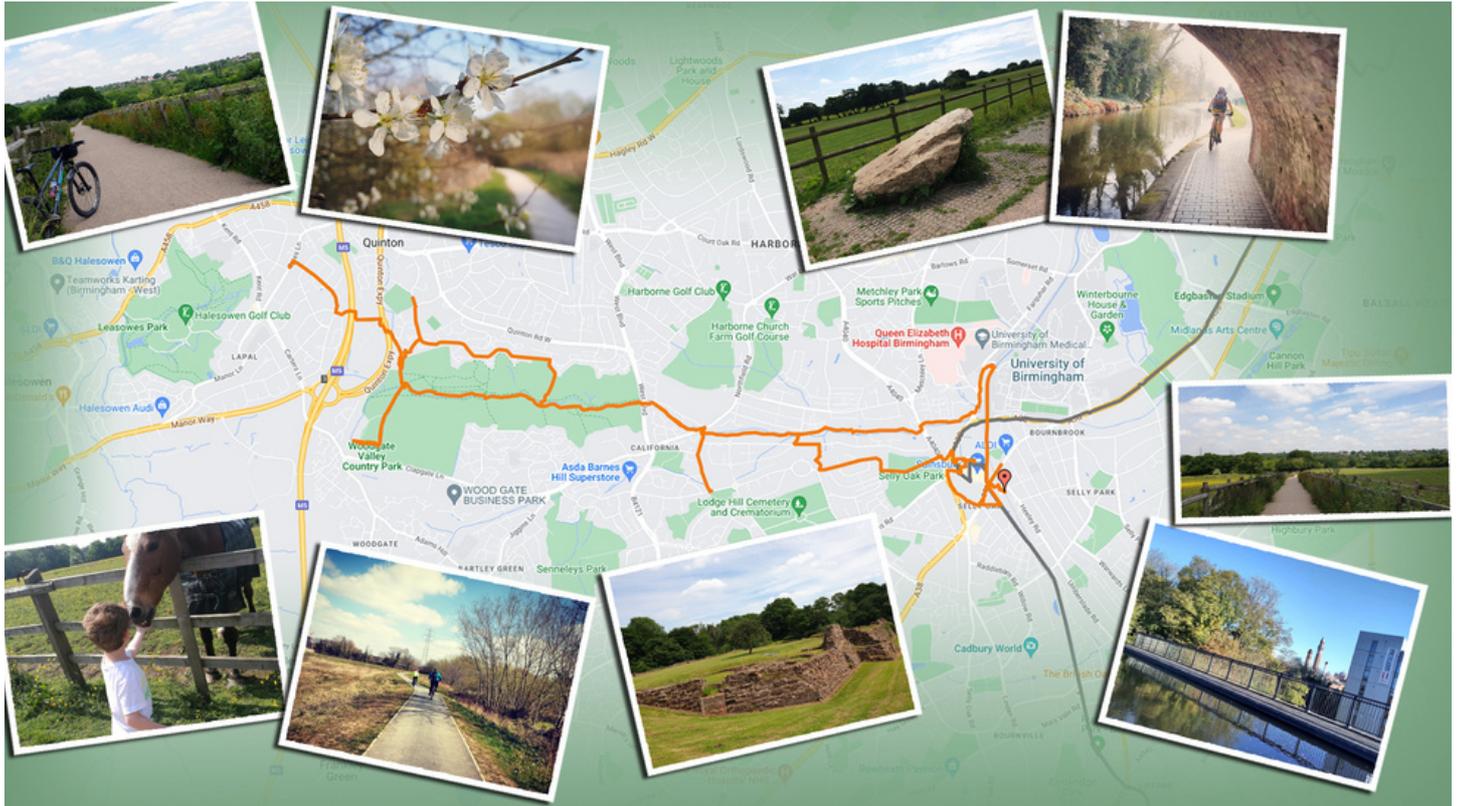




69wards - Route 6



Selly Oak - Woodgate Valley - Quinton

Start/Finish:

Selly Oak Train Station

Distance: 13.5miles

Average cycle time: 2hrs

Average Walk time: 6hrs

This route starts from Selly Oak Train Station and is a lovely tour mostly traffic-free along Bournbrook and into Woodgate Valley Country Park, one of Birmingham's fantastic greenways. You'll find relics of the Ice Age, several erratic boulders varying in size and shape, as well as lush green spaces and fab places to visit including one of Birmingham's great heritage sites.

Highlights:

- Urban City Farm
- Erratic Boulders
- Weoley Castle Ruins
- Hole Farm Trekking Centre

Green spaces:

- Bourn Brook Walkway
- Woodgate Valley
- Selly Oak Park
- Highfield Recreation Ground

Pitstops & toilets:

- University of B'ham
- Coffee @ Cogs
- Selly Oak shopping Park

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](#)

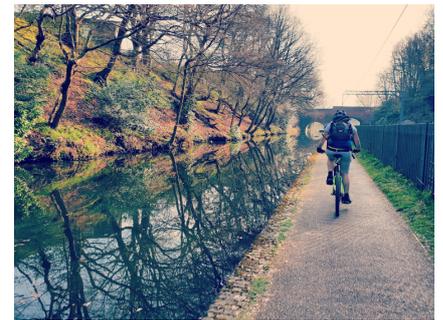
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Route Description



Start this lovely loop from Selly Oak Train Station by joining the canal a short way up the Bristol Road. Enjoy the green scenery and good surfaced path until the University exit where you will need to use the steps and small ridged ramp to wheel bicycles – you can use Bristol Road as an alternative. You then head along a shared path to Bourn Brook Walkway, a winding gravel path which continues through wooded areas and a nature reserve. Keep a close eye on the river banks for kingfishers! This path continues all the way to Woodgate Valley Country Park. Here is where the search for erratic boulders begins! Find out more about these randomly placed rocks here: www.erraticsproject.org



Follow the brook through Woodgate Valley Country Park until you reach a sign post. On your left is a path leading up to the Urban City Farm, playground, friendly grazing horses and a great view. Turn right over the bridge and follow the path over Quinton Expressway where you'll join shared paths and quiet roads, taking you to cycle friendly cafe, Coffee@Cogs. Alternatively, part way along the path turn right over a metal bridge leading to a residential area and Highfield Recreation Ground. The route then heads through quiet streets, passing an impressive erratic boulder sitting on a raised platform. A path between the houses takes you back down to Woodgate Valley, returning the way you came. Cross the main road and look out for the exit on your right which takes you up to the Weoley Castle ruins, a fantastic local heritage site.

On your return journey, you have the option to go back the way you came via Bournbrook Walkway, or exit at Elford Road using a few local residential streets to Selly Oak Park and retail park, where you will find a supermarket and other shops, perfect for picking up refreshments. Join the Blue Cycle Way towards Selly Oak High Street, finishing your day out with a visit to Bournbrook Community Space and skate park via the pop up cycle lane. Use the shared path to return to Selly Oak Train Station.

Key places to join/leave the route

- Bristol Road
- Woodgate Valley Country Park
- Selly Oak Park

Access the route vis public transport

- **Train Stations:** Selly Oak, University
- **Bus Routes:** 63, 24, 23, 76

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_Route6

Komoot: www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route6



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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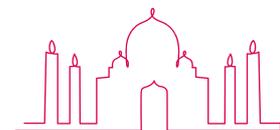
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