connected with bus routes, train stations and bike parking across the city. There are two ways you can access this route and view it more closely. This is through **Google maps** and our recommended option **Komoot**. These are both FREE route finding tools which allow you to view the routes in more detail and show things like places of interest, green spaces, public transport links and cafe stops.

Komoot also offers turn by turn navigation. It's easy to get started, you just need to sign up, select Birmingham as your first FREE region to start exploring. There are great features to help plan/modify your journey, information about road types and highlights you will find along the way.

Google Map: www.bit.ly/GoogleMaps_Route10

Komoot: www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route10



Be mindful that you are responsible for your own safety

We think these routes are great for adults, individuals and families who want to explore by foot and perfect to help build confidence cycling. Here are a few things to remember

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- Always follow the Highway Code.
- When on shared paths, give priority and be courteous to pedestrians.
- Please be extra careful when riding near open water.
- Ride within your own ability.
- If stopping to rest or look at the map, please stop in a suitable and safe place.
- Most of all, have fun!

69wards by Bike or Foot Bingo!



Have some fun while you're out riding or walking the routes with a game of Bingo! Can you get a full house? Take photos and share them with us on social media by tagging **@ecobirmingham** or using **#69wards** & **#WalkCyclePlay**



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