

CYCLING CONTACTS IN COVENTRY



WELCOME

to your FREE Coventry Cycle Map and Guide

Life is so much better when you feel fit and healthy. With seven out of 10 of us needing to increase our activity levels in order to maintain good health, we could all do with finding ways to fit gentle exercise into our busy lifestyles. Just half an hour cycling each day could make a real difference. So why not use this map to discover Coventry's network of cycle tracks, quieter streets and rural lanes that provide enjoyable cycling routes whether for work, study, shopping or leisure journeys.

In this guide you will also find details of interesting places to visit, a list of local contacts and information about cycle training provided by the Council.



This guide shows the existing signed cycle routes in Coventry, the birthplace of the modern bike, as well as a network of recommended routes which provide useful links avoiding main roads and difficult junctions where possible. As the city is relatively flat and compact, cycling is the ideal way to get around. It usually takes less than 10 minutes to cycle two miles, which is often faster than going by car!

PLACES TO VISIT

Local attractions

- Ricoh Arena**
Hotel and leisure facilities and home of Coventry City Football Club
Phoenix Way
Foleshill
Coventry CV6 6GE
Telephone: 0870 811 6500
www.ricoharena.co.uk
- Butts Park Arena**
Home of Coventry Rugby Club
Butts Park Arena
The Butts
Coventry CV1 3GE
Telephone: 0871 750 9100
www.buttparkarena.co.uk
- SkyDome**
Entertainment arena, ice skating rink and home of Coventry Blaze
Planet Ice Arena
Croft Road
Coventry CV1 3AZ
Telephone: 024 7663 0693
www.planetice.co.uk/arena
- Coombe Abbey Country Park**
Brinklow Road
Binley
Coventry CV2 2AB
Telephone: 024 7645 3720
- Coventry Transport Museum**
Millennium Place
Hales Street
Coventry CV1 1PN
Telephone: 024 7623 4270
www.transport-museum.com
- Coventry Cathedral**
Priory Street
Coventry CV1 5AB
Telephone: 024 7652 1200
www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
- Tourist Information Centre**
St Michael's Tower (at the bottom)
Cathedral Ruins
Coventry CV1 5AB
Telephone: 024 7622 5616
email: tic@coventry.org
www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk
- Belgrade Theatre**
Belgrade Square
Coventry CV1 1GS
Telephone: 024 7655 3055
www.belgrade.co.uk
- The Herbert**
Art Gallery and Museum
Jordan Well
Coventry CV1 5QP
Telephone: 024 7683 2386
www.theherbert.org
- Lunt Roman Fort**
Coventry Road
Baginton
Coventry CV8 3AJ
Telephone: 024 7630 3567
www.theherbert.org/visiting/lunt
- Brandon Marsh Nature Centre**
Brandon Lane
Coventry CV3 3GW
Telephone: 024 7630 2912
www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk
- Hospital**
University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (Walsgrave site)
Clifford Bridge Road
Coventry CV2 2DX
Telephone: 024 7696 4000
www.uhcw.nhs.uk
- Transport Interchanges**
Coventry Rail Station
Station Square
Eaton Road
Coventry CV1 2GT
National Rail Enquiries
Telephone: 0845 7 484950
www.nationalrail.co.uk
Traveline: 0870 608 2 608
www.networkwestmidlands.com
- Pool Meadow Bus Station**
Fairfax Street
Coventry CV1 5RX
Traveline: 0870 608 2 608
www.networkwestmidlands.com



History

During the late 1800s Coventry became the centre of the British cycle industry. The Coventry Machinists (formerly the Coventry Sewing Machine Company), Smith and Starley, Starley Brothers, Singer and Hillman and Herbert and Coopers all prospered, manufacturing bicycles for the English market and then for across the world. The most famous industrialist from this time was James Starley, the creator of the modern bicycle and the force behind Coventry's booming cycle industry.

Benefits of cycling

- direct door to door transport
- provides quickest form of transport for most urban journeys below five miles
- more reliable and avoids traffic jams
- just half an hour cycling a day can reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke and lung disease and can improve your immune system
- keeps you fit
- improves your overall well being, physically and mentally
- suitable exercise for all ages and abilities
- it's fun, fast, cheap and good for both you and the environment!

Advice for cyclists

- be assertive, riding well away from the kerb, looking around and signalling before you pull out
- keep your bike in good condition, check your brakes and tyres regularly
- obey traffic and cycle signals and signs
- be visible. Wear brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing, especially at night
- always use front and rear lights in darkness or poor light
- never cycle on pavements unless signs show it is allowed
- it is advisable to wear a kite marked cycle helmet

Shared path code of conduct

- give way to pedestrians, wheelchair users and horse riders, making sure you give them plenty of room
- keep to your side of any dividing line
- be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary
- do not expect to cycle at high speeds
- be careful at junctions, bends and entrances
- be aware that many people are hard of hearing or visually impaired – don't assume everyone can see and hear you

Advice for drivers

- give cyclists the same amount of room you would a car when overtaking
- be particularly aware of cyclists at roundabouts and junctions
- look out for cyclists when turning
- always check for cyclists before opening your car door
- do not park your car in a cycle lane, cycle track or on the pavement
- consider cycling for future journeys!

City Centre Cycle Routes

Key

- Contrailway cycle route
- Signed cycle route - on carriageway
- Signed cycle route - cycle track or path
- Bus lanes which can be used by cyclists
- Advisory cycle route (not signposted)
- Footpath where you should walk your bike
- Steep gradient (arrow points uphill)
- One way street
- Cycle parking hoops
- Cycle parking cages/lockers
- Rail line and station
- Bus station
- Public Toilets
- Public Transport
- Shops
- Coventry University

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CYCLE MAP AND GUIDE

For general information on cycling in Coventry or additional copies of this map and guide please contact:

Sustainable Travel
Coventry City Council
Civic Centre 4
Much Park Street
Coventry CV1 2PY

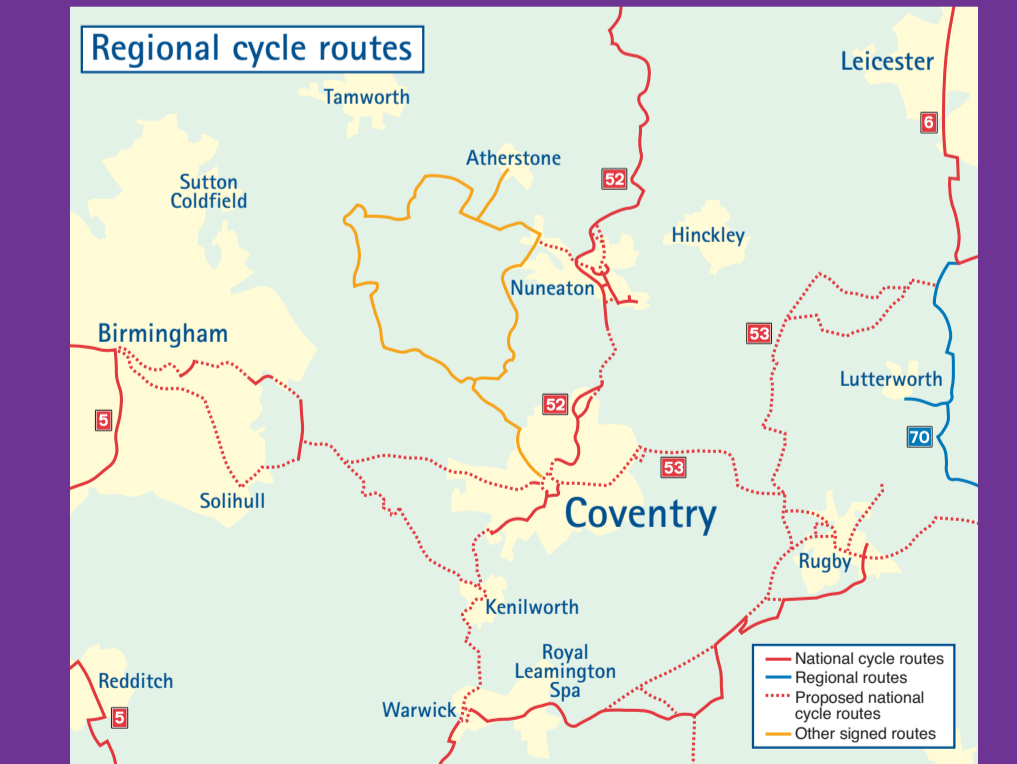
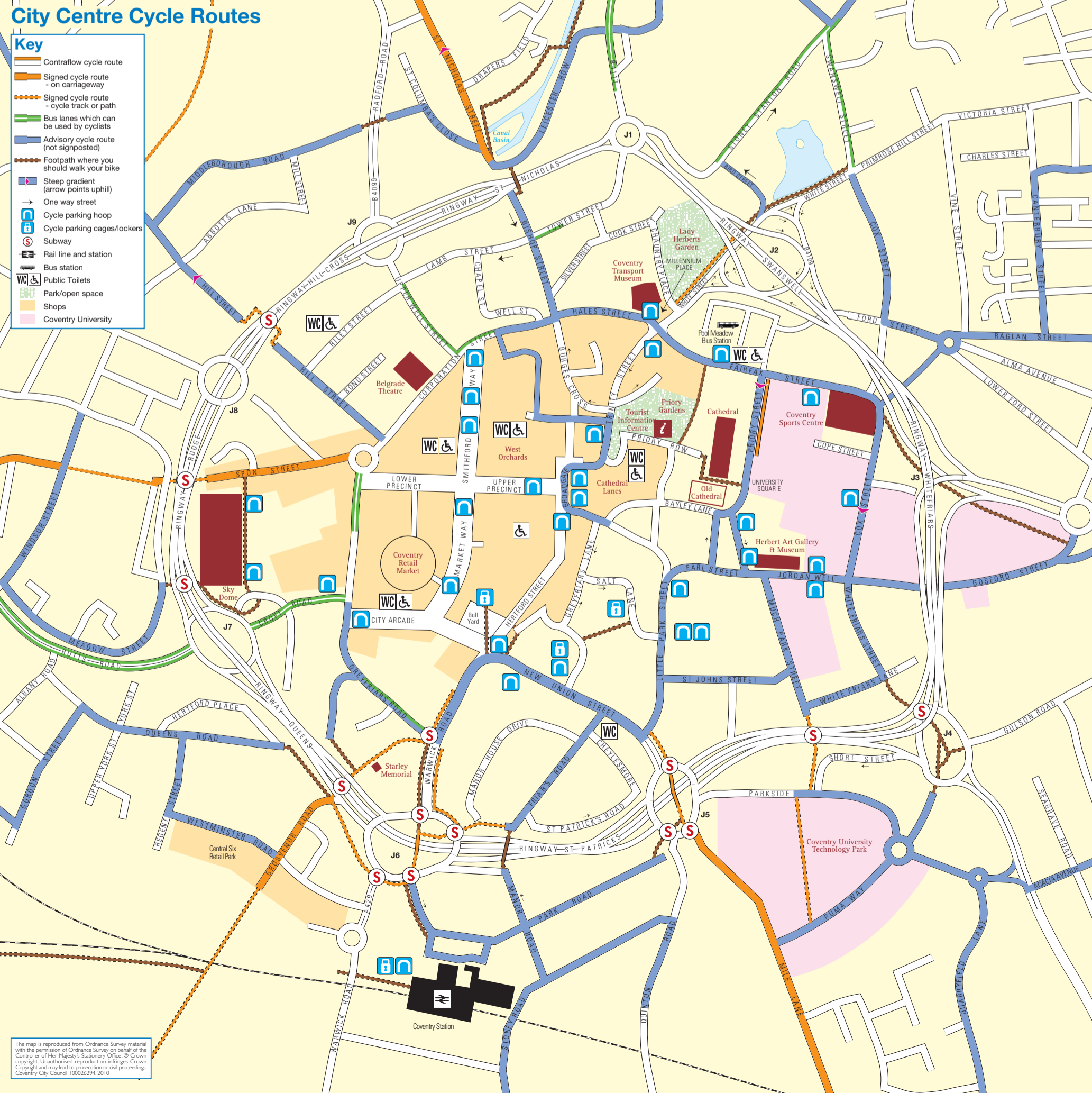
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e-mail: smarter.travel@coventry.gov.uk
www.coventry.gov.uk/smartertravel

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If you need this information in another format or language please contact us:

Telephone: (024) 7683 1342
e-mail: smarter.travel@coventry.gov.uk



For cycle maps of Solihull, please contact Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council on 0121 704 8291

For cycle maps of Rugby, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, Leamington Spa and Nuneaton, please see the Warwickshire County Council website www.warwickshire.gov.uk

A map of all the National Cycle routes can be downloaded from the Sustrans website www.sustrans.org.uk

- To find out more about Bike It, visit www.sustrans.org.uk/bikeit or contact Coventry Bike It Officer
Telephone: 024 7683 1372
- Problems on the road or cycle paths?**
- To report problems on Coventry's roads such as potholes, damaged road signs, poor street cleaning or faulty street lighting contact:
Coventry Direct
Telephone: 0500 834333 (freephone)
e-mail: coventrydirect@coventry.gov.uk
Bike It works closely with Bikeability in schools by:
- explaining benefits of cycling
 - contributing to classroom work
 - sharing good practice with schools and others
 - organising practical cycling activities
- Local cycle retailers**
- Albany Cycles**
Albany Road
Earlsdon
Coventry CV5 6NF
Telephone: 024 7667 3353
- Coventry Cycle Centre Limited**
140 Far Gosford Street
Coventry CV1 5DY
Telephone: 024 7622 2997
www.coventrycyclecentre.co.uk
- Hawk Factory Cycle Stores Limited**
82 Foleshill Road
Foleshill
Coventry CV1 4JJ
Telephone: 024 7622 2783
www.hawkcycles.co.uk
- Jardine Cycles**
98-100 Jardine Crescent
Tile Hill
Coventry CV4 9PP
Telephone: 024 7646 0880
- Ride**
6 Holbrook Lane
Holbrooks
Coventry CV6 4AB
Telephone: 024 7668 1102
www.rideskateboardingbmx.com
- Local cycling groups**
- CTC Coventry Section** run regular Sunday and Tuesday club rides as well as weekends hosting or camping, longer tours, winter clubroom and social events. Contact Bob Tinley for further information.
Telephone: 024 7654 2676
e-mail: bob@coventryctc.org.uk
www.coventryctc.org.uk
- Coventry Road Club**, founded in 1929 - promoting cycling for sport and leisure in the Coventry area. Members benefit from weekly organised club rides, training and technical advice plus an organised racing programme.
Telephone: 024 7645 2437
www.cyclcic.org.uk
- Earlsdon Wheelers** are a group who like cycling and travel at an easy pace - sticking

- For further information please visit the club website at www.coventryroadclub.org.uk
- Membership enquiries:
Collette O'Gorman
Email: mail@ctcogorman.com
Telephone: 01926 856399.
- Coventry VISTA (Visually Impaired and Sighted Tandem Association)** has both visually impaired and sighted members. The group promotes and encourages recreational and competitive tandem riding. Visually impaired stokers and volunteer pilots welcome. For further information contact Tricia Griffiths.
Telephone: 024 7641 3513
- Coventry Olympic Cycling Club** is a club for competitive cyclists catering for all aspects of the sport including off-road. For further information contact Barry Mitchell.
Telephone: 01926 632948
- Cycleic (Coventry Cycling Campaign)** aims to promote cycling as a clean, green healthy activity and lobbies to improve conditions for all cyclists. For further information contact George Riches.
Telephone: 024 7645 2437
www.cyclcic.org.uk
- Earlsdon Wheelers** are a group who like cycling and travel at an easy pace - sticking
- mainly to quiet roads or suitable bridle paths and avoiding difficult terrain. Each ride is led by someone who has volunteered to do so, and has planned the route in advance. For more information contact George Matthew.
Telephone: 024 7667 7964
email: mrgmatthew@hotmail.com
- Godiva Trail Riders** is a real world mountain bike club based in Coventry. The club is aimed at the novice more than the elite. For more information contact:
email: martincomeuk@yahoo.co.uk
Website: www.godivatrailriders.org
- Sustrans** is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity working on practical projects to encourage people to walk and cycle more. Sustrans is the charity behind the National Cycle Network of which two routes are being developed in Coventry. For information and maps of the National Cycle Network contact Sustrans on:
Telephone: 0845 113 0065
www.sustrans.org.uk
- Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC)**, established in 1887, is a not for profit organisation that gives cycling a louder voice locally and nationally on issues which are important to cyclists.
Telephone: 0870 837 0060
www.ctc.org.uk
- Cycling England** is the national body which co-ordinates the development of cycling across England. Its aim is to create the conditions which lead to more people cycling, more safely, more often.
www.cyclingengland.co.uk
- Bike for All** is everything you wanted to know about cycling, but were afraid to ask. An internet based tool written by cyclists for cyclists.
www.bikeforall.net



Public transport

Free cycle parking is available at Coventry, Canley and Tile Hill Rail Stations. At Coventry Station, stands are available around the short stay car park. Cycle stands are also available at Pool Meadow Bus Station.
Telephone: 0121 634 2040

London Midland Trains carry bicycles free of charge on most of their services. They recommend that reservations are made 24 hours before a journey and this can be done at any staffed rail station
Telephone: 0121 634 2040

Virgin Trains customers travelling with bikes must have a reservation to travel however there is no charge for this reservation. The exception to this rule is for season ticket holders, they do not require a reservation but space on the train will be subject to availability and is not guaranteed. For further information contact Virgin Trains.
Telephone: 0870 789 1234

For further information on train services call the National Rail Enquiry Line on 0845 7 484950 or go to the website www.nationalrail.co.uk

For information on all local rail and bus services call Traveline West Midlands on 0870 608 2608 or go to the website www.travelinemidlands.co.uk

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Your Key to the Map

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- Bus lanes which can be used by cyclists
- Advisory cycle route (not signposted)
- Bridleway or track (cycling permitted)
- Footpath where you should walk with your bike
- North Warwickshire cycle route
- Steep gradient (pointing uphill)
- One-way
- Access to canal towpath
- Subway
- Pelican crossing or pedestrian phase at signals
- Toucan crossing
- Rail line and station
- Bus station/Park and Ride
- Hospital
- Park/open space
- Woodland
- Shops
- Secondary School, College or University
- Main employment site

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Coventry Cycle Route Map

