



69wards - Route 2



Hollymoor - Rubery

Start/Finish: Hollymoor Park

Distance: 5 miles

Average cycle time: 1hr

Average walk time: 3hrs

A short 5-mile route great for building confidence cycling as a family with a mixture of shared paths and quiet roads. Starting and finishing at Hollymoor Park, use it to travel into Rubery and around the local area, visiting attractions such as Empire Cinema & IMAX and Hollywood Bowl along the way, as well as discovering hidden greenspaces.

Highlights:

- Hollymoor Water Tower
- Great Park, Cinema and Bowling
- St Chads Church

Green spaces:

- Hollymoor Park
- Rubery Hill - POS
- Rubery Park
- Ley Allotments
- Great Park Reservoir

Pitstops & toilets:

- Morrisons
- Rubery High Street
- Public Toilets - Rubery 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**](#)

[**Google Maps**](#)



Route Description



From Hollymoor Park head straight onto shared paths via national cycle route 5. After just 1 mile you will reach Great Park, host to leisure facilities including an IMAX Cinema and Hollywood Bowl. Just around the corner there's also a large supermarket.

Using the pedestrian crossings and shared path running along Parkway and Bristol Road South, you will pass Rubery Hill, a great hidden gem. Venture off the road through a wooded area and up some steps if you would like to see the great scenic view over Rubery and Waseley Hills.

Continue on Cock Hill Lane, crossing at the top using the path to join New Road, heading up to Rubery High Street. Find bike parking at the very end should you want to make a pit stop at one of the shops or cafes.



Next stop is Rubery Park where you can also access public toilet facilities next to St Chads Church. You might want to take some time to rest or play here, before looping back towards the Bristol Road via quiet roads and residential streets.

Use the pedestrian crossing outside Colmers School, then turn left at Belton Grove where you will pass Ley Allotments and rejoin NCR 5 and shared paths, getting you back to where you started via Rubery Reservoir and Hollymoor Water Tower. This is a Grade II listed building recognisable by the big green dome that's visible from miles and home to Hollymoor Community Church and Children's Centre.

While you will find some sections of road on this route, remember that it is OK to get off and push your bike on the path if you prefer. We think this is a fantastic route to build confidence cycling on the road as a family. Why not try it in small sections, before building up to the whole route?

Key places to join/leave the route

- Great Park, Retail Park
- Rubery High Street or Park

Access the route vis public transport

- **Train Stations:** Longbridge
- **Bus Routes:** 63, 27

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_Route2

Komoot: www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route2



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!



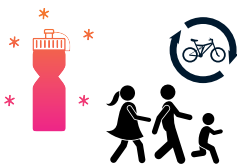
Have some fun while you're out riding or walking the routes with a game of Bingo! Can you get a full house? Take photos and share them with us on social media by tagging **@ecobirmingham** or using **#69wards** & **#WalkCyclePlay**



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Green Space



Get connected
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Choose walking or
cycling for your
daily exercise



Ride/walk a
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