



# 69wards - Route 4



## Kings Norton - Hawkesley

### Start/Finish:

Kings Norton Canal Junction

**Distance:** 5 miles

**Average cycle time:** 50min

**Average Walking time:** 2hrs 30min

A short 4-mile route exploring a mixture of canal towpath, quiet roads, parks and shared paths. Starting from Kings Norton Junction, this is a handy route for those wanting to build confidence cycling or enjoy a stroll away from the hustle and bustle. Easily accessible from Hawkesley Community Centre or existing cycle routes, including Rea Valley Route/NCR5, Birmingham Worcester canal or NCR55.

### Highlights:

- Kings Norton Junction Toll House and Bridge
- Hawkesley Square

### Green spaces:

- Kings Norton Playing Fields
- Hawkelsely Hall Open Space
- Children's Play Area - Shannon Road

### Pitstops & toilets:

- Hawkesley Community Centre
- Aldi Supermarket

**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



You will set off along a lesser used but beautiful section of canal taking you past King Norton Playing Field and out to Hawkesley. Coming off the canal, head for the road/ pedestrian crossings and towards Hawkesley Square or take the grassy path through the local green space. Which ever route you take, you then want to turn left onto Green Lane Walk, this path takes you straight to Hawkesley Community Centre.



From here you go back along the path, turning left when you reach the sign post at the top of the green area. Pass through the square where you will find a few shops and a chippy, then cross the road onto Bargehorse Walk. Follow this path with a few wiggly turns via side streets and paths joining Pastures Walk where you will cross a quaint little bridge crossing the stream. If cycling, be mindful of other path users and slow down, dismount if required.



This area is full of winding shared paths through hidden green spaces just waiting to be explored, you could even find a country side walk with views across Birmingham. We recommend checking a map and heading towards the Peacock Pub.



This route takes you to Shannon Road, take care when crossing here to explore Hawkesley Public Open Space, where you will find a nice view across the playing area and heritage sites along shared paths joining the lovely little greenway, Lime Tree Walk, clearly sign posted.

From here turn right onto Green Lane, you will be traveling for a short while on quieter roads through a residential area and past the Aldi supermarket. At the end of this road you will need to again use the pedestrian crossing and re-join the canal to head back the same way you came. Don't forget to look out for herons!

## Key places to join/leave the route

- Kings Noton Playing Fields
- Hawkesley Square

## Access the route vis public transport

- **Train Stations:** Bournville, Kings Norton
- **Bus Routes:** 35

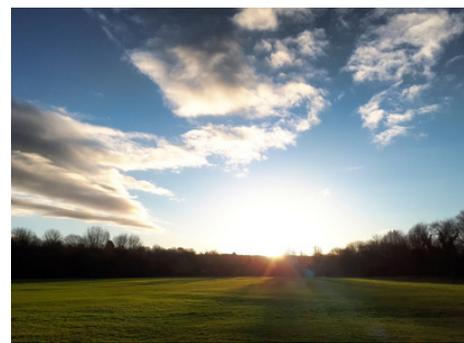
# Accessing The Route

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\\_Route4](http://www.bit.ly/GoogleMaps_Route4)

**Komoot:** [www.bit.ly/Komoot\\_Route4](http://www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route4)



## 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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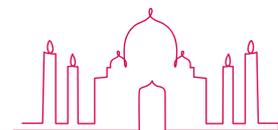
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