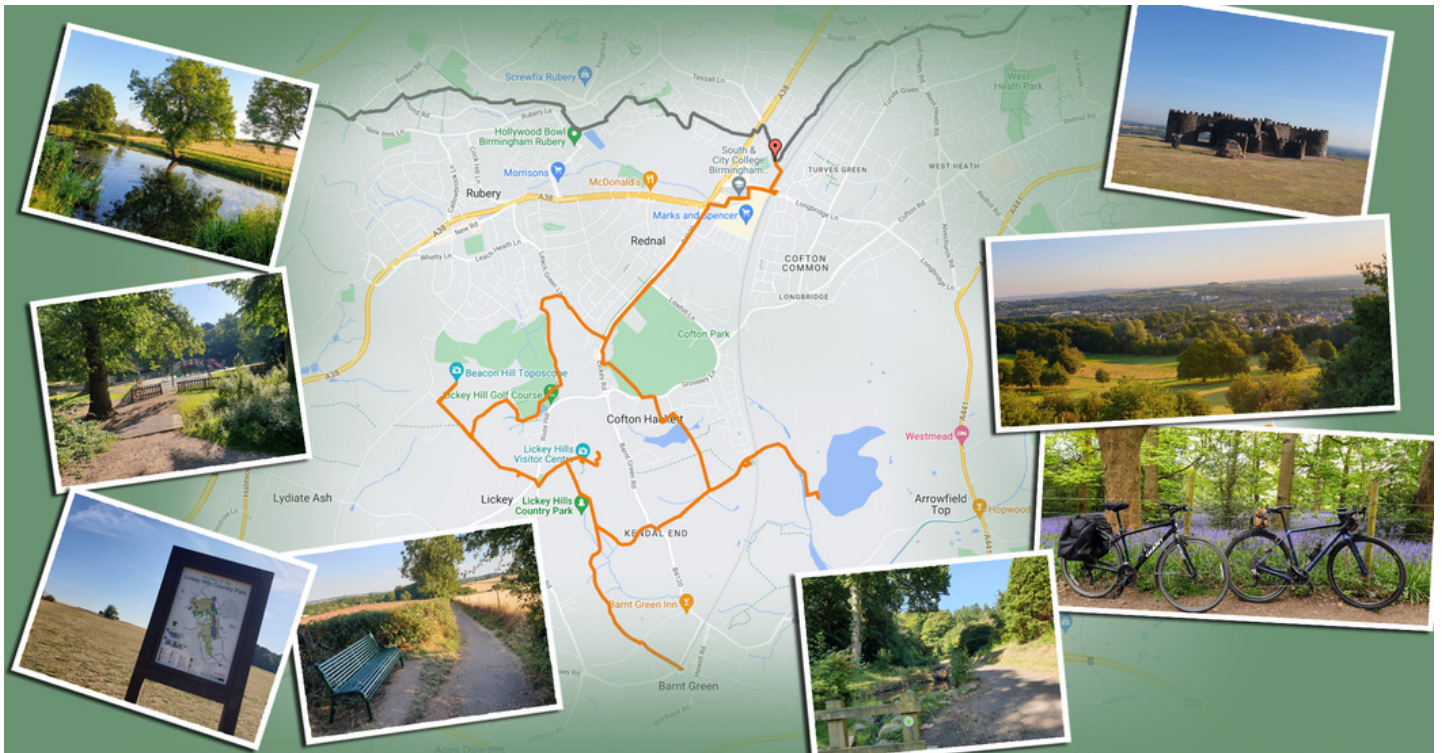




69wards - Route 3



Longbridge - Lickey Hills

Start/Finish: Longbridge train station

Distance: 10miles

Average cycle time: 2hrs

Average walk time: 6hrs

Enjoy a lovely day out by bike or foot from Longbridge Train Station. With so many spots to explore, you may want to do this route in shorter sections. Expect mixed terrain, bridleways and shared paths, a bit of mud if it's been wet and some big hills! This route is worth every step, pedal or push of the bike with spectacular views of the Lickey Hills and surrounding areas. You'll also find plenty of pitstops along the way, including cafes, parks and toilets, so feel free to take it slow and enjoy a refreshing day outdoors.

Highlights:

- Holy Trinity Church
- Lickey Monument
- St Michael & All Angels' Church

Green spaces:

- Bittel Reservoir
- Lickey Hills
- Beacon Hill Castle

Pitstops & toilets:

- Longbridge Centre
- Barnt Green
- Lickey Hills Visitor Centre
- Duck Pond Cafe

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**](#)

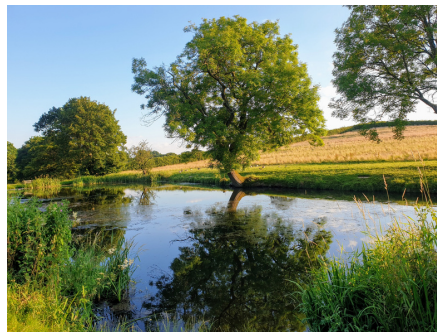


Route Description



Begin by making your way through Longbridge Centre, heading towards Cofton via the shared path on Lickey Road and through Cofton Park. Cross Groveley Lane to join quiet side roads and a surfaced bridleway path. Enjoy the scenery as you travel to Bittle Reservoir. This hidden gem is popular with walkers and the perfect picnic spot.

Go back the way you came, up the hill and cross Barnt Green Road into Lickey Hills Country Park. This bridleway is a little bumpy if cycling and can be muddy. There are lots of paths to explore across Lickey Hills or head to Barnt Green for the train station, shops and cafes.



The route then follows the main path to Lickey Hills Visitor Centre, where you will find a children's playground, cafe and toilets. Further up the hill there is a striking view of the whole area.

Continue by heading back through the car park and over Rose Hill to Monument Lane, keeping an eye out for the hidden monument in the trees on the left. Not too far from here is Beacon Hill Castle, boasting an awesome view of Birmingham to the north and the Malvern Hills to the South.

The route then loops back through woodlands, travelling along unsurfaced paths which may be muddy, lumpy and steep in places. If cycling, we recommend walking down if necessary, to where you will find a duck pond and café. Bike parking is available here, great if you are cycling but would rather explore the Lickey Hills and the surrounding area on foot.

From here, you will find one more tree lined bridle path to enjoy and a short road section before we head back to Longbridge using the shared path on Lickey Road. With a few hills along the way, this route may be a little more challenging for some. However, with spectacular views around every corner, we guarantee it is worth the effort. Enjoy!

Key places to join/leave the route:

- Longbridge Centre
- Cofton Park
- Barnt Green

Access the route via public transport:

- **Train Stations:** Longbridge, Barnt Green
- **Bus Routes:** 20A, 45/47

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_Route3

Komoot: www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route3



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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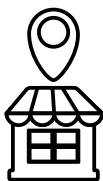
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