



69wards - Route 5



Bournville - Cotteridge - Northfield

Start: Bournville Train Station

Finish: Stirchley High Street

Distance: 14 miles

Average cycle time: 2hrs 15min

Average Walking time: 7hrs

Explore South Birmingham's picturesque heritage sites with this fun-filled route. Mostly traffic-free using shared paths, parks and only a few roads. You can also break this 14-mile route up and try shorter sections, using it to access spots such as Rowheath Pavillion, the viewpoint over Bartley Green Reservoir, as well as other green spaces and points of interest for all the family.

Highlights:

- Selly Manor
- Serbian Church
- Northfield Library
- Bartley Green Reservoir
- Cadbury's
- Stirchley High Street

Green spaces:

- Cotteridge Park
- Mannor Farm Park
- Merritts Brook Greenway
- Woodlands Park
- Ley Hill Park
- Bournville Park

Pitstops & toilets:

- The Shed, Cotteridge Park
- Rowheath Pavillion
- Northfield Shopping Centre
- Bournville Village
- Stirchley High Street

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



Starting at Bournville Train Station (Mary Vale Road entrance by the canal) you will head towards Cotteridge Park. Discover the history behind the stones that lie around the park and don't forget to pop into The Shed to find out about activities happening in the park. Refreshments and toilets are also available here.



Shortly after Franklin Road, pass through Rowheath Park and enjoy the lovely scenery. The route then takes in the fantastic greenways through Woodlands Park and Victoria Common.

Masefield Community Garden, Northfield Library and high street are all easily accessible from here, with bike parking available at the rear shopping centre entrance located in the park, or on Church Road.



Coming out of Victoria Common, use the shared paths from Bristol Road and side roads passing NAF community Garden and Allen's Cross Community Centre as you make your way to Ley Hill Park. There is an option here to take on a few hills. This is on roads for a short while and some parts can be busy at times but once at the top, you will be rewarded with a striking viewpoint over Bartley Green Reservoir. Take a packed lunch and enjoy watching the world go by.

In Ley Hill Park you will find a fantastic woodland and wildlife area, as well as children's play areas and community centre. When you are finished exploring, the route heads back through more wonderful parkland, taking in Merritts Brook Greenway, Manor Farm and Bournville Park. Enjoy these mini oases of green space, as well as some great heritage spots, including the Serbian Church, Selly Manor and Bournville Village. Cadbury World is a great place to visit on the route and day out for all the family, or why not just pop into the Cadbury shop and pick up some chocolatey treats.

This route finishes on Stirchley Highstreet, very close to where you started, giving you the opportunity to check out the local independent cafes, shops or breweries.

Key places to join/leave the route

- Cotteridge Park
- Row Heath Pavilion
- Northfield
- Bournville Village

Access the route vis public transport

- **Train Stations:** Bournville, Kings Norton or Northfield
- **Bus Routes:** 11, 18, 27, 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_Route5

Komoot: www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route5



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 bike or foot. 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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Green Space



walk or cycle
for a short
journey



Get connected
to nature



Choose walking or
cycling for your
daily exercise



Ride/walk a
route you haven't
done before



Share your
commute



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