



# 69wards - Route 12



## Sutton Coldfield - Four Oaks - Walmley

### Start/Finish:

Blackroot Pool/Bistro, Sutton Park

**Distance:** 10 miles

**Average cycle time:** 1hr 15min

**Average Walking time:** 4hrs

A short 10mile route with a lot to offer. From Sutton Park this route takes you on a tour of the local area heading out to New Hall Valley Country Park and returning via Four Oaks using quiet roads. Enjoy the green spaces and the tree lined streets around Moor Hall Golf Club.

### Highlights:

- Pedal Boat Hire, Blackroot Pool
- New Hall Water Mill
- Good Hope Hospital
- Moor Hall Hotel & Spa

### Green spaces:

- Sutton Park
- Rectory Park & Woods
- New Hall Valley Country Park

### Pitstops & toilets:

- Black Root Bistro
- Sutton Coldfield Centre
- Four Oaks Baptist Church
- Supermarkets on Route
- Mere Green Library and Community Centre

**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



This route starts and finishes at Black Root Bistro in Sutton Park where you can pick up some refreshments before or after your walk/ride. You will head off on National Cycle Route 534 through the park towards the Town Gate and Sutton Coldfield Centre with a few quiet roads until you reach New Hall Valley Country Park, here you will find a lovely shared path following the brook through a beautiful green space and oasis for wildlife. Along the way you will pass New Hall Water Mill. We recommend checking their open days and paying them a visit.



Continue by doing a loop and re-joining the path until New Hall allotments where you need to turn off along more shared paths and through Rectory Park. Be sure to look out for the cool mural on the Rectory Boxing Club and stop to explore this lovely park and woodland. This is the half way point where you have the option to head back to Sutton Park the way you came or continue on the road via Good Hope Hospital. Avoid the busy road by using the residential street by the houses when travelling along Whithouse Common Rd and be mindful to choose a safe place to cross at the traffic lights.



Here you will have to look for a hidden gate which leads to Moor Hall Drive, a private housing estate with public access for walking and cycling. Enjoy the amazing tree lined streets and wide, low traffic roads which take you through Moor Hall golf club, hotel and spar.

The return to the Sutton Park is then around quiet residential streets passing Four Oaks Baptist Church where you'll find a great little cafe and regular community events as well as Mere Green Library & Community Centre and shopping area. Cutting through The Fordrough path allows you to miss the busy roads back to Sutton park where you could finish with a little ride on the pedal boats at Blackroot pool.

## Key places to join/leave the route:

- Sutton Coldfield Centre
- Pype Hayes Park
- Good Hope Hospital
- Mere Green

## Access the route vis public transport:

- **Train Stations:** Sutton Coldfield, Four Oaks, Butlers Lane
- **Bus Routes:** 110, 71

# 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/GoogleMap\\_Route12](http://www.bit.ly/GoogleMap_Route12)

**Komoot:** [www.bit.ly/Komoot\\_Route12](http://www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route12)



## 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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Green Space



walk or cycle  
for a short  
journey



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to nature



Choose walking or  
cycling for your  
daily exercise



Ride/walk a  
route you haven't  
done before



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