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Start/Finish

Circular routes start and finish in the same place. However you can start anywhere you like along the route. Remember to change the starting point of the directions list too. Route directions are given, adjust the direction if you choose to cycle in the opposite direction.

Hint Riding with the family?

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The maps allow you to explore on your own

The routes pass a number of interesting features where you could stop to investigate, or revisit by bike another time. A cycle storage symbol is given in the directions list. There are eleven route maps, which vary in length and grading. Why not choose an easy one to start and once you realise how quick, easy and fun it is, try some of the longer routes or make your own using the Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Cycling Map and Guide 2011. Two National Cycle Network Routes pass through Stoke-on-Trent. So if you've really got the cycling bug, using these could take you even further.

National Cycle Route 5 runs from Stafford via Stone, Barlaston and Kidsgrove through Stoke-on-Trent on an almost entirely traffic-free route following the Trent and Mersey Canal and disused railway line. The route continues into Cheshire and along the North Wales coast to Holyhead on Anglesey.

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Safety Advice

Ride considerately on greenways and towpaths by giving priority to pedestrians and warning them of your approach. On towpaths follow the "waterways code" ride in single file away from the canal edge and take care at potential hazard points such as low bridges, bridges with low side barriers, blind bends, moorings and cobbled sections. Also take care when crossing roads and using the "on road" sections and at the locations shown on the map by the red caution symbol.



Marshalled Leisurely Rides

Rides start at 10am, please register at 9.45am

17 April

Britannia to Trentham (7 miles)
 Start from Trentham Estate car park (by mini roundabout)

15 May

Longton to Berryhill (11 miles)
 Start from Park Hall Country Park visitor centre (off Hulme Road)

22 May

Westport to Kidsgrove (8 miles)
 Start from Westport Lake car park (off Davenport Street)

19 June

Stoke to Lyme Valley (9 miles)
 Start from Wharf Place car parking (off Glebe Street - next to canal)

26 June

Ford Green to Bidulph Grange (14 miles)
 Start from Ford Green Hall car park (off Ford Green Road)

17 July

Britannia to Longton (7 miles)
 Start from Britannia Stadium car park (off Stanley Matthews Way)

21 August

Forest Park to Chatterley Whitfield (12 miles)
 Start from Forest Park car park (off Chell Street, Hanley)

18 September

Westport to Apedale (12 miles)
 Start from Westport Lake car park (off Davenport Street)

16 October

Britannia to Wedgwood (10 miles)
 Start from Britannia Stadium car park (off Stanley Matthews Way)

Leisurely Cycle Rides around Stoke-on-Trent

About the routes

Stoke-on-Trent has a wonderful network of greenways for cycling and walking. They allow you to travel around without having to share your space with traffic and noise. Eleven routes will introduce you to some of the hidden wonders that can be explored on two wheels. This leaflet provides an overview of the circular cycle routes which are the 2011 leisurely rides. Each route map can be downloaded from cyclestoke.co.uk or you can request a copy by telephone on 01782 238692 or email cyclestoke@stoke.gov.uk. Guided rides along these routes will take place on the third Sunday of each month between March and October 2011. These leisure rides are fully led and marshalled and are free. They will take place at a leisurely pace, are open to anyone and are suitable for all cyclists, including families and people with little experience. See inside for leisure ride dates.

Leisurely Cycle Rides

FREE

- > Suitable for all cyclists including families and people with little experience
- > Stoke-on-Trent has 150km of greenways to enjoy, start exploring them on your bike with eight leisurely cycle rides





Leisurely Cycle Rides

Routes pass close together or overlap in places so could be combined for a longer ride.



Based on a simplified map. For help on using short cuts, extensions or combining routes, please use the more detailed Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Cycling Map and Guide 2011



Ford Green to Biddulph Grange

Circular Cycle Ride
4

Miles: 14
Time: 3 hours
Level: Moderate

Park Hall, Longton and Berry Hill Fields

Circular Cycle Ride
5

Miles: 10 (loop)
Time: 3 hours
Level: Moderate

Forest Park, Chatterley Whitfield and Packmoor

Circular Cycle Ride
6

Miles: 15 (loop)
Time: 3 hours
Level: Moderate

Britannia Stadium to Wedgwood

Circular Cycle Ride
7

Miles: 7 (loop)
Time: 2½ hours
Level: Easy

Westport Lake to Kidsgrove

Circular Cycle Ride
8

Miles: 8 (loop)
Time: 2 hours
Level: Easy

Stoke to Lyme Valley

Circular Cycle Ride
9

Miles: 9 (loop)
Time: 2½ hours
Level: Moderate

Britannia Stadium to Longton

Circular Cycle Ride
10

Miles: 7 (loop)
Time: 2 hours
Level: Easy

City Centre Circular

Circular Cycle Ride
11

Miles: 10 (loop)
Time: 2½ hours
Level: Easy

Remember always follow the Highway Code

Check over your right shoulder regularly. Do not cycle on the pavement, unless it is signed for cyclists. Be considerate when passing other users, such as pedestrians and horse riders, especially if approaching them from behind. They may not know you are there. Always allow plenty of room and do not pass too quickly.

