

Leg 1 - Clent Hills to Cannock Chase

Length: 35 miles

Time to allow for cycling: 4 hours 15 minutes



1 From the main entrance of the Camping and Caravanning Club at Clent Hills, turn right onto Fieldhouse Lane towards Romsley. At the t-junction, turn right and enter into Romsley, taking the first turning on your right into Dark Lane.

2 Follow Dark Lane for approximately 500 metres, turning right at the brow of the hill, up a narrow lane.

3 After a short distance, turn right joining the B4551 Bromsgrove Road. Follow the main road for 700 metres then turn left into Putney Lane, following this for 400 metres until you reach a t-junction. Turn left here onto Old House Lane.

4 Follow Old House Lane for approximately 1 mile, crossing over the M5 motorway bridge, past Waseley Country Park and into Gannow Green.

5 Turn left into Boleyn Road, taking the marked cycle track on the right hand side of the road, turning right into Skomer Close after 100 metres. Continue straight ahead through the bollards in front of you emerging into Lismore Close.

6 Follow Lismore Close for 300 metres until you reach the junction of Ormond Road in front of you. Turn right onto Ormond Road and follow the marked cycle track for 20 metres, turning left and following the 'Rea Valley Route'.

7 Follow the cycle route for approximately 600 metres, turning right towards Frankley (with Frankley Community High School directly opposite you).



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- 8** At Arden Road, cross straight over and take the marked cycle route directly in front of you – Arden Walk.
- 9** Follow the cycle route to Rubery Lane, turning left onto the main road and continuing straight ahead into Tessall Lane, continuing for 0.5 miles and turning right into Elan Road.
- 10** Follow this road for just under a mile to the junction with the A38 (after a few hundred metres, the road will change into Tessall Lane).
- 11** Carefully cross the A38, continuing along Tessall Lane. After approximately 200 metres (just after the turning for Millbrook Drive on your left), turn left along the marked cycle route, number 5.
- 12** After approximately 500 metres you will join Rea Road. Continue straight ahead (the road changes into Mill Lane). Continue forward for just over 0.5 miles, cycling parallel with the River Rea until you reach a set of traffic lights.
- 13** Continue to follow cycle route 5, heading under the railway bridge and taking a left turn immediately after the railway bridge into Station Road.
- 14** Continue along Station Road to the intersection with West Heath Road. Cross straight into Middlemore Road and after approximately 150 metres; turn right onto the marked cycle route – Rea Valley Route (cycling route 5).
- 15** In just under 1 mile you will reach a bridge. Turn left and immediate right, crossing the bridge and continuing to follow the marked cycle route towards Wychall Reservoir and onwards towards Kings Norton (following cycle route 5).
- 16** Follow the cycle route onwards through Cannon Hill Park and Birmingham City Centre (cycle route 5).
- 17** Continue along cycle route 5, past the ICC and the International Convention Centre, continuing ahead along the canal through Ladywood, past City Hospital, Smethwick and Sandwell. Continue to follow cycle route 5 - signpost Walsall.
- 18** Continue along cycle route 5 into Walsall, past Delves Green and the edge of Walsall Golf Club (on your right) and towards Brownhills, past Chase Water and Chasetown.
- 19** Eventually you will reach the outskirts of Cannock Chase, turning right and joining Rugeley Road. Continue along this road for approximately 1.5 miles, turning left into Cannock Chase Camping and Caravanning Club, just before you reach the next main intersection.

