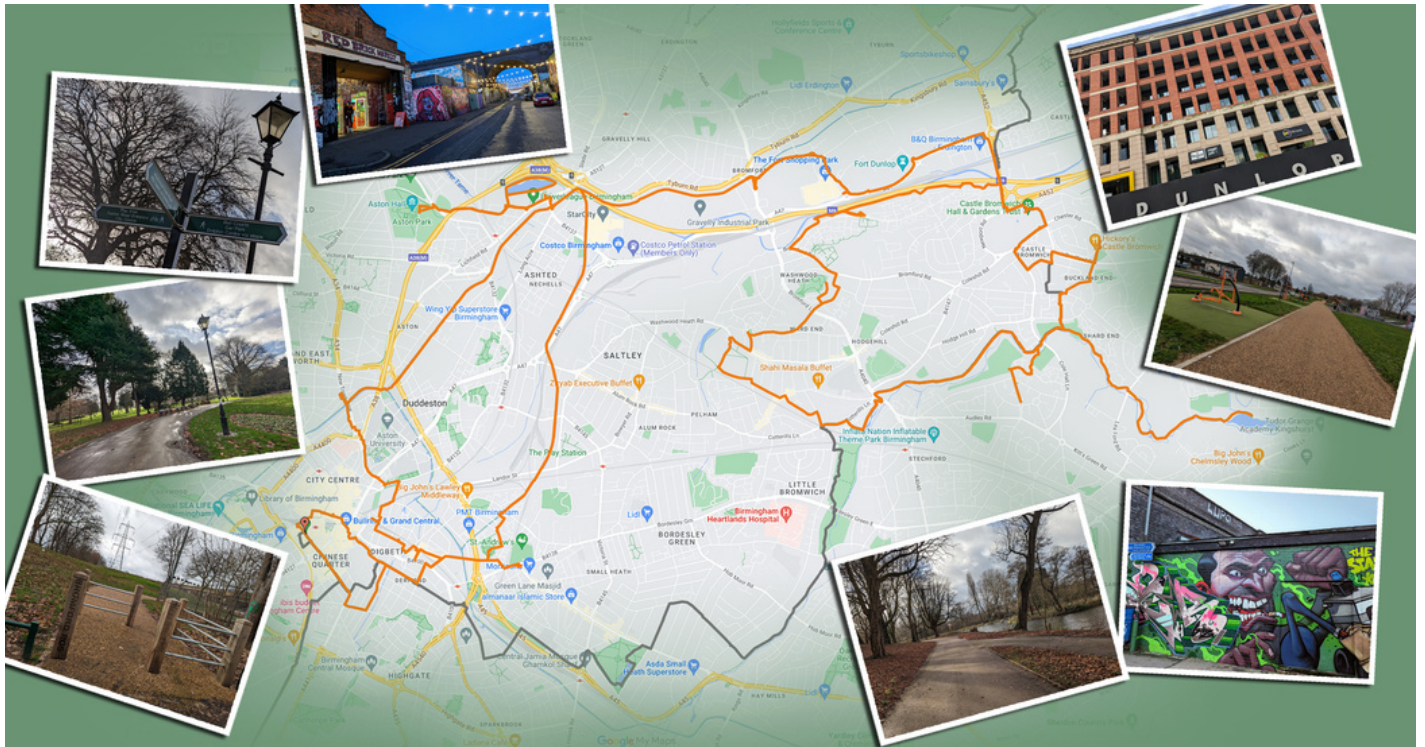




# 69wards - Route 11



## City Centre - East Birmingham

**Start/Finish:** Birmingham New Street Station, Hill Street Entrance

**Distance:** 34 miles

**Average cycle time:** 4hrs

**Average Walking time:** 14hrs

This route is a mini adventure with lots to explore; from street art, shopping and coffee to some of Birmingham's most iconic attractions, including famous football clubs, Villa Park and St Andrews, Aston Hall as well as Selfridges and The Birmingham Bull. Find a mixture of cycle ways, shared paths, canals, greenspaces and quiet roads right from the heart of the City Centre venturing into Digbeth and out to East Birmingham.

### Highlights:

- Thinktank Science Museum
- Digbeth
- Aston Hall
- Villa Park & St Andrews
- The Birmingham Bull
- Odeon Cinema

### Green spaces:

- Digbeth Community Garden
- Bromford Greenway
- Cole Valley
- Ward End Park
- Castle Bromwich Historic Parkland

### Pitstops & toilets:

- The Custard Factory
- The Fort Shopping Centre
- Castle Bromwich Hall & Gardens
- Glebe Farm Library
- The Hub - Bromford
- Grand Central / Bull Ring

**View the full route in detail and follow it using gps via Komoot, the route finding and navigation website/app or google maps.**

[Komoot](#)

[Google Maps](#)



# Route Description



At 34 miles, this route can easily be broken up into shorter loops, giving you opportunity to explore its many stops. Start by, heading for the Bradford Street cycle lane via quiet roads and you will reach Digbeth in no time. If you are walking, you may choose to head straight down the highstreet. Here you will find The Custard Factory, a hotspot for Birmingham's coolest street art, independent bars, shops and restaurants. Just a short distance from here you will join the shared path through Millenium Point/East Side City Park,

Staying on the shared path takes you past Aston University and under Lancaster Circus where the route joins the canal towpath, NCR 535, this is a surfaced section of canal but expect a few bridges. Look out for Cuckoo Bridge where you can exit to visit Aston Hall, Villa Park, or in the other direction, Star City.

Continuing on the canal you will reach Spaghetti Junction with the motorways above; here you need to take a right turn still following NCR 535 all the way to Bromford Lane. Exiting the canal here, use the pedestrian crossing and take the quiet roads/shared paths to the Fort Shopping Centre, then continuing past Fort Dunlop and Spitfire Island on the shared path until you reach the Bromford Greenway.



You then have the choice to stop and enjoy the green space and path at Bromford, carry on to The Green and visit The Crafty Cow or continue for a longer loop along the fab Cole Valley route to enjoy the scenery at Babbs Mill Lake. The return journey is via shared paths and quiet roads passing Stetchford, Glebe Farm Library and ward end park before rejoining the other end of the Bromford greenway.

Heading back to the City Centre will be a slightly different route along more canal towpath, out to Birmingham City Football stadium and then to New Street via roads, the Bradford Street cycle way and The Bull Ring. There is bike parking along the way if you are cycling and wish to stop. When you reach the markets follow the ramp up to the bull for an iconic Brummie photo opportunity.

## Key places to join/leave the route:

- Digbeth
- Babbs Mill Lake
- Bromford
- Ward End Park

## Access the route vis public transport:

- **Train Stations:** Birmingham New Street, Bordesley, Aston, Stechford, Adderley Park, Moor Street.
- **Bus Routes:** 11, 71, 14, 97

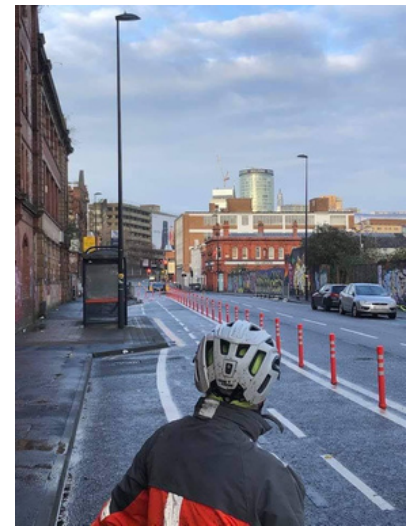
# Accessing The Route

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\\_Route11](http://www.bit.ly/GoogleMaps_Route11)

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## 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**



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Invite friends  
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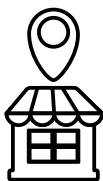
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