

Leg 2 - Cannock Chase to Ashbourne

Length: 43 miles

Time to allow for cycling: 5 hours 30 minutes



- 1 From the main entrance of the Camping and Caravanning Club at Cannock Chase, turn left onto the Rugeley Road, continuing ahead for 300 metres until you reach a crossroads. Turn right here into Startley Lane, following the signpost for Upper Longdon and Lichfield.
- 2 Follow this road for just over 1 mile into Upper Longdon, passing through the village and continuing forward several hundred metres until you reach Huntsmans Hill on your right. Turn right here (the turning is just before a sharp left-hand bend at the end of the village).
- 3 After 150 metres, at the intersection, turn left into Stockings Lane. Continue along this lane until you reach 30mph signs at the entrance to the next village. Turn right into Giddywell Lane (100 metres after the 30mph signs).
- 4 After 600 metres, at the intersection, turn right and immediately left into Smithy Lane. Follow this lane for 0.6 miles to the next junction. Turn right onto Hay Lane towards Stonywell, and follow this road for just over 1 mile into the village of Farewell (passing through Stonywell en route).
- 5 Approximately 150 metres after the entrance sign to Farewell village, turn left into Cross in Hand Lane (signpost for Lichfield) and follow this road for just under two miles until you reach the junction of the A51.



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- 6** Turn right onto the A51 following the main road for approximately 300 metres when you will see a road on your right called Abnalls Lane (signpost for Chorley). Turn right into this road and immediately take the marked cycle track to your left, ensuring that you continue along the A51 (cycling against the flow of traffic).
- 7** After approximately 0.5 miles, you will reach a pedestrian crossing. Cross the A51 here and follow the marked, off-road cycle track.
- 8** After 0.6 miles, you will exit the cycle track at Bird Street. Turn right, cross the bridge, and continue straight ahead into a cul-de-sac, over a speed bump (at the point where the main road curves to the right). Following the brown signs to the cathedral and parking.
- 9** Follow the road straight ahead through the car park, and pick up the marked cycle track at the far end of the car park, following the edge of Minster Pool. Turn left over the bridge and immediately right at the white bollards (the cathedral will be directly in front of you), then follow the marked cycle track to the playing fields and along the edge of Stowe Pool.
- 10** At the end of Stowe Pool (St Chad's Church directly in front of you), follow the cycle track to your left, taking a sharp left turn and cycling along St Chad's Road. Just after the cyclist 'hazard sign', at the next speed bump, cross the road and take the marked cycle track following this for 0.5 miles emerging onto Netherstowe Road.
- 11** Turn left onto Netherstowe Road and after 100 metres turn right, crossing Netherstowe Road to join the marked cycle track that will take you along the A5192 - Eastern Avenue.
- 12** After 150 metres turn left and cross the A5192 into Netherstowe Lane, following this road for just under 2 miles, through Curborough to the end of the lane - cycle route 54.
- 13** At the end of the road, turn right, cycling alongside the main road on the marked cycle track for approximately 500 metres. Take the first turning on your left at the roundabout – signpost Fradley – again, following the marked cycle track parallel with the road.
- 14** When the cycle track ends, carefully join the main road, continuing straight ahead along cycle route 54. Continue past industrial units, crossing over a bridge, and at the give way sign cross straight over the road continuing forward along Sale Lane.
- 15** Continue straight ahead along this road for approximately 1.5 miles until you reach the junction of the A513, continuing to follow cycle route 54.
- 16** Cross over the A513, turning right (towards Tamworth) and immediately left following the marked cycle route, joining Daisy Lane. Follow this road to the junction with Fox Lane (approximately 100 metres), turning left onto Fox Lane - continuing to follow cycle route 54.
- 17** After 500 metres, at the crossroads, turn right onto Main Street, continuing forward past the war memorial on your left and Alrewas Pharmacy on your right.



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- 18** Take the second turning on your left, into Exchange Road. After a short distance, turn right into Park Road, following this road for approximately 600 metres until you reach the junction with the A38.
- 19** Turn left onto the marked cycle track, running parallel with the A38. After approximately 1 mile, you will see a t-junction sign (left turn). Turn left when you reach this junction, turning off the A38 and immediately crossing over a bridge.
- 20** In just over half a mile, turn right onto the marked cycle track (traffic-free) - signpost Green Lane. Follow Green Lane for 1 mile until you reach the junction with Dogshead Lane. Turn left and follow the lane until you reach the junction with The Green. Turn right here.
- 21** Continue along this road for just over half a mile, turning right at the main intersection with the B5016 – Main Street. After 300 metres turn left into Dunstall Road, continuing to follow cycle route 54. (The Shoulder of Mutton public house will be in front of you).
- 22** Continue along the Dunstall Road for just over 2 miles, through Dunstall and into Tatenhill. At the crossroads in Tatenhill (a few hundred metres after the entrance to the village), turn right into Branston Road.
- 23** Follow this road for just over half a mile. When you reach multiple 'slow' and 'hazard' signs indicating a sharp right-hand bend, take the track way directly ahead of you (off-road) following the blue cycle route signs (route 54) along Anglesey Street.
- 24** Follow this cycle route for just over 1.5 miles into Burton upon Trent. At the end of the cycle track with the junction of Shobnall Road, turn right, cycling under the A38 road bridge. In approximately 80 metres, take the marked cycle route on your left (immediately after Price Court Road on your left hand side).
- 25** Follow the cycle route past the recreation ground, making sure to turn right towards Shobnall Fields, crossing the canal, and taking the marked cycle route on your left so that you are cycling parallel to the canal (marked 'National Cycle Network' and cycle route 54).
- 26** Continue to follow cycle route 54 through Burton, and eventually you will reach Clay Mills on the outskirts of Burton. Continue to follow cycle route 54, cycling alongside the A38 on the designated cycle track. After approximately 1 mile of cycling along the A38 you will reach a left turn – signpost Egginton. Turn left here into Church Road.
- 27** Follow this road for just under 2 miles, through Egginton, until you reach the junction with the A5132. Carefully cross straight over the main road into Etwall Road –signpost Etwall.
- 28** Follow this road for just under 2 miles, across a level crossing, over a road bridge above the A50 and through Etwall to a main intersection. Turn right here (signpost for A516 Derby and Uttoxeter in opposite direction).



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- 29** After 500 metres, turn left into Sutton Lane (dead end), following the blue cycle route signs to Mickleover, Derby and Ashbourne. At the end of this lane, take the marked cycle track over the main road (A516 to Derby). Immediately after crossing the bridge at the cycle route intersection, turn left, ensuring that you follow the signs for cycle route 68.
- 30** Turn right onto Ashe Lane and follow the road past the Tara Centre on your right, for approximately 2 miles where the road will change into James Road at Devil's Elbow crossing. Continue straight ahead here following the signs to Trusley, Dalbury and Lees (cycle route 68).
- 31** After approximately 300 metres, turn left into Church Street towards Church Broughton, continuing to follow cycle route 68. Enter Sutton on the Hill, and after 500 metres take a sharp right turn into Dickinson's Lane –signpost Thurvaston and Longford.
- 32** After 500 metres, at the give way sign turn left onto Longford Lane towards Lower Thurvaston and Longford; continuing to follow cycle route 68 into Longford village (approximately 2 miles).
- 33** When you reach Longford, turn left into Sepycoe Lane, following the road until you reach the intersection with Longford Lane. Turn right.
- 34** After 300 metres you will reach a give way sign. Turn left, following the signs for Alkmonton and Cubley.
- 35** After approximately half a mile, take a right turn towards Rodsley into Rodsley Lane, following this road for just under 2 miles into Rodsley village. Carry straight on at the crossroads in the centre of the village, following the signpost to Wyaston and Edlaston.
- 36** Continue forward to Wyaston on cycle route 68 – approximately 2 miles. When you reach the end of the road, turn right towards Wyaston and Edlaston. Follow this road through Wyaston village and past the Shire Horse public house on your left hand side. After 0.5 miles turn left into Wyaston Road following the marked cycle route – number 68.
- 37** Continue straight ahead for 1.5 miles, past Ashbourne Bowls Club on your left and under a road bridge until you reach a mini roundabout. Turn left at the mini roundabout into Premier Avenue, first right into Duncombe Drive, then first left into Forshaw Close, picking up the marked cycle track at the end of the close.
- 38** After 350 metres you will exit the cycle track on Highfield Road. Turn left onto Highfield Road, then take the first turning on your right into Lodge Avenue. At the end of the avenue, turn right to join the main road (A515).
- 39** Continue straight ahead on the main road for approximately 4.5 miles, following signposts for A517 Belper. Take care along this road as the traffic can be quite heavy.
- 40** As you are nearing the Camping and Caravan Club's Ashbourne campsite, the A517 will bend sharply to the right. Continue to follow the A517, and the campsite will be on your right approximately 250 metres after the sharp right-hand bend.

