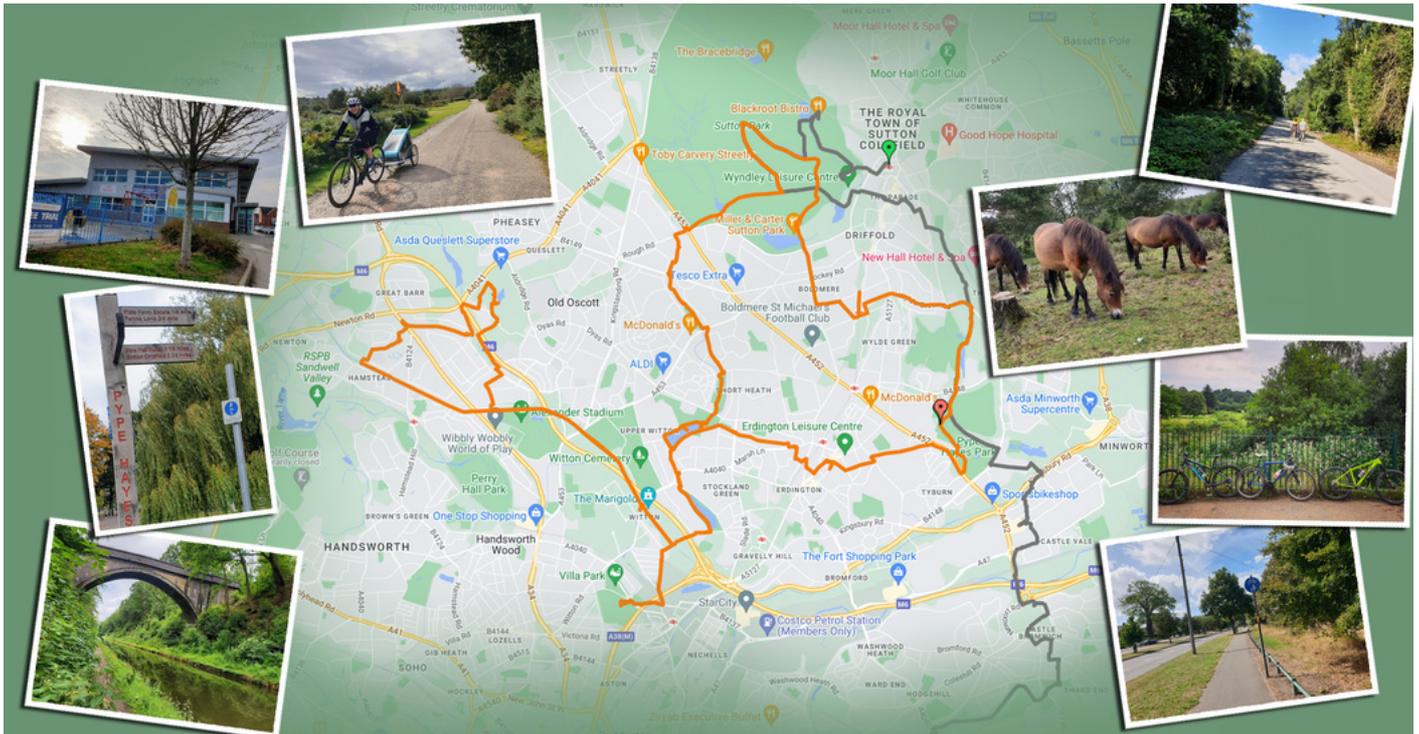




# 69wards - Route 13



## Pype Hayes - Erdington - Witton - Wylde Green

**Start/Finish:** Pype Hayes Park

**Distance:** 30 miles

**Average cycle time:** 3hrs 30min

**Average Walking time:** 12hrs

At 30 miles this route takes you on a little adventure from Pype Hayes Park exploring north of the city. You can expect to a mixture of parks, canals, quiet roads and greenways. With so much to see and lots of places to visit you can easily split this route into sections and enjoy great days out by bike or foot.

### Highlights:

- Erdington High Street
- Villa Park
- Tame Valley Canal
- Freeth Bridge
- National Cycle Route 535
- The Donkey Sanctuary
- Urban Fox mural, Wylde Green

### Green spaces:

- Pypes Hayes Park
- Brookvale Park & Lake
- Perry Park & Reservoir
- Gorse Farm Wood
- Turnberry Park
- Queslett Nature Reserve
- Witton Lakes & Park
- Sutton Park

### Pitstops & toilets:

- Aston Hall, Cafe & Toilets
- Witton Lakes Eco Hub and The Orchard Tearoom
- Sutton Park Visitor Centre
- Wyndley Leisure Centre
- Boldmere 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



Setting off from Pype Hayes Park the route heads straight for Erdington using quiet roads and a local cycle route. The high street is open to pedestrians and people wheeling or scooting, a great place to stop for some refreshments or a spot of shopping. Just a short distance from here you will join shared paths through Bleak Hill Park until you reach Witton Lakes, home to the eco hub and cafe. Joining National Cycle Route 535 you will then head to Aston Hall via Brookvale Park and quiet roads, also passing Villa Park for those wishing to choose active travel next match day.

Heading back the way you came there is an optional loop which takes you along the Tame Valley Canal, this is a beautiful part of the route passing Perry Park, Alexander Stadium and under the amazing freeth bridge. Be aware that there are some steps and a road crossing to negotiate along the way.

Leaving the canal the route takes you on quiet roads and through Turnberry Park to Queslett Park & Nature Reserve, a fab green space with sign posted walks and a view over the lake. We recommend using the pedestrian crossing to cross the Walsall Road.



Head back along the canal and rejoin NCR 535 which takes you all the way to Sutton Park via fabulous greenspaces and shared paths. Highlights include Perry Common meadows and a lovely loop of the park via the Jamboree Stone where you might be lucky enough to see the wild ponies and cattle grazing. An ice cream stop and visit to the Donkey Sanctuary are also strongly advised.

You will leave the park with a short section on the road until you join paths through New Hall Valley back to Pype Hayes Park via NCR 534, passing Boldmere high street and Wylde Green train station. This station is also a lovely green corridor and community space with a fab fox mural by Annatomix not to be missed.

## Key places to join/leave the route:

- Erdington High Street
- Perry Barr Canal Locks
- Queslett
- Sutton Park
- Boldmere

## Access the route via public transport:

- **Train Stations:** Chester Road, Erdington, Witton, Aston, Sutton Coldfield, Wylde Green
- **Bus Routes:** 11, 28, 7, 997, 66, 935

# 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 interested, 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\\_Route13](http://www.bit.ly/GoogleMaps_Route13)

**Komoot:** [www.bit.ly/Komoot\\_Route13](http://www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route13)



## 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**



Visit a  
Green Space



Invite friends  
and family for a  
walk or ride



Get connected  
to nature



Choose walking  
or cycling for  
exercise



Ride/walk a  
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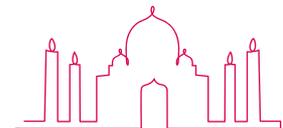
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